

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
November 25, 2008

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Clint Andrews, Markus Steelgrave, Julie Bayley, Michelle Fournier and Frank Allen.

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

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Markus requested that something be done about the speed on Roberts Ridge Road. Suggested a couple of speed tables to slow the vehicles down. Stated that the Sheriff can write tickets, and does, but he can not sit there around the clock. Discussed reducing the speed limit to 25. Need to have a discussion about this with the Road Review Committee, Road Commissioner and Sheriff.
2. Julie Bayley spoke on behalf of herself and Michelle Fournier and explained the problems she has encountered regarding a change of use request for property at 1579 Goodwins Mills Road. Stated that the communication has been very vague and she is frustrated. Explained that she has been through the Planning Board, site plan review and no denial. Stated that they started this process in February 2007. Requesting some clear, precise direction at this point. They feel that businesses are being discouraged. It was explained that the Board of Selectmen have no influence over zoning but do have some oversight over committees. They will need time to digest all the information they were given. Selectman Girard explained that they are looking at an update to the checklist so that things do flow smoother in the future.

REPORTS

Town Administrator's Report

1. Reported on a meeting earlier with the Town Planner, Tom Ursia and Chris Laroche of York County Community Action regarding a program available to the town and the paperwork has been sent to Augusta for the town to participate. Heard back in eight minutes that the town has been accepted for participation. Explained that there will be \$616,000 available to be used to recondition homes that have been repossessed in Waterboro. The town would use the money to buy a home from the bank, refurbish it and sell for no profit. As homes are sold the money goes back to buy another home. Selectman Grover stated that he has discussed with the Code Enforcement Officer and Town Planner a change and/or ordinance requiring banks to maintain foreclosed property to a certain level. Announced that York County Community Action, Chris Laroche, are also working to help people avoid foreclosure. Can call at 324-5762 with questions or to make an appointment to speak with someone.

Selectmen's Reports

1. Selectman Girard reported that General Assistance had 12 requests from families for help with Thanksgiving and all were adopted. Discussed the need at Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Scheduled the Public Hearing for the repeal of the Purchase Order/Payment Ordinance for December 16th at 6:30 p.m.
2. Discussed the revenue/expense report. Selectman Gale expressed concern over the roads such as paving and culverts. Need to discuss no expenditure other than an emergency. Selectman Abbott felt they should collectively sit down and figure out how they are going to get through to the end of the year. Will hold a meeting with the Road Commissioner next week to formulate a spending plan for the rest of the year. Will invite the Road Review Committee to participate. Also

discussed setting up a meeting with Matt & Lisa regarding the account we are using for funding purchases. Should also discuss collections with them. Will put expense/revenue discussion back on the last agenda in December. Selectman Girard felt the new Superintendent should come and introduce himself. Should also discuss how they are going to cut \$60,000 per month from their budget. Discussing having at least one director attend each Council Meeting. Discussed a workshop with the Board of Selectmen, Superintendent and Directors.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Scheduled a workshop for December 10th at 6:30 with the residents of Old Alfred Road and will also include Tom & Patti.
2. Scheduled a Public Hearing for the amended Tax Acquired Property Ordinance for December 16th at 6:45 p.m.
3. Discussed the Municipal Purchasing Ordinance. Selectman Grover felt it should go to bid over \$2,500 not \$7,500. Stated that he thought this was changed in the Ordinance in February. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to table until next week. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Discussed the Contract Zoning communications plan and that Tom will be the focal point but need to make it very clear that the process starts and ends with the Board of Selectmen. Discussed the flow chart presented by Nancy and putting it all to paper so that this can be the bible through the process. Selectman Abbott stated that any written communications going to this organization should come from the attorney. Nancy and Tom will clarify the steps in the process and bring back.
5. No working plans available this week.
6. Selectman Gale was to write a procedure for handling complaints. Also were to differentiate between committee members and employees. Selectman Gale will work on it.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the minutes of 11/18/08 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Discussed a letter to committee chairs regarding Council Meeting. Selectman Abbott suggested that the Selectmen take the lead and give an overview of the condition of the town then can do a letter.
4. Selectman Abbott read reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Meeting with the Road Commissioner
2. Purchase policy
3. Will hold a workshop after the meeting next week regarding the Contract Zoning Communications plan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 11/18/08

APPROVED:

Date: _____
