

Selectmen's Meeting

April 5, 2016

4:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen George Donovan, Tony Palminteri and Glenn Dochtermann. Also, present were Fred Holt, Treasurer and Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant.

RSU #57 Superintendent, John Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Larry Malone and the Financial Director, Colin Walsh met with members of the six RSU Selectboard members. Introductions were made around the table and an attendance sheet passed around. Mr. Davis opened the meeting with a summary of the 2016/2017 proposed budget that is currently with the School Board Finance Committee with an expected vote on April 13th. He explained the State formula for school funding and briefly spoke about the additional \$15 mil and how that may be distributed around the State. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Walsh who reviewed a shared spreadsheet giving summary of the General Fund Expenditures and the General Fund Revenue as proposed for this budget. Many questions were asked and discussed by all. After discussion for another meeting all were in agreement to wait until after the Finance Committee vote and to then meet again perhaps in Waterboro. Larry Malone, then introduced himself and shared his professional experience and hopes for the future of RSU #57.

At 5:30 Jim Ouellette, Chairman, and several other members of the Alfred Lyman Little League (ALLL) as well as members of the Alfred Park and Recreation Committee met with the Board. Discussion was based around a complaint from Alfred about the stone dust mix put down on the infield by the ALLL. Each group shared professional opinions on what material should be used to create a safe environment for those using the field. Mr. Ouellette stated that other fields in the area use the same mix as they put down in Alfred and gave a list of those. Rose Caswell, Alfred Park & Recreation said that not all fields use this mix but use a better field mix and named those fields. Samples were looked at. After further discussion, the Board of Selectmen were in agreement that the ALLL replace the stone dust mix with the better grade infield mix to create a safe playing field and gave the ALLL a couple of days to let them know through the Assistant what they will do.

The Park & Recreation Committee then stayed and spoke with the Selectmen about the 2016 budget and also mowing at the Alfred Park. Present for this session was Chris Caswell, Chairman. The explanation of the use of funds authorized by Town Meeting were given. After the expenses for the necessary items for the Committee and field to function the amount left for programs would be around \$1,200. After much discussion, all agreed that fund-raisers have been and should be continued and that some of the programs should pay for themselves. As to the mowing, an amount of \$5,600 to care for the field is what has been contracted to pay a professional company and the Board agreed that they do not agree that a member of Park and Recreation should be mowing the field with a donated mower for several reasons. The mower (s) needed to do a job of this capacity should be of a professional grade and the liability risk to the Town if a volunteer were to operate the machinery.

The Committee then explained their intentions for Festival Day to include a three on three basketball tournament and all festivities that typically were held on the courthouse lawn will now be held at the park. The Board agreed they should meet with the Festival Committee to share these ideas.

The minutes of the March 29, 2016 Selectmen's meeting were read. Motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann with second by Tony Palminteri to approve them as written. All voted in favor.

The 12-Town agenda for April 11th was read.

The draft "Selectmen's policy "Quotes for Service" as drafted by Fred Holt was read. It was moved and seconded and approved by all to approve the policy as written and to bring the final copy back for signature.

The Board signed a letter to Lee Steele who had previously interviewed for membership to the Budget Committee, inviting him to join the committee.

The Code Officer's end of month for March was read.

After review of the warrants, it was moved and seconded to approve and sign them. All voted in favor and the warrants were signed.

The Assessing Contract between Sanford and Alfred was reviewed. Motion was made by Tony Palminteri seconded by Glenn Dochtermann and approved by all and signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.