

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 16, 2008

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Frank Allen, Mike DeAngelis, Chief Matt Bors, bob Gobeil, Fred Fay and Joe Wagner.

Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Selectman Abbott.

APPOINTMENTS

6:30 – Opened Public Hearing for the repeal of the Purchase Order/Payment Ordinance. Selectman Abbott explained that they have adopted a policy instead of this ordinance so need to remove this from the books so there is only one document to go by. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to close the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

6:45 – Selectman Abbott called to order the Public Hearing to amend the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance. Selectman Abbott explained the changes. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to close the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

7:00 – Appointment did not show

7:15 – Tom Dubois representing Carthage Lumber and Jim Katsificas, attorney with Perkins Thompson also representing Carthage Lumber. Tom explained that they are trying to establish who holds ownership of all green space within the sub-division. They would prefer to disassociate themselves that that. Selectman Abbott stated that all negotiations should be with the town and it will be up to them if they choose can then turn over to the Land Trust. Tom explained that they are holding a public meeting tomorrow evening at Lakeside Community Church in North Waterboro at 6:00 p.m. Stated that they need to know what the towns issues are so they can take them back to Carthage. Explained that they understood that the town wanted large parcels so every lot is 11 acres or more. They are looking at doing this in two phases and currently for them it's the growth permit issue. Explained that the project is market driven so until the lots are sold on one street they won't be building another but will lay out a concrete building plan. Stated that they will only be selling lots and there will be covenants on the deed restricting the type of structure that can be built. Jim explained that he has been working with the towns attorney who provided him with a sample contract so he will finish it and get a draft to the town. Selectman Gale stated that he would like to see a greenbelt along the river. Tom stated that they are meeting with Saco River Corridor commission tomorrow.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Mike reviewed what has happened over the last few days with the ice storm and stated that Lake Arrowhead Community opened their clubhouses and offered showers, water and overnight if needed. Stated that this will be available whenever there are significant power outages. Reported that he had to cancel basketball on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Will get back to it on Thursday and have the awards and pizza party on Saturday to wrap it up. Announced that Holiday Fun Camp is coming up over the Christmas vacation. Stated that the Snowmobile Club was very helpful throughout the ice storm opening their building and providing food to those in the shelter. Stated that this was a very good learning experience. Also reported that Lakeside Community Church was also very helpful, on Sunday night fed 50 to 60 people. Selectman Gale announced that Town Hall will always be open when there is a significant power outage and someone there will always be able to direct them to the services they need.
2. Dep. Sanborn reported that there are some scams going around the most recent is targeting people in need of generators. They sell you a generator for up to \$750 stating that you will receive a FEMA certificate to get a refund on your purchase. There is no FEMA certificate and you are left with an inferior generator. Will put the full public service announcement on our web-site. Reported that it is

averaging 8 burglaries per month and so far this month at 5. Had several break-ins to camps where they are stealing electronics etc. then destroying the camp. Motor vehicle burglars are ongoing and again urged everyone to lock their vehicle. Reported on a case of shoplifters caught and upon intercepting them at their home discovered 215 pot plants and about \$30,000 in stolen merchandise in their garage. Crime clearance rate for October for York County Sheriff's came back at 48%, state average is 20% and national average is in the high teen's. Reminded people to not hire anyone to shovel your roof unless you know them and that it is against the law to plow or snowblow snow into the road. Also noted that Chief Bors was very professional and handled things very well during the ice storm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced that if anyone knows of someone who needs help with toys for Christmas to please contact Nancy Johnson. Stated that most of the town has power back. Selectman Moore stated that the Fire Dept./Rescue were so good over the weekend, they even helped an elderly lady to connect her generator and she was very impressed. Chief Bors stated that we have a 12 hour event coming with up to 6 inches of snow, this may cause more branches to come down so be careful. Also stated that when things like the ice storm occur, there is always someone at the Fire Dept. and they always know what's going on so can always call there for information.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to add an update on the Old Alfred Road as item #7 under Old Business. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to add Town Office holiday schedule as item #8 under New Business. Vote 4-0-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she received the new pocket calendars printed correctly and will be giving them out to all committees.
2. Reported that the forms from the ice storm have been forwarded to EMA. Total at this point is approximately \$260,000.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Gale reported that the 12 Town Group did not meet last night, their next meeting is the 3rd Monday in January. Also reported that the Route 202 Corridor meeting will precede the January meeting.
2. Board thanked Fred and Tommy for all their hard work and keeping the roads clear.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Patti reported on enforcement issues that she has been dealing with and brought the board up to date on where they stand. Stated that she may be coming to them for legal action on one of the items. Agreed to do quarterly updates.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to repeal the Purchase Order/Payment Ordinance. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to amend the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance as proposed. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Scheduled a workshop with the Finance Committee on January 14th. Will hold a workshop on Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 with Fire Dept., Road Commissioner and EMA to discuss emergency procedures. Will add to agenda on January 13th to discuss where the budgets are at the half year point.
5. Selectman Gale reported that he has completed a basic outline for the Planning Dept. operations manual and given a copy to Tom and Patti to review. They will be making recommendations and then will move forward from there. Can bring back again in January.
6. Discussed snowplow contracts and agreed that Fred makes the call on when sanding and/or plowing takes place. Fred stated that the dirt roads aren't solid yet so it makes it very difficult to plow. Chief Bors expressed a great deal of concern over the parking lot plowing and very limited sanding. Questioned if the contractor knows what our expectations are and all agreed that there have been several

conversations with him making it very clear. With a storm coming tonight should know if he is going to fulfill the contract. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale that if after tonight's storm the work is not satisfactory that Nancy act on the boards behalf and send a letter as outlined in the contract. Vote 4-0-0.

7. Discussion on emergency planning has already been taken care of.
8. Agreed that payroll will be signed on Monday for the next two weeks because of the holidays and that payroll will be due on Friday for both weeks. Agreed that we will hold a regular Selectmen's Meeting next Tuesday. All agreed that the staff will work on Friday after Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the working plan to promote the spirit of volunteerism and to encourage participation on town committees presented last week by Selectman Grover as a work in progress. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Discussed the request from the Lion's for reclaim material. Fred said that first should wait to see what the weather does but that they can have the material if they want to hire someone to haul it for them. Can have Tommy load it for them. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to allow them to have the material but they will have to haul it at their own cost. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Sherwood Drive is currently on hold as there has been no request to the board but do have the information ready when one does come in.
4. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the formal complaint procedure policy as corrected by the attorney. Vote 4-0-0. Selectman Gale stated that all employees should have a chance to review and should meet with department heads. This should also go out to all committees and boards as they are included in this. Discussed the Selectmen attending committee meetings. Selectman Abbott felt that they can present to those committees that they participate in.
5. Discussed the speeding issue in town. Selectman Gale suggested law enforcement focus on these spots intensely a week at a time. Selectman Girard suggested sending a letter to the Sheriff requesting he apply for a speed grant for Waterboro. Discussed using the speed trailer. Selectman Girard will draft a letter and have on next weeks agenda.
6. Questioned Representative Wagner on forecasting or some tools the state may have to help us project. He will check into it and get back to us.
7. Selectman Abbott gave an update on the meeting last Wednesday with the residents of Old Alfred Road. We will send out postcards to everyone on Old Alfred Road asking for information current and historical. Fred and the Road Review Committee are to look at ditches and culverts and see if ditching would help, look at cost and look at surface water issues.

OTHER

1. Chief Bors explained that at the end of the month our contract is up with DPS. At this point they have not sent out a new contract. He does not believe they will stop dispatching and would like to wait at this point to see what they do.
2. Selectman Moore stated that the Finance Committee has 4 members now and they need a secretary. Nancy stated that she is waiting for the board to review the job description. Selectman Girard stated that they need to make sure the job description doesn't need to be changed and then advertise. After more discussion agreed to run an ad for the position with the current job description.
3. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of 12/9/08 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
5. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Meeting on Thursday at 6 pm re: emergency preparedness

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 12/9/08
2. Concealed weapon applications

APPROVED:

Date: _____
