

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 18, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to go into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 §405 (6) (A) for a Personnel Issue at 6:29 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to come out of Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Jack Seery, Ruth Blake, Dep. Sanborn, Bob Gobeil, Chief Bors, Dep. Chief Bennett, Lt. Archer, Brigit McCallum, Joe Wagner, Fred Fay, Willis Lord, Clint Andrews, Ann Fischer, and Ken Nelson, Firewise Specialist.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with the pledge of allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Dep. Sanborn reported that he had been dealing with a lot of bad checks but that seems to be calming down some but burglaries are on the rise. Reported that Asian Taste was broken into and they stole the cash register but do have it on tape. Discussed putting the picture on the town's web-site and he stated that they are working on that. Reported that there were an equal amount of thefts in September and October, 17 each month but there have been a reduction in car burglaries because more people are locking their vehicles. Reported that a shoplifter stole a cart load of groceries from Hannaford but they have the license plate, a NH registration, and will be arresting them.

Chief Bors reported that they have been working for several months on the Firewise USA program and a ceremony was held this morning in Lake Arrowhead, Waterboro is the first Firewise community in Maine. Introduced Ken Nelson who did a small powerpoint presentation explaining the program and congratulated the Waterboro Fire Dept. on their hard work and accomplishment at becoming the first in the state. Stated that there are two in Massachusetts and one in New Hampshire so relatively new to this area. Chief Bors also presented a book and DVD to Ruth for the Library.

REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report

1. Reported that the Motor Vehicle Agent did a comparison on excise tax since 2004 and it is decreasing. Also did a comparison on rapid renewal since it began in 2004 with only 4 participants and is up to over 800 last year and still increasing.
2. Reported that Tom met with Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission and has obtained three to four traffic counters for us to use and they should be in place shortly.

Selectmen's Reports

1. Selectman Girard reported that the Road Review Committee has completed the inventory on roads. Stated that this was a huge undertaking and also that it was a Selectmen's goal which they did for them. Also reported that they had a resident attend their last meeting with concerns about the West Road. The committee will be looking into it and should be coming before the Selectmen in the next couple of weeks.
2. Selectman Gale reported that the Route 202 Corridor Committee met last night before the 12 Town Group. Held some discussion on forming a Route 5 committee and Selectman Gale explained that they did include from the intersection by Hannaford to Townhouse Road as part of the 202 committee. Will be meeting again in January. At the 12 Town Group meeting last night they discussed several issues that will be voted on by referendum in 2009, retraction of the school consolidation bill, Tabor II and reducing excise by 40% which would

be great for individuals but would cost the town over \$400,000 in revenue. Discussed the jail budget and the county, stated that the jail is running at about a \$700,000 deficit.

Committee Reports

1. Clint reported on the meeting he and Willis had with Kevin Roche of EcoMaine last Friday. EcoMaine is currently servicing 32 towns for a total population of 240,000 people. Kevin will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on December 2nd to discuss all this but reviewed what has happened to the recycling since July. In July they were getting \$114 per ton for cardboard and today they are getting \$0 to \$7.50 per ton and paper is -\$10 per ton. He does not want towns to start burning or throwing into the compactor but to just continue sending to them and things should turn around in 6 to 8 months. They are charging the towns that do not have single stream \$20 per ton and those with single stream pay nothing which is going to cost us about \$564 per month but would cost about \$2,000 per month if we put it in the compactor to go to the burner as we pay \$88 per ton tipping fee. When Kevin comes on Dec. 2nd he will be bringing a document and possibly their attorney and asking any town that does not have flow control to adopt this document. Also reported that they have 12 silver bullets which we can pick up anything but the school has to put out where they are visible and open to public use. Discussed a meeting with the school regarding this as well as the fluorescent bulbs which we have not been charging them for. We will have to pay the hauling costs and the revenue generated goes to EcoMaine. Kevin also questioned if the workshop would be televised and Selectman Abbott stated that we will let him know.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to add the cable franchise extension as item #2 under New Business. Vote 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the abatements as recommended by Jerry. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to extend the current franchise agreement until March 2009. Vote 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the petition presented by the residents of Old Alfred Road and agreed that we need more data before doing anything. Selectman Grover will make some contacts and try to get that information. Will bring back in a week or two.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the Municipal Purchasing Policy. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Discussed whether or not to hire R.L. Fulmer Roof Consultants to do a roof inspection at the library. Selectmen Moore and Grover didn't feel it is necessary to hire someone to do this. Selectman Grover stated that he had someone call him the night the previous bids were opened and offered to write the specs at no charge. Others agreed that it should be done correctly and by having this company do what has been proposed will know the extent of the work prior to putting out to bid. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to go with R. L. Fulmer Roof Consultants to perform a comprehensive forensic roof inspection and to provide a contractor qualification statement and bid specification document. Vote 3-2-0 with Selectmen Moore and Grover opposed.
4. Discussed the major changes proposed by the attorney in the ordinance which are that the town would not need to wait for three mature tax liens and that it does not dictate when the auction will be held or even that it will be by auction so adds flexibility. Discussed Section 2 which states "sales may be by public auction, sealed bid or by other commercially reasonable method". Felt it should perhaps read "should be auctioned off at an annual auction or by sealed bid and remove the "other commercially

reasonable method". Think that it should also state as auction first then by sealed bid. Will check with the attorney and bring back next week to schedule the public hearing.

5. No working plans available this week.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 11/4/08 as written. Vote 3-0-2 with Selectmen Grover and Gale abstaining as they were not present at the meeting. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of 11/10/08 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Moore abstaining as she was not present at the meeting.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Schedule workshop with Old Alfred Road residents
2. Schedule Public Hearing for Tax Acquired Property Ordinance
3. Payroll Policy
4. Workshop with Carthage Lumber at 5 pm
5. Overview of Revenue/Expense Accounts

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 11/4/08 & 11/10/08
2. Abatements

APPROVED:

Date: _____

