

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 P.M. MONDAY MARCH 17th, 2008
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MINUTES

Attendees: Michael L. Estes, David F. Marshall, J. Dwight Bardwell, Kinley Gregg, Edward W. Little, Robert G Yandow, Town Manager and, Kathryn Danylik, Recorder, and Members of the Press & Public

Call to Order

Chairman Estes called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Minutes

- Selectmen's Meeting February 25th, 2008
- Selectmen's Meeting March 10th, 2008

Moved by Mr. Bardwell and seconded by Ms. Gregg to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting, February 25th, 2008 and the Selectmen's Meeting March 10th, 2008. Without Objection so ordered

B. Chairman's Report

Chairman Estes stated that the Turnpike issue is not an agenda item tonight however you will be able to speak at the Citizens Forum but we might not be able to answer your questions. There will be a meeting on April 3rd at the York Middle School with the Turnpike Authority.

C. Manager's Report

Mr. Yandow reported that the town has begun regular dialogue with the Turnpike Authority and there will be a meeting on April 3rd at the York Middle School to address the concerns that citizens have on their site selection.

Mr. Yandow stated that on March 24th we will have the second public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinances amendments and the first public hearing on the Budget Referendum and the Special General Referendum. The following Monday, March 31st, the second public hearing on Budget Referendum and the Special General Referendum will be held along with the preference votes.

Mr. Bardwell addressed the comments made by Mr. Samborski, the Selectmen can not do anything about Mr. Samborski's comments as he was elected by the Town.

Please come out and show support for the kids and the music program at this
May's Budget Referendum
Ms. Gregg encourages people to step forward and run for these elected positions

D. Awards

-Bid Award for Police Cruiser

Chief Bracy explained that there were 2 bids for a new police cruiser, Quirk Ford and Starkey Ford. There was a difference of \$1,682.00, with Quirk Ford being the lowest bidder at a total of \$15,967.00 Chief Bracy recommends that Quirk Ford of Augusta be awarded the bid for the police cruiser.

Moved by Mr. Bardwell and seconded by Ms. Gregg to award the bid for the purchase of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Cruiser to Quirk Ford of Augusta, ME in the amount of \$15,967.00. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

F. Citizens Forum - Open to audience for comments or questions on items to be addressed on this agenda; or, to propose items for board consideration.

Public Comment: Randy Small
 Todd Diesel
 Torbert Macdonald.
 Michael Walek
 Darlene
 Charles Stacey
 Robert Christianson
 Mike Mahoney
 Kim Sandborn
 Mary Loan
 Bob Cutts
 Ted Kilgore
 Janet Shaffer
 Kari Pritchard
 Jim Bartlett
 John Odett
 Jack McDonald

Chairman Estes called a break at 8:15 PM.
The meeting was called back to order at 8:25 PM, with the continuation of the citizens forum.

Public Comment: Joseph Lipton

G. Approval of Warrant #38

Moved by Mr. Bardwell and seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve Warrant #38. Without objection so ordered.

H. ENDORSEMENTS

License Applications (Renewals)

- The Goldenrod dba Lobster Cove (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement)
- Cliff Realty Cove dba The Grille at Cape Neddick Country Club (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement)
- John and Gail Stacy dba Flo's Take Out (Victualers)
- Donna Archibald dba Chapman Cottage (Bed and Breaksfast)
- Scott A Berger and Arthur A Berger dba York Village Emporium (Victualers)

Moved by Mr. Bardwell and seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve the license renewals of The Goldenrod dba Lobster Cove (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement), Cliff Realty Cove dba The Grille at Cape Neddick Country Club (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement), John and Gail Stacy dba Flo's Take Out (Victualers), Donna Archibald dba Chapman Cottage (Bed and Breaksfast), and Scott A Berger and Arthur A Berger dba York Village Emporium (Victualers). Subject to taxes, fees and inspections being current and compliant with the usual noise stipulations. Without objection so ordered.

I. New Business

1. Resignation of Todd Frederick from the Conservation Commission

Moved by Mr. Bardwell and seconded by Mr. Marshall to accept the resignation of Todd Frederick from the Conservation Commission. Without Objection so ordered

2. Improvements and Permit Parking Discussion for Route 103 Parking Lot

Charles Steedman spoke to the Selectmen on behalf of a group called the Friends of Steedman Woods. They are an informal group of residents and property owners in York who organize an annual work party to maintain the trails in the Woods and eliminate invasive species like Bittersweet.

Last summer there were a couple of meetings held to discuss two issues that are causing concern. These concerns are the subject of the petition, signed by 102 residents and property owners, that has been forwarded to you. One concern is the fact that the area around the Wiggley Bridge is being used more and more as a public beach by out-of-towners who learn about the spot on the web or from tourist publications. They tend to walk all over the mudflats and marsh grass in disregard of signs warning them not to disturb a fragile environment.

Another concern is the traffic safety hazards caused by the cars that park in the cleared area near the route 103 bridge. Solving the traffic issue will help reduce

the overuse of the area around the Wiggley and would reserve the Woods more for the inhabitants of York, as was originally intended.

This matter has been discussed with all interested town officials. The concept has the support, among others, of Mike Sullivan, Steve Burns, Chief Bracy and Dean Lessard.

Mr. Steedman presented some suggestions, one being a system of haphazard, straight-in parking in the 103 parking area, which is dangerous for pedestrians and motorists alike, be replaced by a system of permit-only, parallel parking. Requiring permits – the same permits that apply on the Harbor Beach hill and the ball field in York Beach – will give priority to the inhabitants of York at times when the area has been filled with out-of-state vehicles. Parallel parking will eliminate backing blindly out into oncoming traffic causing a safety hazard.

To enhance pedestrian safety, it is recommend that a pathway be created on the inside of the parking area, protected by a curb, so that people walking from the direction of York Street and people getting out of their cars can walk down to the crosswalk in safety.

It was also suggested that there be some cutting of overhanging trees and branches so that cars coming down from York Street and Barrell Lane have a much clearer sight line. Today the curve is sharp enough that the trees block motorists' view of cars and pedestrians close to the 103 bridge.

Dean Lessard and Chief Bracy presented some suggestions to the Board. Mr. Lessard states that this is not considered a high accident area by the MDOT but there are serious concerns. This area does not present a good mix of traffic and pedestrians. Mr. Lessard and Chief Bracy have suggested moving the pedestrians away from the travel way with a 5ft pathway to the crosswalks and pathway. The pathway would be raised 6-8 inches from the parking lot and would be paved. The paving will allow us to paint and stripe the area to control parking and delineate spaces

It is also suggested to make teach parking spot 10ft by 20ft which will allow for a pull in. The plan calls for 11 spaces and a rough estimate of total cost at \$27,000. Mr. Lessard presented a plan to take the \$27,000 from the fisherman's walk and the tree maintenance budget.

Chief Bracy stated that this area is an accident waiting to happen. There are lots of kids and families that use Steedman Woods. The only concern raised by Chief Bracy was regarding permit parking in the area. There is a concern that people will park at the Marina and then walk over and there are not sufficient sidewalks on the bridge. Chief Bracy is in favor of the parallel parking and tree cutting.

The Selectmen suggested looking at a few different options in terms of paving. Mr. Yandow stated that we will come back with some firm costs and some different options to paving.

3. Update on Solid Waste Agreement-

This item has been tabled until the Town Attorney responds to some questions

4. Abatement of Taxes- Tax Map 92/ Lots 18A and 17

Moved by Mr. Bardwell and seconded by Mr. Marshall to abate the 2006 taxes in the amount of \$96.05 for Eastbrook Timber Co. Inc, account #4932, Tax Map 92 Lot 18A, due to error in ownership. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Bardwell and seconded by Mr. Marshall to abate the 2006 taxes in the amount of \$507.94 for Eastbrook Timber Co Inc, account #4931 Tax Map 92 lot 17 due to error in ownership. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

5. Update on FEMA Grant for York Beach Drainage Project

Dean Lessard, Director of Public Works, presented an update on the FEMA grant. According to FEMA the money is moving forward. There were some concerns voiced by FEMA on the proposal regarding the investment in this project and will it still operate if the sea level continues to rise? This 1.7 million dollar grant that will be used to reduce the duration of flooding if and when it occurs. The money will move forward but if we can not prove that this investment will be sustained it will not be supported by FEMA however they will still pay for it. These concerns are not a deal breaker and we are still in pre-approved status.

6. Update on Review of Paving Program

Mr. Lessard also presented an update in the paving program. We have come up with a list from our Pavement management software of roads that need maintenance. We are dealing with data that is five-years old so some changes will be made to this list; some areas are being added and some are being taken off. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks we will have a solid plan on what roads will be paved. Mr. Lessard is going to provide the list of roads that the State is looking to repair. The \$250,000 that we are asking for in a separate warrant article will go towards resurfacing and pavement preservation.

J. Other Business

The Selectmen asked Mr. Yandow to use Town staff and resources to research the Turnpike relocation issue. It was requested to see this mapped out on GIS.

Adjourn

Move by Mr. Bardwell and seconded by Ms. Gregg to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Without objection so ordered.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathryn Danylik