

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 1, 1999

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

PRESENT

Harold Strong – Chairman
Lois Briere – Selectman
Susan Clay – Selectman (absent due to illness)
Burton Reynolds – Town Administrator

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Claire Dodge – Planning Coordinator
 - a. Mr. LaBranch has made application to the Planning Board as was agreed. He originally had a deadline of November but this was extended to February. The goal is to make his lot legal. He had two residences on one lot(not allowed). Now the permits and plans are before Planning.
 - b. The library will be before Planning on 3/2 regarding the addition and Claire asked the Board to review the proposal and provide any input.
 - c. Showed the Board what Planning was considering for a “table” at Town Meeting. One handout shows the planning process on one side and a list of all the Master Plan sections (with the status of their updates) on the back. Another outlines meetings coming up on the Master Plan and asks for volunteers to sign up to help with those sections. The Board asked Claire to pass this by moderator Lee Nyquist.
 - d. One of our close contacts at SNHRPC, Jim Tethers, is very ill and Claire encouraged the Board to send a card or call.
- 2) Alan LaPenn did not come in to discuss his Class VI road situation. Selectman Lois Briere has been working on researching this. She has a bit more to do and then we will reschedule this meeting. There is some disagreement about whether the current road belongs to the Town as a Class VI or if it is really his driveway, with the original town road as it goes by his house off to the side and now grown in with trees.
- 3) Janet Chamberlain is managing the Town's web page and wants to improve it. She has asked some people to help and three have volunteered. Two she knows but all seem very qualified. The Board encouraged her efforts and Burton will be the Town liaison. Janet is to schedule a meeting with these new volunteers and Burton. Some goals need to be set for expanding the site. Janet can tell us the number of people using the site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lois Briere, 2nd by Chairman Strong to approve 2/22/99 minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Ambulance quotes were opened by Fire Chief Jim Dodge. Because there are a number of options and differences among the manufacturers, The Fire Wards will review the bids in detail and then make a recommendation. They ranged from a low bid of \$86,424 to a high of \$119,574. The warrant article asks for \$120,000. There were five bidders (AEV, Lifeline, Wheelcoach, Road Rescue, and Marque).
- 2) Burton is still working on the long distance telephone quotes.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The bush in front of the war memorial has become too large and Pat Jennings wants to move it and plant some flowers in that spot. The Board agreed but noted the plants should be hardy as kids play around the monument quite often.
- 2) The Town Administrator 6 month probationary review will take place Friday at 9AM
- 3) Dan Mac Donald has written to the Board asking about the status of a proposal to ban parking on Rt 13 by his house. The Board will not be pursuing that idea and asked Burton to write to Dan.
- 4) Chairman Strong suggested we contact Harron to set up an appointment to talk about their cable service and plans for the future. Burton said he would also contact Lee Mayhew, Town Administrator in Milford, because they are dealing with Harron right now as regards the contract renewal in that town.
- 5) Computer training has been arranged for the Town staff so they can learn Word and Excel. The Town has switched from Lotus to Microsoft.
- 6) Next step in the job evaluation process is underway. All department heads have been asked to establish three or so job specific tasks for each employee to be judged on in 1999. This will supplement the current form.
- 7) The Board asked Burton to see why so many are up for appointment on the ZBA this year.
- 8) Margit was given permission to attend a luncheon for the retiring Goffstown Town Clerk.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator