

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 1, 2011

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(F) for a Poverty Abatement at 5:48 p.m. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to come out of Executive Session at 5:58 p.m. Voted. Passed.

PRESENT: Dennis Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, TammyJo Girard, Jon Gale, David Woodsome, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Tom Ursia, Clint Andrews, Mike DeAngelis, Chief Bor, Dep. Chief Bennett, Dwayne Woodsome, Brigit McCallum and Jack Seery.

Selectman Girard opened meeting with pledge at 6:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Dwayne Woodsome stated that he had requested computers from Selectman Girard under the Right To Know Law and requested paper copies of everything on her computer under Right To Know Law. Received a letter from the Town Administrator stating that there were approximately 6,053 emails & 1920 electronic meeting on her computer and copying cost would be roughly \$4,136.50. Read the Right To Know Law & did not need a paper copy and could request the computer and review in town office or at a mutual place or have an agent review it. At that point requested that the computers be delivered so could review them and have yet to see them. On January 4th the Assessing Board of Review met and offered, at his cost, to hold a workshop on the Right To Know Law and the Board refused the meeting. Requested a letter from Selectmen saying they refused his offer to have a workshop with Ken Cole and have not received the letter. February 3rd or 4th attorney sent him a letter stating she has reviewed Selectman Girard's computer and it doesn't say what she reviewed other than to state that some things were taken out of it. Spoke to attorney who stated it was from the start of Selectman Girard's election. Requested \$120 for the disk that she reviewed. Questioned if the board okayed this to be done by the town attorney. Stated that the town has spent quite a lot of money and questioned for what reason. Was told by Selectman Girard that she had an opinion from the town attorney that he should not be put on any town committees and has requested a copy of that which he has not received and this is what he is looking for. Requesting that the \$120 be waived because he could have done everything that he wanted to do in the town office. Nancy stated that it has to be reviewed by the attorney and the fee is state law. Dwayne stated that the Selectmen to have the right to waive the fees.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Mostly in the budget piece.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Girard reported that Rep. Libby was in before the meeting and has been recorded. Had scheduled a meeting to discuss school EPS formula. In governor's budget RSU 57 will be receiving an additional \$1 million in funding but still looking to see if Waterboro belongs in a better EPS formula. Discussed the proposal on the state employee's retirement. Thanked him for coming in this evening.
2. Selectman Gale reported that at 3 pm today there was a meeting with Healthy Maine Partnership at central station. Discussed the RSU 57 group of towns on three basic areas of health; tobacco use and cancer and what can communities do to help young people not start and those who do helping to kick the habit, other area is alcohol and drug abuse, and finally eating healthy and exercising to address obesity.

3. Selectman Littlefield stated that he would like a meeting with the engineer who worked on the compactor. Apparently the retaining wall was built 14" to high and the vehicles can not dump there and was built to the engineers specifications. Need to know what can be done to rectify it and where the cost will come from because doesn't feel it should be borne by the town. Also reported that it appears there are private enterprises using the sand that the town has paid for. Understands that it is both private contractors as well as someone from RSU 57. Need to repair the gate to public works as they have also found trash is being deposited when the Transfer Station is closed. They are also using Foglio's loader to load their vehicles. Nancy will take care of having the gate repaired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friends of Waterboro Public Library – Jack reported that Monday, March 14th the Friends will meet and vote to suspend further work towards a new library. Stated that the federal money is gone so this ends an eight (8) year effort. The intent is to return the money to the banks and foundations and any funds leftover will be put into a CD or something to be saved as seed money for the future. Asked that a letter be sent to Senator Collins office and Rep. Pingree thanking them for their efforts. Thanked all who worked on this over the past eight (8) years. Selectman Girard stated that it is very sad that this had to be said this evening. Thanked Jack for all he has done as well as others for all their hard work and dedication in trying to bring this to fruition. Selectman Gale noted that a couple of good community events have come out of this, the gala and pig roast, and hopes that another organization will take these over. Selectman Littlefield stated that he is saddened by the entire thing but the economic times took its toll.

Librarian – Report attached. Selectman Littlefield questioned if they are part of Maine School & Library Network, noted that there were substantial grants given out for computers and laptops. Stated that they can talk to Tom Ursia for more information.

Library Trustees – Brigit reported that they held a book sale three (3) weeks ago and raised \$360.00. Thanked the NJROTC for all their hard work.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to add vote on poverty abatement request to New Business. Vote 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Abbott to sign the contract with Atlas Pyro Vision for the July fireworks. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Discussed committee attendance. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome that a letter be sent to anyone below the record required asking if they intend to continue. If this is the second correspondence then should follow through and remove from the committee. Selectman Girard suggested that we find out what their reason is for not attending. Will provide a list of those below 75% and why they are not attending for the next meeting. Vote 5-0-0. Selectman Littlefield noted that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has an outstanding attendance record.
3. Discussed the increase in fees and Clint stated that this is done yearly. Selectman Littlefield questioned why the Transfer Station doesn't take debit or credit cards. Selectman Girard stated that we will add this to next week's agenda to discuss specifically credit cards. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the recommendation of the committee regarding fees. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to approve the release deed excluding exhibit A. Vote 5-0-0.

5. Selectman Abbott recommended moving item #6 ahead of item #5 and all agreed. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to take no action until a plan is submitted by the requestor of what their plan is to resolve the other outstanding taxes so we can understand the whole package. Vote 5-0-0.
6. Nancy presented expense and revenue for each department. Transfer Station is up on revenue and down on expense so should be good. Public Safety noted that their revenue is being split. Would like to break out per diem. Nancy will have Lisa provide that. Moved on to Parks & Rec. Mike noted that from this point forward he projects he will generate \$74,300 in revenue and expend \$57,900. Nancy stated that they appropriated \$167,000 at town meeting at have expended 99.1% at this point. Selectman Girard stated that he has no more money for the rest of the year unless we have a special town meeting. Selectman Abbott noted that he has spent \$190,000 for the past two (2) years yet only appropriated \$167,000 this year. Selectman Gale stated that he needs to cut to not be \$10,000 short. Nancy stated that all we have to do is go to special town meeting and get permission to spend the rest of your revenue to get you through. Selectman Abbott stated that we need real numbers for what you need to get through the end of the year. At this point the budget for next year is already in the Finance Committee hands and is not enough so we need to fix that. Selectman Littlefield stated that he feels the auditors need to look at this and plan fund expenditure appropriately because we are spending before we take it in. Selectman Gale stated that when we hold our special town meeting we need to appropriate enough so that we don't do this every year. Nancy stated again that we need to have a special town meeting to authorize him to spend his revenues. Will give Nancy two (2) weeks to get the warrant together and include anything else we may need and bring back. Will tentatively schedule the town meeting for April 22nd.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to dedicate this years town report to Roland Denby and Helen Carpenter. Vote 5-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the minutes of 2/22/11 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Girard abstaining.
3. Selectman Girard read reminders.

Pending Decisions

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

Action Items

Nancy and Mike to prepare a budget proposal

Agenda

1. Executive Session with attorney at 5 p.m.
2. Agreement with Mariner Tower – bring Louis Vitali in on 3/29 with Land Trust
3. Committee Interview at 5:45
4. Discuss/vote on request to waive fee from Dwayne Woodsome
5. Update on gate
6. Credit cards at the Transfer Station
7. Committee Appointment
8. Abatements & Supplementals

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 2/22/2011
3. Concealed weapon applications
4. Municipal Release Deed
5. Atlas Contract

APPROVED:

Date: _____
