

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2006

ATTENDING: Robert Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Pam L'Heureux, Tina Cote, Dave Woodsome, Ralph Bowley, Fred Fay, Scott Young, Clint Andrews, Bob Gobeil, Willis Lord, Don & Nancy Johnson and Ron Perro.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Opened the bids for electrical work at the Transfer Station. Bids as follows: Thomas Electric Inc. - \$34,490.00 for underground and \$12,922.00 for overhead, North Woods Electrical - \$6,900 for overhead plus the cost of CMP, estimate from CMP is \$5,881.49 for overhead and \$7,008.78 for underground, did not bid on underground.

Opened bids for repairs to town hall as follows: Welch – Chose not to bid, L.R. Higgins - \$33,000 for the building repairs and windows and \$13,500 for the air/heat exchange; suggested two heavy duty dehumidifiers at a cost of \$6,250., Built by Adams - \$26,500 which includes 32 windows and the air exchange; S. Searles Construction – Did not bid on the air exchange; bid is \$24,846.31 with labor; Stix Builders - \$56,952 without the air exchange; Great East Builders – single unit replacement windows and screens - \$467 per window, mold window unit - \$882 per unit, sheetrock as needed at \$30 per man hour, electrical at \$45 per man hour, siding - \$378 per square and \$138 per corner and the air exchange for \$11,067.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that they have made some improvements to the video equipment and now the cameras are mounted on the wall so there is no where to hide in the room.
2. Reported that she has handed the budget over to the Finance Committee secretary so she will be putting their binders together for their next meeting.
3. Updates to notebooks will be once a week as a lot of social services are now coming in.
4. Deadline for money articles is January 19th.
5. Working on the warrant but difficult with the new account numbers
6. Next week will have to vote on an addendum to the snowplow contract. There is an increase of \$1,136 due to the roads accepted that the April Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Gale to go with over overhead and North Wood's Electrical for \$6,900 plus CMP. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Gale to authorize Clint to proceed with CMP. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to authorize Nancy to release the funds to CMP for the work.
2. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to accept the bids for consideration on the town hall repairs. Vote 5-0-0.,. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to set up a workshop on December 19th at 6 pm to review the bids. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Discussed the recommendations of the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee. Selectman Fay stated that opening bags is a potentially violent situation and need a plan to protect the employees. Selectman Woodsome stated that most of the employees are older and he didn't want to see them get hurt pulling a bag back out of the compactor. Selectman Fay suggested that if you want to do this you schedule a time and have the Sheriff present. Selectman Woodsome stated that they should also probably check private haulers. Selectman Gale stated that there could be problems when you become trash cops. Really need to continue educating people. Did not feel you should just open people's bags. Don Johnson suggested a slicer that would cut them open when they are thrown into the compactor. Selectman Fay stated that

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they need to work on this one a little, there are personal items that people might object to having exposed to the public. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to support all except #8 and to work on that one. Recommendations as follows: 1) Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Fay to hold Council Meetings every two months starting at in February on the second Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m., 2) To support and enforce recycling; 3) To support the enforcement with regard to misuse of the Household Trash; 4) To require that all town departments recycle and institute a policy, 5) that no personal trash to placed in town rented containers. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to hold a workshop with the Transfer Station Committee on January 11th at 7 pm to discuss the request that the board address abusive actions/behavior by the public and/or employees, the town's power to enforce violations with the present ordinance, the Transfer Station Rules and violations and come up with a plan to do spot checks at the Transfer Station. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to enter into the agreement for the formation of the Southern Maine DPS Advisory Group. Vote 5-0-0.
5. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Fay to enter into the agreement for the integration of York County with DPS-Gray. Vote 5-0-0.
6. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to televise all Selectmen's Workshops. Vote 3-2 with Selectmen Woodsome and Gale opposed. Selectman Woodsome stated that he would like to see other committees televised. Selectman Gale stated that when you say all workshops you have to do them all. Felt that it might hinder some of what comes out of a workshop. Would like to vote on individual workshop at the time you schedule them.
7. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.
8. Discussed the draft policy regarding committees. Selectman Grover stated that he would also like to add behavioral guidelines. Selectman Fay felt they should table until something is written up. Selectman Moore read something that she had written. Nancy stated that they could add this to the committee mission statement which each member signs. Discussed removal of a committee member for inappropriate behavior. Selectman Gale stated that we do have a policy covering the Selectmen and thought it also covered the employees and committee members. Thought that the Selectmen appoint and can also remove. Nancy stated that the Selectmen are covered by their by-laws. Selectmen Gale stated that when you talk moral issues it's all subjective. If a committee feels a member should be sanctioned then it would come to the Selectmen. Selectman Grover stated that he has spoken with Natalie Burns, attorney, at length on this subject. Requested that Nancy check to see if it can legally be part of the mission statement. Discussed recourse when it is a Selectman and Nancy stated that they are elected and the only recourse is recall. Nancy also stated that any complaints should go through the Selectmen's Office so they are logged in. Reviewed the by-laws regarding the Selectmen's behavior in a meeting. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to table. Vote 2-3 with Selectmen Gale, Grover and Moore opposed. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover that the chair contact the attorney regarding this issue. Selectman Gale stated that we have a procedure and need to use it. Suggested a policy that mirrors the policy the Selectmen have. Selectman Grover stated that they need to include a removal clause for committees and Selectman Gale stated that if they wish to contact the attorney for a removal clause he would support that. Selectman Fay stated that he would like any information from the attorney shared and Selectman Grover stated that all information he has received is in the correspondence.. Nancy stated that there is a lot going on in the background. Selectman Fay requested to see the letter from Natalie. Selectman Gale stated that they should be contacting MMA not the attorney. Selectman Woodsome suggested taping all committee meetings and Selectman Moore stated that whenever a quorum of Selectmen are present it should be taped. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore that terminating members should go through MMA and if not a good answer then go to the attorney. Vote 3-0-2 with Selectman Woodsome and Fay abstaining.

OTHER

1. Finance Committee has no meeting until next week so no report.
2. Dave Woodsome reported that all revenue for the Transfer Station go into the general fund, the funds from returnables should be voted to go into fuel assistance. Selectman Grover reviewed the workshop held with the Hollis Selectmen. This will be the first item on next weeks agenda. Selectman Gale stated that putting it into General Assistance and if they don't spend it all then it goes into the general fund. Selectman Woodsome stated that it is not general assistance but fuel assistance for those who fall through the cracks and last year the money went to a local fuel company. Selectman Gale noted concerns of accountability and Nancy Johnson stated that there is accountability. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to put this item on this agenda. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Woodsome that the bottle money to go General Assistance and that it carry over until used. Selectman Moore stated that once it comes onto the town property it goes to the town. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 12/5/06 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
5. Selectman Gale read reminders.
6. Selectman Woodsome reported that they raised \$2,118 at Lakeside on Saturday for the fuel assistance and thanks the Waterboro Association of Businesses for all their help as well as those who donated.
7. Selectman Moore reported that she attended the lunch with Santa at the snowmobile club and that it was very well organized.
8. Selectman Woodsome reported that 37 families have asked for help this Christmas. If anyone needs help the deadline is 12/15.
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Moore seconded by Selectman Woodsome to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Minutes of 11/28/06
2. Abatements
3. Y.C. Juvenile Fire Safety & Intervention Collaborative Agreement

APPROVED:

Date _____
