

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 22, 2011

PRESENT: Dennis Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, Jon Gale, David Woodsome, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Clint Andrews, Bob Gobeil, Mike Allen, Tammy Wells, David Benton, John Vacari, Dwayne Woodsome & Dep. Shawn Sanborn.

Selectman Littlefield to elect Chairman Pro Temp. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to elect Selectman Abbott as Chairman Pro Temp. Vote 3-0-1 with Selectman Abbott abstaining.

Selectman Abbott opened meeting with pledge at 6:02 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Selectman Abbott opened the Public Hearing regarding a request for a zoning change by Michael Allen, dba/JD's Package Store for Map 25, Lot 5 & 5-1. Selectman Abbott explained how the two lots are split zoned and the request is for the lots to be all in one zone. Dwayne asked that the Smith property also be rezoned to Village and not use the brook as the zone line but to use the lot lines. Stated that he feels this is spot zoning and they should look at the entire area. Selectman Abbott explained that the Planning Board is looking at that but didn't want to hold up the applicant for them to review the entire area. Felt that they have an obligation to get back to the requestor and not hold him hostage to our zoning. Dwayne questioned making it all GP instead of Village. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to close the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

Selectman Abbott opened the Public Hearing on Specialized Medical Clinic and Medical Marijuana Grow-Only Facility at 6:13 p.m. Selectman Abbott reviewed the background and explained that they are only changing definitions in our current zoning to cover the law passed allowing for Medical Marijuana Clinics and Grow Facilities. Selectman Littlefield questioned if this now put further restrictions on pharmacies and Selectman Gale stated that pharmacies would be the proper ones to distribute it as they already handle controlled substances. Tammy asked if methadone was already included in our zoning and Selectman Abbott stated that he believes it was just brought about by the medical marijuana. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to close the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Dep. Sanborn reported that he is working more late hours as well as days. Call volume for January was 321 calls and last January 369 so down a bit. Total calls for service for 2010 was 4,627. Car burglaries are down however spring is coming to lock your doors. Reported that fall 2010 there were almost no residential burglaries. Reported that there were two (2) incidents at the Ice Fishing Derby, one (1) snowmobile rollover which the Fire Dept. handled very efficiently and a young man on Betty lane who got a ride from a stranger who went down a snowmobile trail and through a fence. If anyone has any information they can contact him via email through the town web-site and call 324-1111.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she is tying up the loose ends on the audit and they should have a draft ready next week.
2. Reported that she is working on the revenues for the upcoming fiscal year, trying to find revenues. Looking at current budget to have a report for the review of the budget for next Tuesday.
3. Reported that RSU 57 will hold their budget election on June 7th so the municipal election will be the same day.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Gale reported that the 12 Town Group met last night and there is nothing really new. Discussed DOT recommendation on towns taking back small collector roads but as the Governor has stated he will not support putting any money into these roads so it is a mute point. Discussed the RSU 57 budget and the County Budget. Next meeting the towns will report on revenue projections. Talked about the state tampering with excise taxes and a couple of bills coming up.
2. Selectman Woodsome reported that he received a note from EcoMaine on our recycling rate for January and it saved us about \$3,600. Discussed posting the recycling rate at the Transfer Station.
3. Dave Benton questioned why RSU 57 purchased a plow truck and sander when they have a contract for plowing and sanding. Selectman Abbott stated that perhaps they should ask the school board about that.
4. Selectman Littlefield reported that they met with the Charter Commission and had a good discussion. Selectman Abbott noted that it went very well and that they did have a resignation so need another member.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed the Town Administrators contract and Selectman Abbott stated that it would go through Sept. 30, 2012 and retroactive to October 1, 2010. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the contract as stated. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Discussed the appointment of Nancy Johnson, Brenda Crenner, Sharon Reed and Nancy Brandt as Dep. Town Clerk, and Yvette Murray as Dep. Tax Collector. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield that they appoint Nancy Johnson, Brenda Crenner, Sharon Reed and Nancy Brandt as Dep. Town clerk and Yvette Murray as Dep. Tax Collector. Vote 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the zoning change as requested by Michael Allen. Selectman Gale stated that he thought it was going to be the whole area. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept this zoning change package. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Littlefield to direct the Town Administrator to put in writing a formal request from the board that the Planning Board within a reasonable length of time address the issue of the remaining parcels down there and the spot zoning issues that are before the town now with a progress report by March 15th. Selectman Gale suggested that it be just in this specific area. Selectman Littlefield amended his motion that this particular area be their focal point. Motion seconded by Selectman Gale. Vote 4-0-0. All agreed that they should look at everything from Bennett Hill Road to Roberts Ridge Road.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to approve as presented. Vote 4-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of 2/8/11 & 2/15/11 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read reminders.

Pending Decisions

1. Public Service Announcements
2. Performance Bonds
3. Committee self-evaluations

Action Items

Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to adjourn at 7:14 p.m and go into a workshop with the Water District. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 2/8/2011 & 2/15/2011
3. Town Administrator's Contract

APPROVED:

Date: _____
