

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 26, 2010

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Dave Lowe, Bob Gobeil, Doug Foglio, and Atty. Ken Cole.

Selectman Abbott opened Selectmen's Meeting at 6:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott announced that John Sylvester is trying to schedule a meeting of Selectmen of the 6 towns within R.S.U. 57 at 4 pm on Monday at the Alfred Town Hall for the towns to come up with a statement of position regarding the budget and the increase specifically.

APPOINTMENTS

Atty. Cole presented information on TIF's (Tax Increment Financing). Explained that it is a method by which it's still taxable, the town collects the actual taxes but can book that tax in a number of ways, for example; for public improvements or a credit enhancement agreement. Reason to do it, has to be in a blighted area (at least 25% needs some type of redevelopment, has to be for industrial/commercial development, only so much of town and valuation in it, has to be approved by DECD and the agreement also has to be approved by DECD. Inducement to do that is that if you take in \$10,000 in additional money half goes to state and county but if you do this it's off the books which would include exclusion from LD1 so all those dollars go to that account. You get to keep all the money to use in that development. An agreement usually goes for 20 to 30 years. These have been very successful. Once approved it is grandfathered even if the legislature changes the criteria. There is no direct tax relief to the residents but indirectly it will eventually but does benefit in terms of job creation etc. Stated that you can start the process by defining a development district. Explained that you can have multiple contracts within the district. Doug questioned if there could be an industrial sub-division without boundaries and if once you created at TIF can that go to offset a second business in the same park. Ken stated that you could avoid lots by creating a condominium site and there may be a way but not sure how. To answer the second question you are basically using the money from the first to fund the second.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Noted that the workshop on Saturday was very productive. Selectman Abbott stated that on Thursday they will continue on. Selectman Littlefield felt it might be very beneficial to have those sessions from time to time just for sharing of ideas. Selectman Girard stated that the policy passed by the board was that every 4th Tuesday would be a workshop for that purpose. Selectman Gale suggested every 5th Tuesday and then quarterly.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to add setting a workshop day under Old Business Item #2. Vote 4-0-0.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT

No report from the Fire Dept. as they are off fighting a fire.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Doug presented them with Exhibit B. Selectman Girard stated that she is an officer of the Land Trust and wants to make sure this is not a conflict. Selectman Gale stated that it is not tied to any personal gain. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept Selectman Girard's participation in the vote. Vote 3-0-1 with Selectman Girard abstaining. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the quit claim deed to the Land Trust. Vote 4-0-0. Doug stated that they have to be signed and recorded in a specific order, Quit Claim Deed with covenant from Town to Land Trust must be signed first, then Conservation Easement then assignment of lease is signed last. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the conservation easement and right of first refusal on the property of the Waterboro Land Trust. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale for the assignment of lease to the tower over to the Land Trust be signed. Vote 4-0-0. Doug will get these recorded in the morning.
2. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to approve the abatements and supplemental's as recommended by the Assessing Agent. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the Parks & Rec. Ordinance as amended and revised by the attorney. Vote 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield that the request for a street light be denied based on the report by the Fire Chief and Deputy. Stated that it is dark there but also other parts of town as well. Selectman Littlefield stated that he can not support the request based on our current ordinance. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Discussed meeting with dept. heads on the budget. Scheduled a workshop for Saturday, February 6th at 8 am.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Littlefield 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 Littlefield to accept the minutes of 1/19/10 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.
4. Selectman Girard stated that she would be interested to hear from the Planning Board on why they didn't attend the meeting as requested. Selectman Abbott agreed to write a note to them.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Committee Involvement
2. Training Proposal
3. Staff training

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion of parking situation for Feb. 14th – What roads are to be posted
2. Report from Dep. Sanborn

3. Transfer Station Committee – Include D & E
4. Water District Trustees

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 1/19/10

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
