

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2005

PRESENT: Doug Foglio, Bob Fay, David Chauvette, Nancy Brandt, David Woodsome, John Carter, Jon Gale, Cindy Moore, Dwayne Woodsome, David Benton, Pam and Jason L'Heureux, Willis Lord, Clint Andrews, Todd Morely, Everett Whitten, Ray Davis, Fred Fay, Robert Gobeil, Wendy Carter, John Berry, Jerry Daigle, Cindy Gerry

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Foglio.

APPOINTMENTS:

John Berry offered the town the opportunity to place a 10,000 gallon underground tank on a piece of his property located on Hooper Hill Road to be used for a fire reservoir. His land is posted and insured so he feels that there is no responsibility on his part for liability. Dave Chauvette suggested that written permission from Mr. Berry to the Fire Department would be in order. The Selectmen will discuss this further with the fire Chief.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Senator Courtney reported that MDOT is planning to work on the following roads during the 2006-07 fiscal year: Maintenance paving on Old Alfred Road from Route 4 to Route 5; maintenance paving on Route 5 beginning at Route 4 and continuing to Clarks Bridge Road; maintenance paving on the Newfield Road from Route 11 to just past the Waterboro town line; and West Road from the Hamilton Brook Bridge (replacing a culvert) and highway repairs.

The Parks and Rec Department has applied for a grant from the Lakes Environment Association grant. An amount between \$1,000 to \$2,000 is available to help support boat inspections on Little Ossipee Lake. This would be the third consecutive year that the town has sponsored this program.

Lake Arrowhead Community has submitted a grant request for \$6,500 for boat inspections and the removal of milfoil.

There will be a boat inspection training class on April 28th at 10:00 at the Town Hall.

The Selectmen, per the charter, are able to accept donations for all town departments. A policy will need to be established regarding donations.

The town is still accepting applications for Fire chief. There are 7 received to date. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

The town's assets have been evaluated and inventoried.

A parade to honor the soldiers returning from the war front will commence on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. The route will begin at the Hannaford store and end at the Town Hall.

Elections will take place on Friday, April 22nd. The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. The Town Meeting will be held at the Massabesic High School on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 10:00 A.M. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Hall.

The state is offering to split the cost of the Building Permit fee for the new school. The Town attorney suggested that the Town accept the offer of \$30,000.00 for the Building permit on the new Middle School. It was suggested that legal fees to try to obtain the entire \$60,000.00 fee would outweigh the remaining \$30,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Woodsome, chairperson of the Transfer Station Committee, presented an overview of the Pay Per Bag program under consideration. He reported that many options were originally reviewed, but that this Pay as You Throw program has worked successfully in most other towns and has resulted in considerably higher percentage of recycling. Commercial haulers would require clients to use the specially printed recycling bags in order to use our Transfer Station. If haulers do not require their clients to recycle, the companies will need to dump directly to the disposal company of their choice, but would not be allowed to dispose of the loads at the Waterboro Transfer Station. The same arrangements would be made with businesses in town. The recycling containers will still be available for users who wish to deposit their glass, paper, plastics etc. at no charge. There will be several Public Hearings to answer questions and offer suggestions on the new recycling program. Materials brought in for recycling will be sold. Selectman Fay made a motion without specifying the date to take effect that the town goes forward with the Pay Per Bag program at the earliest possible time. This was seconded by Selectman Chauvette with reluctance. Dates of Public information will be forthcoming. It was mentioned that start up costs will be part of a state grant which will be included in a warrant article for this year's Town Meeting. The Charter allows the citizens of Waterboro the opportunity to move a referenda vote to oppose the Pay Per Bag program. Doug called for vote results 3-0-0.

Review of weight slips was postponed until next week.

The service agreement/contract with Commercial Paving was postponed until next week.

Article for the Bobcat/tractor the Transfer Station was delayed until next week.

The warrant will be reviewed prior to the Executive Session this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The state has offered to split the cost of the Building Permit for the construction of the new school, and has proposed paying \$30,000.00. On the advice of the town's attorney, it was suggested to accept this arrangement because the cost of litigation would exceed the cost of the unpaid balance of the building fee. Some discussion was heard on this issue from those in attendance, however, Selectman Foglio called for a vote. Results were 3-0-0 in favor of accepting the \$30,000 from the state.
2. Jerry Daigle, the town's assessor, explained the situation of overtaxing at the last tax bill. A small percentage of property owners have paid their bills in full. To these taxpayers, the offer of a refund or credit will be made. It was suggested by Mr. Foglio that a taxpayer can receive the amount of overpayment if it is requested in writing within 30 days of receipt of the corrected bill, otherwise the overpaid amount will be credited toward the 2006 tax bill. Mr. Daigle indicated that the average over billed amount was in the area of \$60.00. There are about 500 accounts which are affected. Doug made the motion to refund overpaid amount if a written request is received within 30 days of receipt of the revised bill. This motion was seconded and voted 3-0-0.

REVIEW OF THE WARRANT

The referenda questions and articles (with suggested recommendations) appearing on the warrant this year were reviewed. It was noted by Selectman Foglio that the amount is indicated in each article. This figure may be reduced but it cannot be exceeded.

Reminders were read by Selectman Chauvette.

Board signed the warrant for payroll and bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Selectmen met in Executive Session at 9:50 P.M. to discuss a request for hardship abatement. (Title 1 M.R.S.A. SS 405 (6) (C). A decision will be made at the next Selectmen's meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by adjournment was made at 10:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Date _____
