

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 26, 2008

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Frank Allen, Debby Downs, Kelsey Brimmer, Patti Berry, Clint Andrews, Jane Harriman, Bonnie Wickham, Donna Mahoney, and employees of Sullie's.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott announced that WAB is holding a raffle for 1,000 gallons of heating oil or \$3,500 in cash. Tickets may be purchased at Lakeside Market, Waterboro General Assistance Office, Abbott's Power Equipment and Gorham Savings Bank. Drawing will be held in October.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Hearing called to order for Sullie's Liquor License Renewal. Selectman Abbott stated that residents will be allowed to speak and then time permitting non-residents that have information to add. Jane requested that Selectman Grover not be allowed to be in this meeting based on his abstention last year or that he state his reasons for abstaining. Selectman Abbott stated that it only applies to the vote. Selectman Grover stated that he did not vote as he did not feel he had enough information and wanted the neighbors to work together. Bonnie stated that she feels that the rest of the board should abstain as patrons of Sullie's. Bonnie questioned Selectman Girard on what she did to help resolve the issues from last year and was provided with the results. Bonnie also requested that they give her the license with conditions. Stated that she would like Jane to be required to clean up from her patrons, and the hours of operation should be in keeping with a residential area. Requested that Jane paint the fence and jersey barriers and maintain her property. Jane addressed her hours of operation and explained that she has done a lot of soundproofing. Selectman Abbott stated that a year ago everyone agreed to make an effort to work together. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn the hearing. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Called to order the Public Hearing for the Special Amusement Permit for Sullie's. Jane explained that she has acoustic music playing live which stops at 11 pm. Entertainment is Thurs. 5 to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday 8 to 11 pm and Sunday 3 to 6 pm. Bonnie questioned the decibel level and it was explained that we do not have a noise ordinance. Patti explained that it was dropped because we do not have the equipment and decided to leave it to the Sheriff's Dept. Selectman Abbott explained that a noise ordinance is very difficult to enforce and it has to encompass everything so you would include even trucks or motorcycles. Mary Crowley, employee of Sullie's stated that the music is no louder than what you would play in your house. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to close the hearing at 7:40 pm.
3. The 7:30 appointment regarding No Parking Signs by the boat launch cancelled.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Patti reported that she spoke with DOT on Wednesday regarding the signs and they came out on Thursday and picked up a lot of them. Selectman Abbott stated that Glen Willette came into last week's meeting and clarified a lot. Patti stated that the state law does not give the town authority to remove the signs and the key is communication.

Board of Selectmen's Report

1. Selectman Girard reported that one of their goals is a comprehensive road inventory so she has been working with the Road Review Committee and they are very excited. Frank Allen and

Dustin Holden will be putting the traffic counter around town, will be doing training with MDOT on Sept. 5th and will start the inventory immediately after the training. The goal is to complete the inventory by mid-November. Frank explained that per Dwayne Morin they get traffic counts without a traffic counter so will be looking into this further.

Committee Reports

1. Clint reported that we will be getting three (3) containers for recycling but they can not be behind the school, they must be available to the public. Stated that the town will lose a considerable amount of money. Will put this on next weeks agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept Sullie's Liquor License request. Selectman Grover asked that Jane just try to work with the residents. Patti reported that there was a safety inspection and Jane complies and that the parking lot issue has been resolved and she is completely in compliance. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to grant the Special Amusement Permit. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to send the letter presented by Selectman Abbott responding to a complaint. Selectman Grover stated that he would like them to reconsider. Stated that a couple years ago there was a similar situation with a different legal opinion. Selectman Gale stated that there are similarities but also differences. Selectman Girard quoted from the personnel policy which states that committee members are exempt from the personnel policy. Selectman Gale stated that this situation is very different from the one a couple years ago. Selectman Grover stated that he doesn't feel it's in the best interest of the board to get involved, felt we should just stated that we received the complaint and investigated and leave it at that. Vote 3-2-0 with Selectmen Moore and Grover opposed. Will redate the letter and send.
4. Selectman Abbott stated that if there is to be any vote in November on Charter changes we are running out of time. Discussed the changes. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to put to change the voting day and to change number of committee members and requirements to referendum vote. Vote 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance and Selectman Abbott explained that Ken Cole could write an opinion on mobile homes but it would be 5 or 6 pages long. Stated that most communities handle mobiles homes as taxable property so recommended leaving it as written. Scheduled the public hearing for September 16th.
2. Fred not present and want to know who owns the property that this ditch runs through. Will move to next week.
3. Discussed purchasing laptops for the Board of Selectmen. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore pending ROI and funding mechanisms. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Discussed the amount for the Special Town Meeting and Selectman Gale suggested going with the \$200,000 to allow for any cost overruns. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to go with the warrant option for \$200,000. Vote 5-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 8/19/08 as written. No vote.
3. Signing Eagles game of chance license moved to next week.

4. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Silver bullet's and invite Willis
2. Eagles game of chance license
3. Executive Session – Draft of administrator's evaluation at 6:30
4. Friendship Park ditch

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 8/19/08
2. Concealed weapon application

APPROVED:

Date: _____
