

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2005

ATTENDING: Doug Foglio, Sr., Robert Fay, David Chauvette, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Clint Andrews, Steve Everett, Willis lord, Jay Kiel, Susan Rocray, Cindy Moore, Richard Pinette, Dave Benton, Jon Gale, Fred Fay, Frank Birkemose, Sr., Jon Tufts, Keith Gerry, Kerry DeAngelis, Mike DeAngelis, Chris Carroll and Rick Negus.

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

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Steve Everett, Chairman Conservation Commission requesting direction from the board on what they wanted from the commission. Noted that they are not a full board and have not been for many years. Selectman Fay stated that this started with Palesky and the board wanted their opinion on placing town property in trust. Selectman Foglio further explained the impact Palesky and the Charter possibly holds regarding town owned land. Explained that the Charter allows the Selectmen to dispose of town owned land and a future board could do so. Would like to meet with the commission in the very near future and review the town property. Steve stated that a number of years ago they inventoried the town land but could go back and do it again. Selectman Foglio stated that by putting the land in a trust would remove it from the hands of the Selectmen as well as protect it from outside sources. Selectmen will meet with the Conservation Commission at their meeting April 6th to discuss further.

7:15 – Officers of the Massabesic Area Business Association Jay Kiel, President, Sue Rocray, Secretary and Rick Negus, Treasurer. Stated that they were formerly the Waterboro Association of Businesses. Have changed their name to encompass the whole area and not just Waterboro. They offer assistance to business and requested the towns support. They currently have 35 members and asked the town to join. Jay Kiel stated that they have been using the town hall for some of their meetings and have found it very helpful as a central location. Requested permission to consider this their permanent home. Explained what they typically do at one of their meetings. Stated that they are developing a new website and the address will be mabinc.org. Once set up their application will be on the website. Dues are \$35.00 per year. Selectmen agreed to allow them continued use of the town hall.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

1. Reported that she has contacted Christopher Madden of the Post Office regarding the proposal to construct a new Post Office in Waterboro. He stated that the first project was approved by headquarters in Washington and they are now waiting for approval on the second proposal but gave no clue as to what the proposal is.
2. Reported that the plumbers crew has been sick but they have all the materials and hope next week to begin the work on the heating system in the annex.
3. Reported that they received a call from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and there is an error in the Open Water Fishing Regulations. They have pulled all the books and are waiting for stickers to arrive to correct the error. Inside the back cover it lists the daily limit on trout as 2 when it is actually only 1.
4. Reported that the Election will be held on April 22nd with voting 7 am to 8 pm and the Town Meeting to be held on April 23rd.
5. Next week Selectmen will be attending the Area Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday and with the Finance Committee on Wednesday.
6. Announced that the last date any article can be added to the warrant is March 22nd.
7. Had two bids for the foundation work on the Quonset hut as follows: Robert Pare Foundations of Sanford for \$22,600 and Williams Foundations of Sanford for \$20,800.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussed the request from the library for \$10,000. States for research and development with any remaining to go into the building fund. Doug requested that it also include for land. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Chauvette to place as a referendum question with the wording change. Voted. Passed. Question regarding the Contract Deputy will go on the warrant. Question requesting a new ambulance with funding to come from the ambulance billing account. Selectman Fay felt this should be done as a referendum questions while Selectman Chauvette felt it should be handled in the same manner as the previous questions and deserves to be discussed on the floor. Motion by Selectman Fay to do as a referendum and seconded by Selectman Foglio. Vote 2-1-0 with Selectman Chauvette opposed.
2. Discussed the change in the Town of Waterboro Parking and Traffic Ordinance. Selectman Foglio suggested parking on certain sections of Ricker Lane. Stated that in 1997 the Road Review Committee requested that fences be removed, to ditch both sides and spray tar. The Selectmen at that time did not follow through. Selectman Chauvette stated that if you enact this ordinance the only one who can enforce it is the Contract Deputy and if you lose that at the town meeting then there will be no one to enforce it. Also stated that if you enact this change then it also applies to the residents of the road and they or their guest could also receive tickets for parking on the road. Was stated that over the holidays when the restaurant was closed there were still a number of vehicles parked on the street and they were not from the business. Discussed the fact that there should be a sign on the West Road end of Ricker Lane regarding the town turnaround. Jon Tufts stated that if safety is an issue then should have the residents move their fences. Motion by Selectman Chauvette to leave it as is and that the town put up another sign at the corner that is visible from both sides when traffic turns in from both directions that indicates that the town turnaround is at the end of the road. Vote 2-0-1 with Selectman Foglio abstaining.
3. Discussed the agreement with the Nature Conservancy. Nancy explained that their current tax rate is \$6.58. The formula used is the current tax rate minus school, county tax and welfare. Have two parcels one 680 acres and one 100 acres. This year paying \$1,174.53 for the 680 acre parcel and \$354.00 for the 100 acre parcel. Selectman Foglio moved that this go on next weeks agenda so they can read through the agreement.
4. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Foglio that we accept the gift of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart and that we send a thank you card. Voted. Passed.
5. Chris Carroll addressed the board stating that he would like to move the Thompson House but is still investigating sites. Selectman Foglio explained that this falls under the Growth control Ordinance. He could move and renovate it but not take occupancy until he receives a Growth Permit and none will be available until July 2006. Motion by Selectman Foglio that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Code Enforcement Officer, with more discussions with Mr. Carroll, to allow a permit to move it but would have to agree to not take occupancy until after a Growth Permit is secured. Seconded by Selectman Fay. Voted. Passed. Will work towards a resolution.
6. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Chauvette to appoint Steve Harlow as the representative to Saco River Corridor Commission. Voted. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Have not heard back from the Planning Board regarding the By-Laws so will postpone.
2. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Chauvette to accept the revised Internet Policy. Voted. Passed.
3. Selectman Foglio stated that he was contacted by Hollis requested that Waterboro join them and add our name to the document regarding RWS and them including their assets. Selectman Foglio didn't feel Waterboro should sign onto something they haven't read or had the attorney read. Nancy explained that they can't use the town attorney for this because the same firm also represents RWS. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Chauvette that Nancy and Selectman Foglio get a legal opinion. Voted. Passed.

4. Discussed the construction of the Quonset hut and the foundation bids. Motion by Selectman Chauvette and seconded by Selectman Fay that they accept the lowest bid from Williams Foundation for \$20,800. to do the foundation and that Nancy clarify that we can get an extension on the grant. Vote 2-0-1 with Selectman Foglio abstaining.
5. Selectman Foglio discussed a bill in the legislature, LD546 which requires any contractor doing any work involving municipal funding would require to provide full health coverage for employees and their family at 100% and have to sign up with Dirigo Health or an equivalent, require a full apprenticeship program and all jobs bonded. MMA will actively fight this bill and he is requesting that the board sign a letter in opposition which he will take to Augusta when he goes up to testify against the bill. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Chauvette to actively oppose this bill. Voted. Passed.

EMERGENCY:

Motion by Selectman Foglio to take the emergency step and place this item on this evenings agenda. This is a Fixed Asset Policy which is required by the auditing firm. Motion seconded by Selectman Chauvette. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Fay to accept this Fixed Assets Policy. Voted. Passed. Nancy explained that the auditing firm will not come in to complete the audit without this policy in place.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Willis reported that next Wednesday at 7 pm will be the County Budget hearing. Budget is a 7.9% increase over last year.

OTHER

1. Selectman Fay read the reminders.
2. Selectman Foglio reported that last night they presented to the Planning Board the agreement worked out with the contractor on Star Hill Road.
3. Discussed the social service requests for the annual town meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Foglio and seconded by Selectman Chauvette to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Voted. Passed.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

APPROVED:

Date _____
