

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan; Phil Hammett, Chairman Recycling Committee; Nathan White, Public Works Director; Deb Cutten and Sue Ellen Gendron, Founders Day Committee; Laurie Forbes, Technology Committee; Rolf Olsen, Chairman Budget/Finance Committee, and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Ada Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm at the Town Office.

2. Consideration of minutes dated May 6, 2003.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Election of new Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the 2003/2004 fiscal year.

NOMINATION: Christine McClellan nominated Ada Brown as chairman. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

There were no other nominations.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Bicentennial planning update and discussion of electrical needs for Founder's Day Celebration – Deb Cutten and Sue Ellen Gendron, Co-Chairs Founder's Day Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Gendron reported that the school now cannot support the cost of the electricity pole for Founders Day or the baseball activities in the future because of the budget denial at town meeting last Saturday. The school felt that they would probably be able to pay for the monthly expense with that pole. She added that there were several people who didn't want the pole put up next to the road. She continued that Rick Dodson had offered the use of his diesel generator to produce power for Founders Day which they have accepted. Mrs. Gendron said that electricity to that ball field would be very beneficial for the future and would like to look into that. Mr. Desjardins said that he had heard today that Central Maine Power would allow the pole to be along the tree line.

Mr. Willard thanked Mrs. Cutten and Gendron on the dedication ceremony of the Bicentennial tree at Jordan-Small Middle School.

5. Consideration of annual committee appointments for 2003/2004.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to appoint those people appearing on the submitted appointees list from the Town Clerk with the exception of C. Travis Sullivan for Planning Board which will be considered under agenda number 7. She also asked that Kim Williams name be corrected in the Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Zoning Board of Appeals candidates for consideration – Matthew Schafer and Robert O’Neill.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to appoint Matthew Schafer and Robert O’Neill as alternates to the Appeals Board. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion as to how many alternates are to be on the Appeals Board.

WITHDRAWN MOTION: Mrs. McDermott withdrew her motion.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to table until the next meeting. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Planning Board Candidate for consideration – C. Travis Sullivan.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to appoint C. Travis Sullivan to the Planning Board as recommended by the Planning Board. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Municipal solid waste curbside pick-up and curbside recycling RFP.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hammett said that the new contract would be tightened up in the items which were in the old contract but not enforced. Part of those stipulations will be that the bins be left upright and placed acceptably. The recycling will also be a five sort instead of a four. At this time the magazines and office paper are being combined. If they are separate the town will get more return on them. Mr. Willard said that the town will bid the contract out for a three year term. It would also be possible to bid out the trash and recycling to different companies. Mr. Desjardins felt that the cardboard was a problem with the issue of more often pickups to keep the area cleaner. Mr. White said they were planning to put up gates on the fence which will make people either take their cardboard between them or open and close them for access. Mr. Hammett said that cardboard was a zero product in that the value of the cardboard paid for its transportation. Mr. Willard said that he was aware of two vendors which would be interested. It was discussed that the wording concerning cardboard be strengthened. Phil Hammett and Don Willard were asked to work on this item.

9. Consideration of liquor license renewal for Keith Dyer and Dick Dyke d/b/a “Mr. D’s Supper Club” located on Route 302.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the liquor license for Mr. D's.

Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the license.

10. Discussion of paving bids – Nathan White, Public Works Director.

DISCUSSION: Mr. White reported that the GPCOG low bid for paving material was RC Paving of Lewiston. Mr. Willard said there was a question of performance since this company has never made asphalt before. He suggested that Raymond might go with Pike Industries which has a proven product since our demand won't be as much as originally expected. Mr. White noted that references for RC Paving were lacking since they had done very little work. He continued that they had done small jobs for Lewiston and those jobs had no problems. Mr. Leavitt noted our recent success with low bidders was a concern. He said that performance bonds can be obtained but we've not taken them historically for such work.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to buy from Pike Industries for our proposed road work. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Leavitt, McDermott, Desjardins) 2 opposed (McClellan, Brown)

11. Communications and other business.

a. Technology.

Mr. Willard announced that Kevin Woodbrey sent an email of resignation from the Technology Committee. He said that he would provide whatever information someone would need to operate the computer system. It was mentioned that Laurie Forbes might take over the Roadrunner setup. Mr. Willard reported that last month's large edition of the Roadrunner made the account \$162 over budget and that \$1,000 would have to be found to print the June issue. Mr. Woodbrey said that he would help with the June issue. Deb Cutten said that the June issue was necessary to the Bicentennial Founders Day Committee to advertise and tell people what will be offered on Founders Day June 21st. She said that the Founders Day Committee would donate \$250 toward the cost of the June Roadrunner. Mrs. McClellan hoped that the rest of the money can be found. She was very sorry that the June issue would be the last with the budget cuts to be made. Mr. Willard said that he didn't know if the school could contribute. Mr. Leavitt asked what the deadline was for this issue. Mrs. Forbes replied she wasn't sure. Mr. Leavitt felt that the announcement of the special town meeting, the Bicentennial Founders Day Celebration, and the publishing of the reduced budgets was very important for the Roadrunner edition. He also asked for a notice in the Suburban News. Mr. Desjardins suggested that the Selectmen donate their stipend pay for the June issue to which they all agreed. Mr. Willard said that he would contribute a like amount. Mr. Leavitt didn't think that was necessary but that the money could be found elsewhere.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to award Kevin Woodbrey a plaque for his years of work for the Technology Committee. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Thompson/Bowie

Mr. Willard announced that on May 14, 2003 the court ruled in favor of towns not paying tuition for students in parochial schools.

c. Abatement Professionals – Rickett

Mr. Willard reported that he had a letter from Mr. Rickett demanding full payment. He said the job was not done in a timely manner and that the town did not pay him a final \$1,000. Mr. Rickett rejected the offer of \$500 for resolution. Mr. Leavitt recused himself from the voting on this subject but said that if the town doesn't pay his demand that his only recourse is small claims court. The Selectmen agreed to have Mr. Willard proceed to court if necessary.

d. Town Meeting June 14, 2003 at 10:00 am

Mr. Willard said that Mrs. Cummings and he were working on the budget changes. Mrs. Brown suggested they have a workshop on Thursday or Friday. Mr. Leavitt asked that it be Thursday at 5:00 pm. There will also be a joint meeting with the Budget/Finance Committee on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 pm at the Public Safety Building. Mr. Leavitt asked if they might look at it as an adjustment rather than a defeat. He felt that budgets are in flux until they are accepted. Mr. Willard felt they would prepare the best possible budget with the value allowed by the May 17th town meeting. Rolf Olsen suggested they prepare an emergency warrant article for contingency if the new budget doesn't pass. There was discussion as to whether this will be a continuation of the town meeting or a special town meeting. Mr. Leavitt asked that there be more microphones to use at Jordan-Small Middle School. Mr. Willard agreed that especially table mics for the Selectmen were important.

12. Review and authorize May 20, 2003 Treasurer's Warrant. \

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$242,725.46. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. Willard reported that the Route 302 project would be completed by the middle of June. He asked if they wished to have a dedication. The subject of the traffic control problems mentioned that because of safety requirements the traffic had to be one lane. It was felt that Mr. Willard had worked over and above what would be expected of a town manager during this construction. It was noted that this was the first project of this kind directed by a town instead of the MDOT. Mr. Willard said that it was originally set up this way feeling that the town would have more local control. He thanked the Route 302 Committee for their work on this project.

Mr. Leavitt wanted to thank our Fire/Rescue Department on their response to the recent traffic fatalities. He said that response like that can't be had "at low bid".

13. Adjourn.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk