

Selectmen's Minutes
22 February 1999
7:00pm

The regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting was called to order by the Allen Hines, at 7:00pm. Those present included Jack Steiner (Selectmen), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator). George Lagassa was absent due a family emergency.

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of January 25th. Mr. Steiner made the motion to accept the regular and non-public minutes of January 25th. Due to absence because of illness on February 8th Mr. Hines was unable to approve the February 8th minutes. The minutes of February 8th were tabled until the next meeting.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

1. Elderly Exemption - Phyllis Suvalle 40k / Anna E. Small 40k
2. Coakley - Executive minutes
3. Aries Engineering - SRF application for OU II
4. Executive Council Newsletter
5. East Coast Greenway Meeting 3/16/99 7:30pm Urban Forestry Center

Town Administrator's Report

The Board reviewed a letter from the Historical Society requesting storage space in the old building inspector's office in Town Hall. Board members voiced their support for the Historical Society's preservation of Town artifacts. It was noted that the Planning & Zoning Boards as well as the Conservation Commission presently utilize the old Building Inspector's office in Town Hall. The Board was hopeful that the article on the Town Warrant to construct a records room above the police station would receive the approval of the voters in March. The construction of the records room would help to alleviate the space crunch.

The Board next reviewed nominees for appointment to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Steiner made the motion to approve the appointments of Frank Petrino and Lee Brooks to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The TA briefed the Board concerning the State Revolving Fund (SRF) application for the second part of the Coakley clean-up known as OU II. The Town's portion of the costs associated with this final phase of Coakley is approximately \$105k. Aries Engineering would handle the SRF application with the DES for a fee of \$2,500. It was explained that the Town had used the State's SRF program for the first phase of the Coakley project. Because the Town had won an insurance settlement of approximately \$400k associated with Coakley, the strategy had been to use the State's SRF low interest loan/grant program (3.1% @ 20 years) and repay that loan with the \$400K that was earning 4.5-5% in the bank. The other advantage offered by the SRF program was that 20% of the loan was convertible into a state grant on a yearly basis. In this way 20% of the principle & interest costs to the Town were paid for through the State's SRF program. The Board authorized the SRF application.

The TA briefed the Board concerning cost increases announced by Waste Management for their commercial customers. Increased rates would be effective March 1st. The letter from Waste Management did not specifically mention the dollar amount of the increase.

The TA had also asked Waste Management to provide an outline of the costs associated with a Town-wide collection and recycling program. The cost of these services was estimated at \$100k to \$125k based upon 1,100 homes. Included in the estimate for these services are 1,100 - 18gal. Recycling bins @ \$5.00ea. The collection time would encompass two days utilizing one trash vehicle and one recycling vehicle. The Town

would pay all tipping fees. Solid Waste collection would not include bulky or yard waste, construction debris, or hazardous waste. Mr. Strout noted that it was not yet economically feasible at this point in time, but may sometime in the future prove feasible because of DES mandates that 40% of solid waste be recycled. It was noted that the Town recycles approximately 10% at this time.

Mr. Steiner asked about the status of M&B Enterprises. It was reported that M&B had approximately 135 customers signed-up for solid waste collection so far. The status of their efforts would be presented, as they became available.

The TA passed out draft versions (listed below) of personnel and communications policies for review by the Board. The Board agreed to review the policies and make further comments and recommendations at the next meeting.

- a. Draft of Electronic & Telephonic Communication Policy
- b. Draft of revamped Personnel Policy

New Police Officer

Officer Giguere introduced Joshua Stokel. Officer Giguere noted that Mr. Stokel was a certified full-time officer relocating from the Rochester Police Department. Delores Chase administered the oath of office to Mr. Stokel. The Board welcomed Officer Stokel aboard

Selectmen Issues

Mr. Steiner provided a status report on the Little River Watershed Project. Mr. Steiner explained that the last LRWP meeting had been a review of project activities up to that point. There were new people at the meeting and discussion turned quickly towards methods that might lead to greater participation. It was felt by those present that the scope of the project was large and had the potential to impact many people. It was determined that a Town wide mailing describing the project and a survey included with that mailing would be a good way of explaining the implications of the project and getting people's opinions about it at the same time. Mr. Steiner noted that individuals stepped forward at the end of the meeting and provided contributions for the mailing effort. There was a good deal of excitement and support for the project and of enhancing public participation in and knowledge of the project. The next meeting was planned for April 21st at 7:00pm.

Questions & Comments

Lucille Ellingwood noted that there was a conflict between candidates' night and the planning board meeting of March 2nd.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator