

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 22, 2008

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Bob Gobeil, Fred Fay, Tom Ursia, Todd Abbott and Matt Bors.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott announced that the revote for Water District Trustee has been completed and the results were Tim McCoy – 44 and Bob Gobeil 46. Congratulated Bob on his new position.

Announced that on August 9th at 10 am will be the annual tax acquired property auction here in the Town Hall Annex.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Selectman Abbott stated that the posting for the Public Hearing to increase Planning Board Fees had an error so will need to be added to the agenda to reschedule.

7:15 – Selectman Abbott opened the Public Hearing on the Special Amusement Permit for Fraternal Order of Eagles. No comment was offered. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

7:30 – Tom Ursia addressed the board regarding the Rural Road Initiative and explained that it is about to disappear. Stated that this money is for minor collector roads which West Road is. He would like to see Waterboro be one of only three (3) communities south of Harpswell to get these funds. Has met with MDOT and the only road they are interested in is West Road. The total maximum available is \$450,000 and would be a 67% 33% share and anything spent over \$450,000 would be 100% on the town. Explained that this money would do slightly under a mile per the state standards. Felt that potential start up would be as soon as an agreement is signed and the project would take 3+ months to complete. Would strongly encourage the board to consider this. Explained that they do have the latitude to pick the area but must be West Road. Selectman Moore stated that they would need a special town meeting for the funding as it would be \$150,000. Tom explained that they would also need to fund a contingency with the way prices are constantly changing right now. Selectman Abbott questioned Fred if the \$150,000 would be better spent somewhere else in town and Fred stated that there are some very bad areas on that road particularly for school buses. Selectman Abbott stated that we will bring back on next weeks agenda. Selectman Abbott questioned what the trigger points are and Tom explained that they would need a positive vote of the board then an agreement. Not sure if they could walk away from the agreement if the funding wasn't approved by town meeting.

7:45 – Todd Abbott addressed the board for the ATV Club. Reported that they have a replacement building and would like to use the back half of the old building as storage. Would place behind the new building and install a garage door. Felt they could perhaps include this addition in the lease and take care of everything at once. Selectman Abbott stated that they will only need to redefine the layout of the building which would be Appendix A and the lease will be ready to sign. Will put on next weeks agenda.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that July 31st will hold a Dept. Head meeting on zero based budgeting and capital plans. Will probably need to also schedule a meeting with committees and boards that submit budgets.
2. Reviewed her discussion with the attorney on what a public document is and he suggested that the board read chapter 6 of the Municipal Officers Manual for further information.
3. Reported that Natalie Burns has drawn up a letter to Dana Murch of the DEP on the lake level and it has been sent accepting his offer to mediate.
4. Reported that the attorney recommends that the town not provide a letter to guarantee enforcement as requested last week so will send a letter to the Marino's and include the letter from the attorney.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Girard reported that the architect for the library, Frank Oliva, will be making a presentation to the Planning Board on the new library August 20th and that they would like the Selectmen to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Nothing to report

Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to add the Special Amusement Permit for Fraternal Order of Eagles under New Business. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to add discuss/vote on payment arrangements under New Business. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to add under Old Business to schedule a Public Hearing for the increase in Planning Board Fees. Vote 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Don Drew, Darthea Drew and Pete Jordan to the Cemetery Committee. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Willis Lord and David Woodsome to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Benjamin Gilson to the Old Home Days Committee. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Bob Gobeil to the Fair Hearing Committee. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Beth Cyr to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the nominees to the Maine Municipal Board as presented. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Reported that the employees evaluations have been completed and just need to the Selectmen to come in and review. Selectman Gale stated that he has the form for the Administrator's evaluation. Will bring this item back next week.
4. Discussed the request for a tax abatement. Discussed consulting the attorney on this. Motion by Selectman Gale to abate the taxes as requested. Motion fails for lack of a second. Discussed contacting Maine Municipal for a legal opinion and bring back next week.
5. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the special amusement permit for Fraternal Order of Eagles. Vote 4-0-0.
6. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the payment arrangement as presented. Vote 4-0-0. Nancy explained that they have another request for a payment arrangement from someone who failed to pay the last one. They have agreed to pay

2002 and 2003 in full now and 2004 by February 1st and to continue with the payment plan.
Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept providing they pay the two (2) years by Thursday. Vote 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the lake level and Nancy reported that the letter has already been sent.
2. Regarding the business awards Selectman Gale reported that Tom is going to work something up but has been busy and not gotten to it.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to hold the Public Hearing on the Planning Board Fees August 5th. Vote 4-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 7/15/08 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Tax Title Property discussion
2. Executive Session at 6:30.
3. West Road – RRIP
4. ATV Club lease
5. Abatement request
6. Workshop with the Fire Chief at 5:30 on vehicles
7. Goals at 6 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 7/15/08
2. Payment agreement

APPROVED:

Date: _____

