

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 24, 2006**

**ATTENDING:** Evan Grover, Robert Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Don & Nancy Johnson, Larry Jacobsen, Fred Fay, Paul Tebbetts, Ray Davis, Dean Look, Don Boilard, Ralph & Barbara Bowley, Tina Cote, Willis Lord, David Woodsome, Clint Andrews, and Tammy Wells.

Selectman Grover called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag.

**APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 – Opened Public Hearing on the new GA Maximums. Nancy Johnson, GA Administrator explained that the only changes were in Food and Housing and everything else remained the same as last year. Explained that if they don't accept the new numbers from the state they will need to come up with new numbers of their own. Reviewed the changes. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to close the hearing at 7:05 pm. Voted. Passed.

7:15 – Opened the Public Hearing on the Parking & Traffic Ordinance. Discussed suggested changes from the Contract Sheriff. Sheriff is concerned about parking in fire lanes. Selectman Grover suggested cones to prevent parking in areas marked Fire Lane. Selectman Woodsome questioned if our ordinance would cover private property. Larry suggested contacting the state fire Marshall regarding the Hannaford situation. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to close the public hearing. Voted. Passed.

7:30 – Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to sign the Bingo License Renewal for the Lion's Club. Vote 5-0-0.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Reported that the new Chart of Accounts has been set up. There are no budget figures put in yet as the Auditor wants to be involved in putting that information into the computer and has asked for another week extension. All reports are done but again have not budget figures in them.
2. Stated that due to some recent information would request that one of the Executive Sessions be moved forward at this time. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to move forward one Executive Session at this time. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to go into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405 (6) A – Personnel Issue. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 pm. Voted. Passed. Selectman Grover read a statement noting that there was no overpayment of the 05/06 taxes. No one overpaid it was an error on the Assessor's Certificate because of the software. The billing was correct and the auditor has verified that the error was in the software. Will be getting a letter from the software company acknowledging their error.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Fay to sign the liquor license renewal for China City. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Discussed increasing the number of Transfer Station/Recycling Committee members. Dave Woodsome stated that he would like to open this to the general public and run an ad. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Gale to run an ad for members. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Selectman Fay complimented the Road Commissioner on the work done at the end of Roberts Ridge Road making it safer. Fred stated that there will be a new white stop line as well as on the end of Jellerson Road.
4. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to hold a workshop with the Library Building Committee at 6:30 pm next Tuesday then at 7:00 hold a budget workshop. Vote 5-0-0.
5. Discussed the proposal from RHR Smith for a program for our Capital Plans. Selectman Grover stated that he needs more information or at least a demonstration. Selectman Moore stated that for \$10,000 they should bring it to us. Selectman Gale explained that the auditor made a proposal to computerize our Capital Plans but wants to see more information. Nancy explained that part of what he wants to do is already complete; we have a Fixed Assets program already. It was done a couple years ago. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to table. Vote 5-0-0.
6. Discussed Recycling Day. Selectman Grover explained that some ideas were for gift certificates from local businesses and hold activities at the Transfer Station. Discussed a garbage day parade. Need to encourage recycling. Dave Woodsome explained that there will be a meeting at 7 pm on Monday to discuss recycling Day. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Fay that the Board of Selectmen set aside November 11<sup>th</sup> as Recycling Day and with the Transfer Station Committee they set up activities appropriate for the day. Vote 5-0-0. Dave Woodsome invited anyone with ideas to attend the meeting on Monday at 7 pm.
7. Clint read recommendations from the Transfer Station Committee regarding Hollis users. They proposed \$25 per sticker to be sold at their town hall and a \$40 per month charge to the town for recording fees if they want the reports as they did last time. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Gale to follow the recommendations of the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee regarding the use of the Transfer Station by the Town of Hollis. Vote 5-0-0.
8. Discussed the evaluation of the Town Administrator. Selectman Gale stated that at this point all five Selectmen have completed the forms and he has compiled the information and it is in a sealed envelope. At this time they need to determine where we go at this point. Felt it would be most beneficial to the administrator to agree on some basic suggestions on direction. Selectman Fay questioned why he has not had the opportunity to review all the evaluations. Selectman Gale stated that all should be reviewing them all. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Gale to set up an Executive Session on November 7<sup>th</sup> to review the Administrators evaluation. Voted. Passed.
9. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to go to referendum at the April Town Meeting to establish a Charter Commission and elect six members at that time. Selectman Fay stated that he would like to have a week to think about this and

Selectman Grover explained that they just want to set it up to go to referendum. Vote 5-0-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Paul Tebbetts reported that he has looked at North Station and it is in pretty bad shape. Reported that the blocks in the foundation are splitting. Would need to move the building off site to rebuild the foundation and that would not be cost effective. Paul stated that he does not believe you can save the building cost effectively. Did recommend that they remove where the mold is and bleach it and that people should not be spending a lot of time in that building until that is done. Did state that the location is perfect but that is the only good thing about it. Suggested that they explore a metal building. Selectman Gale questioned if they could get people to volunteer to help patch could that get us through temporarily. Selectman Grover stated that the Fire Dept. has volunteers willing to help. Selectman Woodsome stated that the chimney is leaking and Selectman Grover stated that the door is also leaking and there is mold on the exterior walls. Discussed what would be required to expand the building to hold two trucks. Paul stated that if they get the mold out and spray it then he would be happy to go back and do some repairs. Discussed the volunteer insurance and Nancy stated that a list of volunteers names is sent annually for this coverage. If anyone who wants to volunteer is not on that list they will have to be added. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Fay to authorize Chief Bors to get started on some repairs to the building and do as much as possible on a volunteer basis as far as materials and manpower if the insurance agrees. Vote 5-0-0.

## **OTHER**

1. Tina Cote questioned the reports the Finance Committee had requested and Nancy stated that they are in the box in the break room that has been set up for the Finance Committee. Tina reported that their next meeting will be on Wednesday at 7 pm. Discussed their agenda and Selectman Fay stated that when posting their agenda they should include who is on it. Discussed them e-mailing their minutes. Selectman Woodsome stated that once an emailed it becomes a public document and also the home computer becomes public once used for town business.
2. Dave Woodsome reported that the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee voted to change their meeting time. The last Monday of the month will be their regular meeting and possibly the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday if needed. Stated that they need to do something to increase recycling, need to address the drainage and electrical at the Transfer Station and need water and a bathroom. Asked the townspeople to come forward with ideas on recycling. Also stated that they need a letter sent to Hollis and questioned who would do it. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore that Clint handle the letter. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to accept the minutes of 10/17/06 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
5. Selectman Gale requested to bring up Candidates Night and a couple of concerns. Explained that the TABOR part was on a separate tape because he had closed the meeting

and thanked everyone for attending. The Pro-Tabor was present but the anti-Tabor was not. Suggested that they could choose not to show the pro-Tabor or give adequate time to the anti-Tabor and show them together. Otherwise felt that Candidates Night went pretty well. Need to determine who to invite in the future and determine who is actually going to do the invites. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to put on the next agenda and to not play the second tape until we vote on it. Voted. Passed. Selectman Grover discussed Candidates Night and the fact that both sides had not been invited to speak on Tabor. Selectman Fay stated that he would not fool with what happened and just play the tape. Selectman Gale stated that there was never a vote to hear Tabor that evening only an informal discussion and he wants fairness. Cindy and Evan both withdrew their votes as they thought they were voting to put it on this agenda. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to put this issue on this agenda. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome that because both sides were not contacted and that the meeting had been closed to not play the tape. Vote 2-2-1 with Selectmen Grover and Moore opposed and Selectman Fay abstaining. Motion fails. Willis stated that to be fair one should not be played until the other side has a chance. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to contact both sides of the issue and allow each 20 minutes in a presentation format and that it be done by Friday. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Fay abstaining.

Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to go into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. Title 1 § 405 6 (A) 1 – Poverty Abatement and Title 1 § 405 6 (A) – Personnel Issue. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to come out of Executive Session at 9:50 pm. Voted. Passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion for adjournment made at 9:50 p.m.

**SIGNED:**

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Minutes of 10/17/06
2. Abatements
3. China City Liquor License Application

**APPROVED:**

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