

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2004

Mr. Lovejoy came in to discuss the insurance policies for the town. The selectmen decided that they didn't need to increase the amount of coverage on any of the buildings.

Molly and Ruby Nelson came in to ask if they could use Pike Hall free of charge so Ruby can do a demonstration and show about her work with the orangutans. They will ask for donations but all proceeds will go towards the orangutans. The selectmen decided that she could use the hall, as it is a fundraiser.

Rob Millard came in to update the selectmen on the courts decision about "Ye Old Yard Sale". They have to make payments of \$25.00 weekly to pay their debt, and they will be allowed to have a yard sale two days a month. They are also going to open a home business. Rob also has had a bit of trouble with Henry Holmes. Mr. Holmes has requested that Rob not be the inspector for the houses that he builds. He claims that Rob is biased. Mr. Holmes couldn't be here as his wife is ill. Rob explained that Mr. Holmes asks for an inspection, but when Rob gets there the work isn't ready to be inspected. Rob has also talk to other code enforcement officers and they said that they all have problems with Mr. Holmes. Mr. Holmes other problem is the status of the Peter's Rd. Diane has found where it was discontinued and has faxed him this information. Mr. Holmes's lawyer has stated the he can't find where the road was discontinued and wants the Town to allow him to use this road. Rob has also shown the building permit that says that the property address was Rt. 5, and he had already told Mr. Holmes that he needs a road-opening permit. Diane is drafting a letter for the selectmen to send him explaining their position, he will need a registered right-of-way to be allowed to use the Peter's Rd., or a road opening permit to put a driveway to his house before any occupancy permit can be issued.

The minutes from the last meeting were signed. The accounts payable and the payroll warrants, the last of 2003 fiscal year and the first of the fiscal year 2004, were signed.

There was a discussion about a letter that she received from Dan Sherman that said that he had been told he would have a decision about whether or not the ordinance changes could be done at Town Meeting. He stated that it had been over the two weeks that Selectmen said the decision would be given. Peggi had written him back saying that the two weeks hadn't expired and that it would be brought up at the bi-weekly meeting. A letter will be sent to Mr. Sherman that to give the ordinances the discussion needed for these amendments a Special Town Meeting will need to be called.

A letter was received from Mr. Watson that a school district vote would be needed to use the land for the new fire station. It is a state law with a broad definition of use of property on school land, but since the school isn't being closed Peggi doesn't think this law applies. It will be discussed again later.

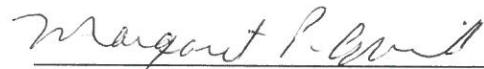
Peggi has talked to Carlton about meeting with the Trash Committee. The wording of the commercial part of the contract needs to be changed.

Diane had some quitclaim deeds that needed to be signed. She also had a concealed weapons permit that needed to be signed. Some additions to the warrant articles have to be done. One is about the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The other parts are about the Merc settlement. Peggi wants clarification about some of the dates that have to be sent. Diane will find out.

The warrant articles were discussed with some corrections that were needed.

Diane also told the selectmen about the payments received from New England Tool. She brought up the Austin property tax situation that needs to be straightened out. They think they were taxed too much for a partial construction as compared to the taxes on their other property.

  
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