

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2005

ATTENDING: Douglas Foglio, Sr., Robert Fay, Patti Berry, Wendy Carter, David Benton, Rit Pinette, John Cloonan, Lisa Bennett, Pam and Jason L'Heureux, Jon Gale, Willis Lord, Don Boilard, Richard Sevigny

Selectman Foglio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

1. Nomination papers will be available on Thursday, January 27th. The positions up for election are: Selectmen—two 3 year terms and a single 2 year term, Road Commissioner, SAD 57 Director, Water District Trustee. Voting will be held on Friday, April 22nd and at the Budget meeting on the next day at Massabesic High School.
2. A late fee for dog licenses will begin on February 1st. The late fee will be \$15.00 per dog.
3. The budget process is underway. The deadline for money articles has past. Any articles received at this point need a unanimous vote from the Selectmen in order to be placed on the warrant for Town Meeting. The deadline for non-money articles is set for February 22. No articles will be accepted after March 22nd.
4. Interviews for Animal Control Officer are underway.
5. Resumes for the position of Code Enforcement Secretary/ Planning Board Secretary are now being accepted. The deadline for applications for this position is February 4th.
6. The Hiring Panel has interviewed two candidates for the position of Town Planner. A second round of interviews will be scheduled when the candidates have reviewed the relative town ordinances. One of these original candidates has withdrawn from consideration. Presently we are down to a single candidate . Another town in interested in sharing the planner with us. This will be further investigated.
7. A notice from the State Treasurer indicating that the maximum rate of interest that can be charged for delinquent taxes for the fall billing is 7.75%. Currently it is 6.50%.
8. A vacancy on the Planning Board is available. Selectmen are accepting applications for this opening. Applications are available in the Selectmen's Office.
9. Our Assessor, Jerry Daigle, has completed a correction process which will allow the adjustment on each tax bill for the May payment which will correct the overcharge. This needs to be worked into the current software system. The adjustment on the new bills will be indicated as an "abatement".
10. The Maine Department of Transportation is developing a plan for 2006-07. This plan will contain a list of projects that MDOT wishes to fund during that 2 year period. This "Rural Road Initiative" identifies projects which have a higher degree of construction. The estimated cost of work on the West Road is \$450,000.00 (\$301,500.00 State and \$148,500.00 Municipal) for improved drainage, reclamation and repaving 1 ½ miles of West Road from the Shapleigh town line. Projects under the Rural Road Initiative require 67% funding from the

state and 33% town match.. Signing and returning the letter is not binding. Our Administrator signed the letter with the caveat that this passes with the approval of voters at the Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John Cloonan presented the Selectmen with photographs of the proposed sled which would be used for winter rescue. Currently the sled owned by the Fire Department is 30 years old and too small to accommodate a patient and an attendant. This proposed sled is 110" long by 4 feet wide. It can accommodate a stretcher and 2 EMT's. It is heated and has interior lighting. Lisa Bennett indicated that the purchase of this equipment (\$3985.00) could come from the Equipment Replacement fund. Selectman Foglio asked how many times the old sled was used last year. It has not been used last year. Selectman Fay moved to authorize the purchase. Lisa indicated that this acquisition is included in the Capital Plan. Doug Foglio seconded the motion for purchase. Vote 2-0-0.
2. A letter from Chief Frank Birkemose to the Selectmen informed the board of Selectmen that the new extraction system has worked very well and, in fact, it was used twice in the week that the tool was received. His request is to approve the donation of the old system to the fire department in the town of West Forks, Maine. Doug inquired about the other towns in our collaborative group. Both Lisa and John indicated that Waterboro's neighboring towns have extraction tools. Selectman Fay moved to give the old extraction system to the town of West Forks for the cost of \$1.00. This was seconded by Doug. There was no discussion. Vote 2-0-0
3. A letter from Chief Birkemose was read requesting that the Rescue Air Bags used in conjunction with our old extraction device be donated to the town of Limerick. This donation would allow Limerick to respond to an accident if more air bags are needed. Furthermore, this would allow Limerick to use these air bags first without waiting for Waterboro to respond. Bob made the motion to give the old set of air bags to the town of Limerick for the charge of \$1.00. Doug seconded. There was no discussion. Vote 2-0-0.
4. Doug reminded the Fire Department that it is necessary to seek approval for the donation of the snowmobile to the Fire Department before the donation is accepted.
5. The Automatic Response Agreement is not available for the meeting tonight. This will be discussed at the next Selectmen's meeting.
6. The question was posed to David Benton inquiring whether the maintenance of seasonal roads will cease immediately or at the beginning of the next fiscal year. He answered that it should be continued through this year because monies had already been appropriated for use this year. Doug indicated that no monies be appropriated as of July 1, 2005. He further indicated that residents of these streets have a number of options: Bring the issue before the Road Review Committee to learn what is required to bring the roads up to town standards, to have residents collaboratively arrange to have the roads plowed and otherwise maintained or to bring legal action against the town. Mr. Seigny addressed the Board, maintaining that this is Town owned land. Selectman Foglio disagreed with this statement and indicated that proof of Town ownership would be the responsibility of the residents.

OTHER

1. Doug motioned to approve the minutes of January 18ht. Bob seconded. Vote 2-0-0

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Willis Lord reported the update on the reconstruction of the by-laws of RWS. The proposed changes are: The Board of Directors will be called the General Assembly. This body will meet once a year. The Executive Board will consist of 9 members and will oversee the daily operations of the business. Large towns/cities will represent themselves. (Portland, South Portland and Scarborough) The remaining smaller towns will form 5 districts. Waterboro will be in District 2. The district groups will elect a spokesperson to represent the district. EACH town will have an equal vote at the quarterly meetings. Mr. Lord indicated that this will equalize the voting power at the quarterly meetings. He further indicated that there is no guarantee that the assessment will not be raised but this "is not likely". The RWS vote on the restructuring will be taken at the next meeting in February.

2. Willis further reported that the county meeting would be held on January 26th. He implied that the increase in county taxes could be as much as 9%. Mr. Lord proposed that no additional money be appropriated this year.

3. Selectman Foglio announced that the Eleven Town Group will be meeting at this Town Hall on February 21st at 6:30. A representative from the Maine Planning Commission, Southern Maine Regional Planning, and the Representative from Gorham will be present. Doug requested that this meeting be televised.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Voted. Passed.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

- 1. Minutes of 1/18/05
- 2. Terrorism annex

APPROVED:

Date _____
