

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 15, 2008

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Chief Matt Bors, Bob Gobeil, Colin Canning, Scott Bartlett, Eric Tanguay, Wayne Gautreau, Pam L'Heureux, Don & Dianne Holden, Jason L'Heureux, Jack Seery, Brigit McCallum, Ruth Blake, and Clint Andrews.

Meeting called to at 7:02 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott announced that we have a new Contract Deputy, Sean Sanborn replacing Dep. Conger. He started today. Also announced that all state and federal tax forms are available at the library.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Scott Bartlett, F.E.T., explained that they are right on track with what they are doing and the event is scheduled for Sunday, February 17th. Tickets will be on sale this week. Selectman Abbott questioned if we would be able to help with Fish & Game for more coverage and Scott stated that there are always 2-3 wardens, the state biologist and Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs coordinator will all be present. They are working to get an additional warden. Pam L'Heureux explained that her emergency plan does not cover a number of people going through the ice but will be holding a meeting on January 30th at 6:30 at the York County EMA to formulate a plan. Colin offered any help they can give and Pam invited them to attend. Scott suggested contacting the organizer of the Sebago event which Pam will do tomorrow. Selectman Gale questioned posting the ice thickness in various areas and Scott stated that they always recommend that people don't drive on the lake and they fish at their own risk but posting thickness leaves them open to liability. Selectman Abbott explained that the Transfer Station Committee is trying to coordinate with the ATV and snowmobile club to make frequent passes and hand out trash bags. Scott stated that they usually do after the event but could do 2-3 times during the day. Matt expressed concern of emergency response in the event of an accident. Scott stated that they have several certified instructors and several CPR certified at the event. Eric recommended designating an emergency contact on the team for that day to be in direct contact with Pam L'Heureux. Pam offered to supply them with a radio. Matt requested getting together with F.E.T. as a group. Explained that they will be printing brochures making note to remove your trash. They will be doing a pre and a post event inspection of the lake and will support financially an end of season clean up. Selectman Girard stated that she is working with Mike DeAngelis and they will be going out and mapping where shacks are located. Discussed shuttle service and parking at Town Hall, Friendship Park & the Middle School. Discussed parking only on one side of Route 5 for that day and will talk with the Contract Deputy and have him checking camp roads etc. that day. Scott requested that the snow be cleared from the boat launch area. Discussed where to locate the port-a-potties and Don Holden suggested by Camp Laughing Loon as there is a parking area, Selectman Moore offered to allow them to place one by her garage. F.E.T. will be putting all this information on their web-site which is FETINC.net.

REPORTS

A) Town Administrator's Report

1. Reported that Ron Smith will be sending in 1 or 2 people next week to take care of the adjustments and then they can print up to date reports. Will try to schedule a workshop with Ron for Monday, January 28th at 5:00.
2. Reported on her meeting with Biddeford Savings and stated that they are willing to meet with Selectmen but would like to put off to the first of February so they can get some figures together. Scheduled for February 6th at 5:30 p.m.
3. Discussed the off-site backups and would like to set up if the board agrees to the proposal. Selectman Grover stated that it shows no liability if they can't recover. Nancy will check into it.

4. Reported on LD1822 which is a mandate from Augusta requiring all elected officials to take training on the Right To Know Law.
5. Discussed the ice rink and Selectman Girard reported that it is being used.

B) Selectmen's Reports

1. Selectman Girard reported that she and Selectman Gale participated in the interviews for Contract Deputy on Friday and they chose Sean Sanborn who started today.

C) Committee Reports

1. Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to sign abatements and supplementals. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the resignation of Tom Cyr from the Library Board of Trustees with regret. Vote 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Nancy stated that they need an official vote then notices will go out and then sent to a collection agency. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to place on the agenda for the vote. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to allow MRS to proceed with billing and collections. Vote 5-0-0. Selectman Abbott added that there are some that will need to be written off because of the age.
2. Discussed the Inspection Policy and Selectman Girard stated that all businesses will be done annually. There is a self-inspection form that will be going out in February to 200+ businesses. Matt reported that the goal is to do as many as possible every year.. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the inspection policy. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Discussed the Code of Ethics and Selectman Abbott explained that some modifications have been added. Stated that there was a vote in November to accept with modifications so no vote needs to be taken now.
4. Chief Bors explained that Neil Courtney had done a study 10-12 years ago. A portion of that study addressed North Station. Has submitted a proposal at a cost of \$2,800 to refresh just that portion. Matt suggested funding from the \$25,000 appropriated at town meeting. Selectman Abbott reviewed the original study. Selectman Girard noted that hiring a professional removes the emotion from this issue. Matt stated that it would still leave \$17,200 for planning and/or land acquisition. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to place it on the agenda to vote for Neil Courtney to do a study for \$2,800. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Grover to authorize Chief Bors to work with Neil Courtney to refresh the study on the North Station portion of the study with the \$2,800 from the North Station Building Fund. Matt questioned a time frame and they agreed March 1st was reasonable. Vote 5-0-0.
5. Discussed adding the D7 to the contractor rates instead of going out to bid each time. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to add the D7 to the rates at \$135.00. Selectman Grover suggested reviewing this every couple months. Selectman Abbott agreed it could be reviewed periodically and Selectman Girard felt annually should be enough. Selectman Grover stated that they seem to only use one contractor when there are others out there. Vote 5-0-0. Discussed the snowplow contract going out to bid this year.
6. Discussed the issues at the Library and Selectman Abbott stated that he is not sure a temporary fix is the proper fix. If we can get through the next 5 or 6 weeks then need to look at a permanent fix. Selectman Grover stated that they would need to virtually rebuild this building that is inadequate and then want to build a new \$2.4 million library. Selectman Gale stated that they have the donation of land, \$65,000 of grant money and many donations so can't go back so they will have a new library. Pam L'Heureux

noted that there is asbestos in the basement of that building. Selectman Abbott felt they need to bring everyone in who's been involved over the past number of years. Selectman Girard didn't see us abandoning the building and it will be a library for the next 3-4 years so need to fix the roof. Selectman Abbott stated that this needs to be on the warrant and then will have until next winter to actually make the repairs. Jack Seery stated that in the fall of 2008 they will have a better idea on where they are with fundraising. Selectman Abbott stated that Steve Searles will give estimates on the roofing project and insulating the building. May not have to raise anything but need to appropriate. Selectman Grover stated that they need to make sure the complete project is covered and we're not coming back later to do something else because it was overlooked. Selectman Abbott stated that they will need to make sure there is something on this town meeting to take care of this.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Grover to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the minutes of 1/8/08 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Moore abstaining.
3. Selectman Abbott read reminders

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commercial Paving Contract for woody debris
2. Poster contest winners at 7:00
3. Discuss someone to fill in for the administrator when she is out
4. Snow day policy – to align the different policies
5. Discussed rescheduling the office layout workshop. Agreed that on January 29th they will only sign warrants and then hold a workshop as it is the fifth Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 1/8/08
2. Abatements and Supplementals

APPROVED:

Date: _____

