

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 8, 1999

A combination public hearing and Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Selectman Gordon Carlstrom.

PRESENT:

Gordon Carlstrom-Selectman
Lois Briere-Selectman
Burton Reynolds-Town Administrator

ABSENT:

Susan Clay-illness

PUBLIC HEARING

This was a hearing to determine if Saunders Hill Road should be posted for "No Through Trucking". Selectman Carlstrom noted that the road was not designed for a lot of truck traffic and it was getting more all the time from Weare. The Conservation Commission approved of this change. Kim DiPetro noted that Piscataquog Trailways and Keeping Track also approved of the posting. A motion to post was made by Gordon Carlstrom with a 2nd by Lois Briere. The posting will take effect 11/29 to give the Highway Dept. time to order the signs and get them up. The road was added to the "No Through Trucking" ordinance currently on the books.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

- 1) The Deloreys' of Clark Hill Road were present to discuss the report from Dufrense-Henry that the Town had ordered to clarify what needed to be done about a culvert and some other misc. issues surrounding the Clark Hill Road realignment in front of their home. The report outlined steps that could be taken should the Town wish to do so. An additional concern was the drainage at the Thorton Rd. intersection. It was explained that this would be addressed when the utilities were placed underground. At that time a pole would be moved and the final ditching done so water would not drain toward their leach field. There was general agreement that the culvert could be re-set per Dufrense-Henry's specs. The Delorey's would pay for the work and arrange for the contractor. They would also work with the utilities to place those underground. It was suggested they contact Bob Todd for assistance with a lot line adjustment (Bob did the road easements) and then to bring it to the Planning Board. Burton was asked to send all the correspondence to Town Counsel for guidance.

- 2) At 9PM the Board voted (Gordon-yes, Lois-yes) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3c to discuss the details of the Fire Ward appointment process by the Fire Wards. During the session the criteria for appointment were outlined: preference was for a Fire Dept. member, time and service, maturity, willingness to serve, knowledge, and specific qualifications. Chief MacDonald provided the names of those who were considered and the reasons for the Fire Wards ratings. Also, during this session, the Town Administrator was asked to encourage a Fire Dept. member who had voiced some concerns about Fire Dept. matters to take them before the Fire Wards. Exit non-public session at 9:30 PM.

Back in public session, some thoughts were aired as to how to make the filling of the next Fire Ward opening (the one for Jim Dodge's seat) as open as possible. It will be announced at the meetings, placed in the in-house newsletter, and posted on the bulletin board.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) From 9:30 PM until 10:20 PM the Board was in non-public session to do employee reviews.
- 2) There was no discussion of the Fire Inspector issue.
- 3) The Town's computer consultant provided a listing of equipment and prices based on an assessment done the previous week. Funds for the equipment upgrade are to come from \$12,000 the Town received from the State to assist the Town in covering expenses related to collection of the new State Education Property tax. Our systems needed to be upgraded to handle the new software. The Town will spend about \$7,500 to make all the changes.
- 4) The RT 114 boundary marker which was destroyed years ago when Rt 114 was upgraded has been replaced by Bob Todd and the State has paid for the work.
- 5) Road Agent Lee Murray and Town Administrator Burton Reynolds went to each of the roads that were on a list as primarily providing access to individual homes. Letters will be sent to the owners asking for their cooperation in making it easier for the Town trucks to plow their roads. The Town will also consider either making some Class VI so the owners will be responsible for the maintenance or perhaps allowing some to revert to the landowner.
- 6) Planning Issues
 - a) Need to write a letter to Forest Products who are logging on Map 7, Lot 1 off Clark Hill Road. Want to be sure they plan to put the stone wall back or if they plan to leave it open, that they get a driveway permit.
 - b) A storage sign downtown has been taken down but the questioned remained as to whether the Apple Barn had ever received the necessary approvals for a '94 expansion. Perhaps the Planning Board could write and ask.
 - c) Planning Board member Bill Hebert built a lock-box in the hall entryway so Board members could stop by on their way through town and get materials instead of having to come by during office hours.

- d) Kris Stuart does not need to see the Selectmen once he has the compliance hearing. All the requirements are on the plan.
- e) Bob Lang from NHDOT will be down next week to discuss where to sight the “no parking” signs on RT 13 and High St.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Bonnie Bethune had asked how to handle an overtime issue at the Transfer Station. Burton did some research which basically indicates overtime needs to be paid once an employee has “actually” worked over 40 hours/week. There was to be a review of the Town’s procedure manual and a discussion at the monthly Department Head meeting before the issue was decided.
- 2) A representative from PEBSCO will meet with the Board next week to outline their retirement plan options for town employees.
- 3) Abatements for Jay Marden were declined per the recommendation of the appraising firm and our town appraiser.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gordon Carlstrom at 10:20 PM with a 2nd by Lois Briere.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator