

August 18, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. with Selectman Wells, Rice and Douglass present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
 - Thank you letter to the VFW
- All items reviewed and signed.**

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Lee Rainey (CEO), Marie Varian (Planning Board) and a representative from the Board of Appeals to discuss the interpretation of "Road" vs. "Driveway" in the Land Use/Shoreland Zoning Ordinances. Also to be discussed will be the possibility of requesting that the Board of Appeals reconsider the decision they made concerning a road setback issue on the Miller property in Small Point.

Meeting held. The Miller's case was reviewed. The Miller Family had made an administrative appeal of the Code Enforcement Officer's interpretation of the traveled way in front of their property as a "Road". Dave Thombs, Board of Appeals Chair, stated that the Board voted (4-1) to classify the traveled way as a "Driveway". Mr. Thombs explained that this decision does not set precedent for the future because this case had unusual circumstances and the Board of Appeals always judges cases on individual merit. Marie Varian, Planning Board Chair, stated that the definition of "Road" in the Ordinance needs some clarification. The Planning Board, Board of Appeals and CEO will review the definition of "Road" and make an ordinance change recommendation for the May 05 Town Meeting. Selectmen will not request the Board of Appeals to re-consider the case.

- Meet with Assessing Agent, Juanita Wilson, for an update on the equalization study.

Meeting held. Preliminary figures for an interim valuation adjustment were reviewed. The Selectmen complimented the Assessing Agent on the fine job she has done. No further action taken.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Town vs. GAC (posted roads violation)

The Court heard a motion from the complainant for ADA accommodations. The Judge took the motion under advisement and will make a ruling. The actual date to hear the case has not been set.

- Striping complaint from Mark Hawkes on Stoneybrook Road.

Based on information from the Town Attorney, MMA and DOT the Selectmen will not remove the striping on Stoneybrook Road. The T/A will send a letter to Mr. Hawkes advising him of this decision as well as answering several other concerns he had from a prior meeting.

- Speed limit on Wallace Circle and temporary "Slow" sign

Selectmen voted to send a request to DOT for a reduction in speed limit on Wallace Circle from 25 mph to 15 mph. They did not authorize the temporary installation of a "Slow" sign because each individual's interpretation of "slow" is different and it also could not be enforced.

- Meeting with Esther Lacognata on Friday, Aug 20th at 3:00 p.m. to review the formatting for the Comprehensive Plan.

Selectman Rice and the T/A will attend.

- County/MMA Regionalization meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24th at the West Bath Fire Station.

Selectman Rice and the T/A will attend.

- Friends of the Basin Organizational Meeting

Reviewed. No action taken.

- Update from the T/A on the County Hazard Mitigation workshop.

Update given. The County will meet with Town department heads in September to gather information for the Plan.

- Letter from a citizen concerning a law enforcement situation with neighbors (Executive Session)

Selectmen voted (3-0) to go into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss a law enforcement situation. Selectmen voted (3-0) to come out of executive session at 8:11 p.m. No further action taken.

4. Review the following items:

- **None**

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars:

- Maine Town and City Management Association

Reviewed. No one will attend.

6. Miscellaneous

- **The Tax Collector/Treasurer, Lisa Wallace, requested to be reimbursed mileage for using her personal vehicle for Town business. The Selectmen requested that she provide an estimate of monthly mileage and the T/A will research if reimbursement is required for an elected official.**
- **The Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty, asked the Selectmen for their safety opinion on Leila Percy's driveway entrance on Parker Head Road. They advised the Road Commissioner that he is the approving authority on driveway entrances and they would support whatever decision he made. If there is a sight line issue Ms. Percy should either remedy the problem or come up with an alternate driveway plan.**
- **The T/A gave a Red Tide update.**
- **The Selectmen were advised that Martha Smith would be coming before them at their next meeting with a petition to have something done about the dogs running loose in Sebasco.**
- **The T/A notified the Selectmen that the new School Principal and Union Superintendent would be meeting with them at a later date. He also advised the Selectmen that an appreciation picnic was going to be held for Pat Manual, past Principal for the School.**
- **The T/A advised the Selectmen that he has received \$2,600.00 in donations for Memorial Park Plaques. \$2,500.00 was from the Bath VFW.**
- **The Selectmen granted a vacation day to the T/A for August 30th. His vacation request for Sep 20th through Sep 24th was tabled.**

Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.