

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

April 12, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairperson Susan Clay.

PRESENT:

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

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Bruce Tostivan was interviewed for reappointment to the Solid Waste Committee.
- 2) Town counsel, Leslie and Dave Nixon, spoke with the Board in non-public session. After their meeting, Chairman Clay read an "open letter" to townspeople which is a part of these minutes. The Board also agreed to implement new rules for public discussion at Selectmen's meetings (motion Gordon Carlstrom, 2nd Lois Briere, all in favor). These require notice by end of the day Thursday for appointments with the Board, and designate two public comment sections at all meetings for those without an appointment. Based on the discussions with Leslie and Dave, letters will be going to Lou Maynard, Joe Foistner, and Ed DiPietro. Dave Nixon will formulate a response to the attorney for John Bunting regarding the status of the Large Building Code.
- 3) Ed DiPietro asked when he would be hearing something from the Town as a response to his 4/5/99 letter. That was one of the items discussed with counsel and he was told a response would be forthcoming. Susan Clay suggested we work on a "kit" for new Board or Commission members so they know about the Right to Know law, to what degree they are covered for their acts on behalf of the Town, etc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) The March 29th minutes were approved with some revisions, motion by Gordon Carlstrom, 2nd Lois Briere, all in favor.
- 2) Minutes of April 5th were approved as written, motion Lois Briere, 2nd Gordon Carlstrom, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Burton filled the Board in on the EXCEL training session he and Planning Board coordinator Claire Dodge went to last week. Burton also went to a one day seminar which focused on: preventing lawsuits, pay rules and regulations, legal issues surrounding town roads, risk management for special events like July 4th, and Y2K issues.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) A letter was received from the owner of All-Clear asking for changes in the contract between himself and the Town for disposal of septage. His concerns seemed justified and the issue was sent to the Solid Waste Committee for resolution.
- 2) The Board spoke with Maureen Mansfield about continuing her work at the cemetery. It was agreed (motion Gordon Carlstrom, 2nd Lois Briere, all in favor) she would continue to do all the things she has in the past and a contract would be sent to her for her signature. But over the next year, the Board would meet with the Trustees to discuss the best method for continued oversight of the cemeteries. A 9/1 date was set for a final recommendation.

At 10:05 PM a motion was made by Gordon Carlstrom to adjourn, 2nd by Lois Briere, all in favor.