

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 9, 2010

**PRESENT:** Dennis Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, TammyJo Girard, Jon Gale, David Woodsome, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Nancy Johnson, Bob Gobeil, Pam L'Heureux, Ruth Blake, Jack Seery, Mike Allen, Dwayne Woodsome, Fred Fay, Willis Lord, Rep. Elect Aaron Libby, and Jerry Daigle.

Opened meeting at 5:45 p.m. with Selectman Girard explaining that Dwayne Woodsome had requested an Executive Session but as it involves an elected official it can not be an Executive Session. Dwayne stated that he believes the chair has not told him the truth and requested paper copies of everything on her laptop, home computer and office computer. Also submitted a letter with this request and information regarding the Right To Know Law. Nancy will handle this and consult the town attorney.

Held an interview with Richard Wasina who has applied to be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Explained that he is a land surveyor and served on the Planning Board in the last town he lived in which was Limington. Selectman stated that they just wanted to put a face with the name. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to move his appointment up on the agenda. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to appoint Richard Wasina to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote 5-0-0.

Selectman Girard reminded that Thursday is Veteran's Day and encouraged all to thank the Veteran's and their families for their service. Because of them we can do the pledge to our flag.

Selectman Girard at 6:00 pm led with Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

6:00 – Opened Public Hearing on General Assistance Maximums. Nancy Johnson reviewed the changes and stated that the changes are very minimal this year. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to add under New Business #9 to vote to accept the new maximums. Vote 5-0-0.

6:15 – Mike Allen of J D's Package Store addressed the board requesting that the zoning be changed from residential to village on a portion of Map 25 Lot 5 & 5-1. Explained that these two lots are split and the front part of the lot is village and the back part is residential. He would like to utilize the property to construct a new building which would house a restaurant and two other retail spaces or perhaps four retail spaces. Stated that there is a swale that runs through the property and that is the dividing line between the two zones. Stated that this is located across from Hannaford and Dunkin Donuts and Gorham Savings is on one side and Village Pediatrics on the other side. Feels it makes sense to make it all the same zone. Selectman Abbott stated that perhaps the Planning Board should look at the whole area as there are other lots in the same situation.

### **HEARING OF DELEGATION**

Selectman Girard introduced Aaron Libby the newly elected State Representative. Selectman Woodsome stated that Joe Wagner did a lot of Waterboro and he hopes he can fill his shoes. Selectman Gale agreed and invited him to attend our meetins as well as the 12 Town Group Meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Abatement application
2. PSAP Reconfiguration Plan. Selectman Girard explained that Sanford will now be the PSAP for all of York County.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Thanked the ballot clerks and volunteers for all their help on election day.
2. Reported that she is slowly working to get caught up and still has some election work to do. Did hear from the state today that there may be a recount on the Casino question and is waiting to hear back.
3. Has started working on the budget request forms. Budgets were due to her December 2<sup>nd</sup> but may have to be pushed out. Deadline to be to the Finance Committee is February 11, 2011.

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

1. Selectman Littlefield also thanked the ballot clerks and volunteers.
2. Selectman Abbott reported that he met with the 20/20 committee and feels the session at the end of the month will be very helpful. Do need to connect them with the EDC and Planning Board.
3. Selectman Gale reported that he met with the Finance Committee and they do need members. Stated that this was the first time they met since the board passed the new process and there were a couple of questions which will be forwarded to Nancy.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Librarian – Ruth reported that the new computer system is up and running. Story Hour is going well. Are having a lot of repairs done by Pete who is doing a great job. Pete has also put some carpeting down and will be remodeling the bathroom this winter. Hoping to have a Book Sale in February so if anybody has anything to donate they are taking audio tapes, dvd's, books or anything else. Questioned lighting for the outside as the parking lot & handicapped entrance are very dark. Board explained that they had discussed this but felt it was cost prohibitive to have CMP run power outside so will look at a floodlight for the building.

Library Trustees – Reported that they only have two (2) members and meet monthly. At this point are advisory and requested that anyone interested should contact the Librarian.

FOWPL – Jack reported that they have a much clearer picture of where their support is since the vote. Friends have grown immensely and will be meeting to discuss where they go from here. Have contacted Chellie Pingree's office and the grant has to be obligated in three (3) years and spent in five (5) so they still have time. They still believe they want a new library/community center and are meeting with the architect on Monday to see where they can reduce the cost. Got the feel that they need to look at less public funding. Did request more help for the friends. They will be evaluating everything they have done to this point. Selectman Littlefield felt the reasons the referendum failed were the economic climate, water concerns and size of the building and this is based on voter comments. Selectman Gale stated that he would be interested in hearing why people did not vote for the library. Selectman Girard stated that she is glad to see the Friends are going to continue on. Those she spoke with thought it was to large, price tag to big and would like to see more private funding.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to forward the zoning change request to the Planning Board and to look at the whole generalized area as indicated by Selectman Abbott. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Discussed the road budget and Nancy noted that Roads & Bridges is depleted, crushing is gone and now using CIP with just over \$10,000 left. Fred stated that he did a lot of brush and tree cutting but only had three (3) trees come down in the high wind storm. Stated that they can't keep cutting the road budget. Nancy stated that they will be getting \$20,000 from FEMA for Mast Camp Road. Selectman Girard stated that they are at a point where we can't spend anymore road

money. Fred stated that they can have a Special Town Meeting and raise more funds. He will provide an estimate to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussed sand and salt and also discussed liquid salt. Fred will get together with Nancy and go over his estimates. Selectman Woodsome questioned if there is enough money to do Mast Camp Road and Old Alfred Road and Fred stated that there will be enough to do these projects. Old Alfred Road will start on Monday.

3. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Abbott to concur with the findings of the Assessor and deny the abatement request. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Discussed the problems the contractor is having with plowing the sidewalk on West Road and Nancy explained that the sidewalk is not a full 4' wide, sod has grown in, snowmobiles are packing down the snow, residents a plowing driveays and leaving the snow on the sidewalk. There is only .4 miles that get plowed. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to engage Mr. McCoy in extending the contract and if he doesn't wish to within one or two days then go out to bid. Will address the issues he is having. Selectman Gale felt they should be subject to fines if they are putting snow on the sidewalk or if snowmobiles are on it. Vote 5-0-0. Will look at the sod and Nancy will look into the cost of signage and draft up a letter to the residents.
5. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to remove the TV from the lobby. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Littlefield opposed.
6. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to appoint Bob Gobeil to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee and Assessing Board of Review and Lucas Beaubien to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee. Vote 5-0-0.
7. Discussed the Charter Commission appointments and Selectman Abbott suggested that they take applications until November 16<sup>th</sup> and make appointments that night unless they want to interview and can then make the appointments on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Willis questioned if they would have a secretary and Nancy noted that there are two committee secretaries available.
8. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the Cable Franchise Agreement as presented. Vote 5-0-0.
9. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the GA Maximums as presented. Vote 5-0-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Fred reported earlier that Old Alfred Road project starts on Monday and they need to find funds for Mast Camp Road. Also thanked Willis for talking to EcoMaine about giving money back to the towns.
2. Nancy reported that the representative from Whip who made the original gates will be here Thursday and the attendant will meet him there.
3. Reported that they have gone through the first round of applications for the Town Clerk position and have brought down from 97 to 18-25. Will get together again and narrow down further.
4. Nancy reported that she contacted the chair of the Range Rider Committee which is a committee of retired or experienced town managers. He felt it would not be a good idea to use an area manager but suggested a retired or interim manager and questioned how much the town is willing to spend. Felt they would be looking at \$2,000-\$3,000. Nancy questioned how far the board wanted her to go with this not knowing cost. Selectman Abbott felt they need to go as far as they can and Selectman Girard suggested a type of bid process to see what the cost comes in as.

## **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the minutes of 10/19/10, 10/26/10 and 11/2/10 as written. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Selectman Girard read reminders.

**Pending Decisions**

1. Medical Marijuana Ordinance
2. Public Service Announcements

**Action List**

1. Jerry to notify McNalls of boards decision
2. Pam to notify Planning Board of zoning change request
3. Fred & Nancy to work on road budget
4. Pam to notify Tony Vigue of decision regarding cable franchise
5. Pam to check with Tim McCoy regarding sidewalk snow removal

**Agenda**

1. Charter Commission appointments
2. Discuss restructuring – Nancy reported that Pat is looking at the job description for the assistant administrator and once she is done will forward to the union rep.
3. Abatement request – Have Jerry come in and explain how the decision is made
4. Townhall scheduling.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

**SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 10/19/10, 10/26/10 & 11/2/10
3. Appointment Papers

**APPROVED:**

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