

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

April 5, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairperson Clay at 7 PM.

### PRESENT:

Susan Clay – Chairperson  
Lois Briere – Selectman  
Gordon Carlstrom – Selectman  
Burton Reynolds – Town Administrator

### SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- 1) The Board interviewed for appointments to open positions on the Forestry and Conservation Commissions for 1999. On the Forestry Committee, there were only current members to consider. However, Ellen Reilly desired to be an Alternate while Jonathan Brooks was willing to be considered for the full time position. In addition, the Board spoke with David Allen and Bob Todd about continuing their service on Forestry. Conservation likewise had no new faces to consider. There were three openings and the Board got to speak with Deb Keiner and Mary Carol Schaffrath. Ed O'Rourke is currently an Alternate and willing to remain one.
- 2) Bob Todd sat-in, as Selectman Briere gave a review of the old road of Saunders Hill Road that is now used primarily by Mr. LaPenn as a driveway. This is a Class VI road. The question is whether the beginning of the road is owned by the town or is private. The original town road is marked by stone walls but was abandoned years ago for a more direct entrance to the road. Deeds to the land to either side only refer to the original road between the stone walls. Some additional research will be done to see if previous Town Meetings either discontinued or closed the road. Willard Dodge also had some material he was going to try and find which outlined what another Board had decided back in 1986. Lois was to update the LaPenns and tell them we would not be ready with a position for next week as had been hoped.
- 3) Elliot Konner has a project before the Planning Board with a small abutting parcel where ownership is in question. He came in with what research he had and explained what steps he had taken to try and establish ownership of the .21 acres off Clark Hill Road. No conclusions could be reached. It was decided to show this material to Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge and to Town Assessor George Hildum for guidance. Meanwhile, Mr. Konner said he would also continue to work on it.
- 4) Willard Dodge wanted the Board to be aware that Leslie Nixon might have a conflict of interest in representing the town on some issues because of work she was doing for Lou Maynard, and because the Nixon law firm was named in Joe Foistner's brief of Aug. '98. Nic Strong asked that her letter be included with last week's minutes if Joe Foistner's letter is also attached to those minutes.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There was some discussion about whether names of town employees should appear in the minutes when it involves a criticism of them. The Board agreed to take the issue up with counsel during next week's session.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Items one through three will be discussed with town counsel next week.
- 2) A site walk of Mr. Winslow's property will take place next Monday, April 12, 1999, at 6 PM to see in person the status of this property which is supposed to be undergoing clean-up so all "junk" is gone from the premises.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) The new agenda rules were studied and will be reviewed by town counsel next week.
- 2) It was decided we would respond to the Municipal Trust survey. In general, the Board wanted to encourage both the Trust and the Comp Funds to work together rather than each try to go their own way in offering the towns a full package of insurance options.
- 3) The cable survey was not something we felt our experiences would be of any help on so decided not to respond.
- 4) A letter to the Morgans was approved as written.
- 5) The Board reviewed a letter from Chuck on Emergency Management issues he had covered with Joann Beaudoin of the state Emergency Mgmt. Office.

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:25 PM by Gordon Carlstrom with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lois Briere, all approved.

Burton Reynolds  
Town Administrator