

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 2, 2010

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Bob Gobeil, Willis Lord, Jon Tufts, Dean & Denise Waterhouse, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Tina Cote, Dep. Shawn Sanborn, Austin Gammon and Tom Ursia.

Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) for a Personnel Issue at 5:31 p.m. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to come out of Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

Meeting opened by Selectman Abbott at 6:12 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Selectman Abbott announced that citizens will start seeing the brochure put out by the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee on recycling and encouraged everyone to recycle.
2. Selectman announced that there has been one identified case of animal rabies in the town and information is available to create awareness about rabies.

APPOINTMENTS

Jon Tufts addressed the board regarding two grants available for the Safe Routes to School program. There is one available that would fund at 80% and one available that would fund at 100%. The Road Review Committee is in the process of filling out the application and did a tentative plan. There is only \$444,000 available so have broken the project into sections and prioritized. Were given a questionnaire and don't feel they are qualified to answer most of the questions, will need some professional help. Reported that the town standards for sidewalks are in excess of 25 years old. Would need to be designed to federal standards. This project will be done in five (5) phases and all has to be within 2 ½ miles of the school. Selectman Girard stated that we did not utilize all the funds from the West Road project so perhaps could use that for the engineer as we don't have much time. Tom stated that we have less than 90 days to file the application and we do have a chance to succeed. Explained that they can't use the West Road money as it needs to go through town meeting. Tom felt they would need a minimum one day of support from an engineer and this project will require crosswalks. Could probably not be successful with priorities 4 and 5 as currently labeled. Discussed a per diem engineer but explained that they need to make a decision on the engineer first before proceeding further. Discussed a special town meeting and Nancy stated would take 3-4 weeks to hold a special town meeting. Discussed the engineering and Tom felt they should be able to do it for not to exceed \$1,000. Explained that there will be a lot of benefit even if we don't succeed. Selectman Abbott stated that he would like to see a more formal proposal then can put on an agenda for a vote. Will bring back in two weeks.

Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to move up committee report as the Sheriff is on duty. Vote 4-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Dep. Sanborn thanked the Selectmen for their support last fall during the layoff crisis. Reported that he has been extremely busy since returning. In 2009 the total calls to the Sheriff's Dept. for Waterboro were 3,954, Arundel – 3,074, Lebanon – 1,878, Limington – 941, Hollis – 1,457 and Dayton/Lyman – 1,894. Waterboro was #1 in York County for the area the Sheriff's Dept. covers. Reviewed some of the calls since his return and reminded everyone to lock your car doors. Reviewed calls since the first of the year. Stated that he is looking for Michael Rowe who is 5' 4", 140 lbs driving a maroon Ford Taurus, he has written over \$1,000 in bad checks to Lakeside & Merrill's combined. Reminded everyone not to park in the Fire Lane at Hannaford, that is for emergency vehicles only. Have had a number of residential burglaries on Water Lily Lane. Have had several

reports of altering prescriptions. Also reminded that there are 14 sex offenders either living or working in Waterboro. Selectman Abbott thanked him for reporting and stated that we are all glad to have him back.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Public Works Dept. had asked that people be reminded that any cones and barrels that are out there are there for a reason and to please not remove them. They are there to mark potholes and people are removing them or throwing them into the woods. Please leave them and do not remove.
2. Reported that preliminary work on the warrant for town meeting has begun.
3. Held a very productive Dept. Head meeting last Thursday and worked on the training which will include safety all in one package.
4. Reported that Efficiency Maine will be having more funds available and noticed in their last round they gave out grants for energy audits so have passed on to Tom and will look into that.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

1. Selectman Girard reported that last week the Economic Development Committee had two guest speakers, Brian Doyle from Community and Economic Development as well as Phil Savignano who is a senior tourism officer with the office of tourism. They suggested anyone interested should watch the tape of the meeting as it was very informative. They gave the office of tourism information on resources available within the town.
2. Selectman Littlefield reported on a call he received from Mrs. Hamilton regarding extensive flooding. Felt they should perhaps discuss this further. Selectman Girard stated that we had the state down to look at it a year ago and they were going to address it and Pam L'Heureux stated that it will be dependant on funding. Stated that it looks like there will be a lot of mitigation money available this year. Discussed holding a workshop on the storm next week.
3. Selectman Gale reported that heard some concern about the amount of debris left on the lake. There is also a cooker on the beach. Selectman Girard noted that F.E.T. hired people to clean up after the derby. A lot of this is probably from the ice shacks that have just been pulled off. Selectman Littlefield stated that there is still one shack out there and not sure how they will get it off now.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to approve the partial payment waiver. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the resignation of Pam Fay from the Library Board of Trustees and thanked her for all her work. Vote 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectman Abbott explained that there is commercial waste and commercial haulers. The recommendation from the Transfer Station Committee is that we no longer pay for waste hauled directly to EcoMaine. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the transfer station committees recommendation for the town not to pay for waste hauled directly to EcoMaine as of July 1, 2010. Selectman Littlefield stated that he would be supportive so long as it's fair and equitable across the board. Selectman Girard stated that she is disappointed with EcoMaine in that what they are going to charge commercial haulers to haul in. They have to pay a higher rate because we are an owner. Doesn't feel EcoMaine is being fair with some of their practices. Dean stated that Kevin Roche made the statement that he didn't care how it got there as long as it got there. Discussed at length the equity issues but these are policies of EcoMaine and can only change through our board member. Willis stated that he agrees we should not be paying for commercial being hauled in there. Selectman Girard questioned what the benefit is to not pay for commercial haulers. Selectman Abbott explained the reasoning behind this decision. Willis stated that they should be allowed to bring household waste to our Transfer Station but not commercial waste. Selectman Littlefield stated that by paying we don't know if it's all Waterboro waste but if we don't pay the hauler can say it's not from Waterboro and go to

MERC and pay less. Selectman Abbott again stated that this just says we don't take commercial waste from commercial haulers. Selectman Gale to move the question. Vote 3-1-0 with Selectman Girard opposed. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to request that the Transfer Station Committee submit their recommendation for the Board of Selectmen review on whether or not to allow commercial haulers to dump at the Transfer Station for the Selectmen's meeting of March 16th. Vote 4-0-0. Will let Dave Woodsome know through their secretary.

2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the contract with the 15 furlough days. Selectman Littlefield read a memorandum from the chair of the Planning Board into the record. Also stated that he feels it is the function of this board to handle these types of things. Selectman Gale stated that there are some functions of the planner that are in the contract that are expanded and decided not to put in a job description and that is the decision of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board does not have an evaluation function. Selectman Littlefield stated that to clarify they did put it in the job description, not in the contract. Selectman Girard stated that it is the boards responsibility to hire staff and maintain contracts. While the Planning Board works closely with the town planner it is the board who hired the town planner and maintains his employment. While I appreciate wanting some involvement in that process I believe it is this boards responsibility and not that of the Planning Board. Selectman Abbott stated that there was never in his view a misunderstanding of the fact that this planning board and the board of selectmen jointly interviewed. Out of respect for the Planning Board if they would like input into the annual review of the Town Planner they have that right to do that but the Town Administrator ultimately holds the performance appraisal keys. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Girard clarified what the Economic Development Committee has done to this point with the signs. Committee wants the board to choose the design. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to go with the committees recommendation. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Discussed the lot adjacent to the dam. Bob stated that it was surveyed in 1985 by Charlie Brown of Sebago Tech. Stated that he was there when Charlie put the pins in. Was paid for by Parks & Rec. and cost \$5,000. As we have not been able to find much information at this point will add to pending decisions. Nancy stated that while Charlie was searching he found our original tax maps which were hand drawn and will be bringing those in tomorrow.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the minutes of 2/16/10 with the corrections made. Vote 3-0-1 with Selectman Gale abstaining. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of 2/23/10 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Tom reported that he will holding a briefing session on the rough layout and will then pick a date and produce a PSA on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Will report back in two weeks.
4. Selectman Abbott reported that the school superintendent will be appealing the basic services. R.S.U. 57 is one of the lowest funded in the state and getting hit the hardest.
5. Selectman Girard announced the passing of Lynda Greene this week and sent condolences to her family.
6. Selectman Abbott read reminders.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Committee Involvement
2. Training Proposal
3. Staff training
4. Comprehensive Plan
5. Map 41 Lot 13

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Executive Session – Personnel Issue at 5:30 – Info on complaint

2. Feb. 24/25 storm update – Matt, Pam L. and Tom Blackburn) Total damage \$31,715
3. Finance Committee for recommendations

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 2/16/10 & 2/23/10

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
