

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**July 15, 2008**

**PRESENT:** TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Jack Seery, Bob Gobeil, Teresa Lowell, Brigit McCallum, Fred Fay, Clint Andrews, Paul Verrell, Paul Kussmann, Debbie Downs, Thomas and Heather Marino.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Selectman Abbott with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Abbott announced that there was a workshop held earlier regarding the Charter Commission. Announced that there will be a run-off election for Water District Trustee between Robert Gobeil and Timothy McCoy on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 2 to 8 pm in the meeting room of the Town Hall Annex.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION**

1. Brigit addressed the board stating that she has been a member of the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee for the past three years and done a lot of research on recycling and EcoMaine and stated that if we reduce, reuse, recycle we will put EcoMaine out of business. Stated that she is not sure she wants to continue on this committee. Looking for a mandate from the board as to where they are to go from here. Selectman Abbott noted the general sentiment of the group last night was pretty much the same, where to go from here.
2. Teresa Lowell addressed the board regarding the fireworks on Saturday night. Stated that Middle Road was reduced to a one lane road and emergency vehicles would not be able to get through. Requested that next year it be posted as no parking for the event. She was not sure if it affected any other side roads but requested that the board critique the event as they did the fishing derby. Discussed the mass gathering ordinance and questioned if that applied. Stated that she would like to see this on an upcoming agenda for discussion.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Nothing to report.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

1. Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Selectman Abbott stated that he would like to put a working group together in a workshop for long range planning on the roads. Selectman Grover stated that he would like to define what a capital plan is and would like to understand the process and criteria that they use in determining the priority of these roads. Paul Kussmann stated that in the goal setting they should be specific in what their priorities are and set the priority in terms of objective goals. Each road has it's own standard and the goal should be to bring all town roads up to standard in the next 10-15 years. Selectman Gale stated that they should set up questions that they would like the Road Review Committee to answer. Will meet on August 13<sup>th</sup> with the Road Review Committee at their next regular meeting. Will send some type of communication to the

committee and explain what was discussed this evening. Also wish to include Tom Ursia in these discussions.

2. Discussed what the cut-off should be on correspondence to be included in the Selectmen's weekly packet of information and agreed that it will be Friday at noon. Discussed if it comes in to an individual should it be public information and Selectman Gale felt that it should be an individual decision if they feel it should be shared. Selectman Grover expressed concern that with the Right To Know Law as a Selectman it should be published and they need to comply with the Right To Know Law. Selectman Gale stated if it comes to town hall than it should be public but if it comes to your home it could be personal but that they need to trust that each will share what needs to be shared.
3. Selectman Abbott stated that now we are through Town Meeting and committed to some repairs so need to start that process going of the roofing and a few other small projects. Selectman Girard stated that if we are going to look at some money through Efficiency Maine, some of those projects require preauthorization. Need to look at the application process and submit that application to see what we can get for matching funds before we take the step of actually doing the work. Selectman Abbott suggested a couple of Selectmen work with the Trustees and look into Efficiency Maine for some matching funds. Selectman Gale announced that he and Jack Seery met with officials of Biddeford Savings Bank and they have authorized giving the building committee of the library \$50,000 payable over a five year period with the conditions that the public support the library meaning that the public pays for a portion of that library and the other condition is that they raise \$500,000 through donations and grants etc. That money is specifically for the construction of the building. Jack thanked them for their generosity. Hoping that others will pick up on that and take it as a model even if the numbers are different. Selectmen Girard and Gale along with Nancy will work with the Trustees. Next meeting of the Trustees if July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Library.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Thomas Marino addressed the board regarding a neighbor living in a camper at the end of his driveway. Stated that they have installed a well, septic and put an addition on all with no permits. They lost the sale of their home because of this. Heather Marino requested a letter from the town stating that this will be resolved to help to save a pending sale. Selectman Abbott stated that some of this is a civil issue and the town can not get involved in that. We will forward all correspondence to our legal counsel and will find out from them what we can provide for a letter. Explained that they have to understand there are different levels of enforcement and the town has been working on it but these things take time. We should be able to come back with an answer as to what we can do within a week.
2. Discussed what has been communicated to DEP regarding the level of Little Ossipee Lake. Town counsel has told us what not to do and they should also write the letter to DEP. Nancy stated that she sent them a letter in December and attached Natalie's letter. Nancy will get with Natalie and work on this.
3. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to go ahead with the phone system upgrade. Selectman Grover explained that this upgrade will cost approximately \$3,000 but will save us \$3,200 the first year and each year after so will pay for itself in the first year. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Discussed the properties up for auction and stated that two have made payment plans before and not followed through so they will be required to pay in full and we will not enter into another payment arrangement with them. Will give them 7 days to pay and mail out the letters of notification tomorrow.

5. Nancy reported that she is working with department heads on saving energy and will set up a workshop with all department heads on this subject.
6. Discussed fuel assistance and Debbie Downs stated that there is a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at York County Community Action to discuss fuel. Nancy Brandt and Nancy Johnson will attend this meeting. Selectman Grover suggested contacting the school for fundraising. Discussed the General Assistance guidelines and the increase in their budget. Discussed ways to help families this winter.

#### **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of 7/8/08 as written. Vote 3-0-2 with Selectmen Gale and Moore abstaining.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

#### **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Committee assignments
2. Business awards
3. Maine Municipal ballot
4. Public Hearings
5. Ossipee Lake level

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

#### **SIGNED:**

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 7/8/08

#### **APPROVED:**

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