

COUNCIL MEETING

June 12, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Present: TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Jon Tufts, Mike DeAngelis, Dan Babb, Willis Lord, Clint Andrews, Bob Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Fred Fay Don Martin, Bob Gobeil and Brigit McCallum.

Finance Committee Report: Dan Babb reported that they have held lots of workshops but not a lot of meetings. Right now they are trying to bring the numbers up to date but currently have March numbers. Stated that he would like to get back to dept. head meetings but not as frequent as before. Discussed quarterly dept. head meetings. Also stated that July 1st he will be stepping down as Chair.

Library – Brigit reported that they have self-destructing front steps and are using the rear door until the new fiscal year. The Walk-A-Thon will be this weekend and there are t-shirts for the first 80 or so participants. Been working with the Transfer Station Committee on recycling and working with school librarians. Have the land for the new library but will not be turned over until appraised. Received a \$50,000 grant from the Steven & Tabitha King Foundation. Also looking for donations of items and money for the new library. Stated that the price of the new library is 2.5 million.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jon Tufts requested an increase in the cost of an appeal. Stated that currently it is \$100 and they don't feel the taxpayers should bear the cost when the actual cost is close to \$300. Dwayne stated that the Planning Board has the same problem with the fees not covering the actual cost. Reported that they had quite a few appeals this year and none were granted but most have not been corrected. Stated that they have had quite a few after the fact appeals which were overturned by the Selectmen.

Little Ossipee Lake Assn. – Jon Tufts reported that this lake is in the top 10% for cleanest lakes in the state and they test the water every other week. Reported that the Fishing Derby is a big problem with trash being left on the lake. Stated that property owners cleaned up and filled two dump trucks with trash. Also stated that it is illegal to build a fire on the lake but found a tremendous amount of firewood left behind after the derby. Listed a number of items left on the lake which included 5 ice shacks stripped of name and numbers and left to sink, several 55 gallon drums, gas bottles half submerged, and oil was changed or leaked in two different locations on the ice. Selectman Abbott requested a list of what was left on the lake. Jon stated that they are not opposed to the fishing derby because it's a great time but they leave so much trash. Selectman Abbott suggested that Parks & Rec. and the Lake Assn. should work with the organizers and discussed security. Brigit suggested including a statement about recycling and trash on the entry form.

Road Review Committee – Jon stated that they have been asked many times for a list of roads, as far as a volunteer committee it can't be done. Records are in Alfred, Augusta and incomplete it's too much to expect from a handful of volunteers. Presented a list from the state which they have listed as town roads and funds were received for maintenance and repairs. Will discuss the list in the workshop next week.

Parks & Rec. – Mike presented plaques to Bob Fay for all his years of service and support, Don Martin (Parks & Rec. member for 28+ years), Bob Gobeil & Bob Davis both for 27+ years with Parks & Rec. Reviewed the summer programs and reported that Legion Baseball has this first game on Saturday at home. Hopes to get a tennis program going again this year and will be sponsoring a BMX bike show on June 29th at 6 pm with admission free at the Lion's Field. Reported that the steering Committee for Ossipee Lake Watershed Study meets on Thursday. Also stated that the new ball field was finished last year with the help of a lot of generous citizens.

Fair Hearing Committee – Mike reported that they have only met once.

Lake Arrowhead Community – Mike reported as Treasurer that they didn't raise their dues for the third year in a row and have purchase new exercise equipment for the clubhouse. Reported that the dam is repaired and the water level is coming back up.

County Budget Committee – Willis reported that they committee approved the budget three weeks ago and the public hearing was held two weeks ago. There will be a meeting tomorrow night to see if the Commissioner's agree with their recommendations. Reported that the new Treasurer has resigned. Also reported that they want to borrow \$910,000 on a long term loan to help balance the budget.

Council Meeting closed at 7 pm.