

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 8, 2011

Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Gale to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D) for Contract Negotiations at 5:04 p.m. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Abbott to come out of Executive Session at 5:48 p.m. Voted. Passed.

PRESENT: Dennis Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, TammyJo Girard, Jon Gale, David Woodsome, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Tammy Wells, Dwayne Woodsome, Sue Rocray, Pam L'Heureux, Chris Binette, Bob Powers, Todd Abbott, Jack Seery, Tom Ursia, Clint Andrews and Steve Eveld.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Girard wished Bob Gobeil well as he has been a bit under the weather.

Selectman Girard noted that Wednesday evening there was a fatal fire on Pheasant Run Road and on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the staff of Town Hall offered condolences to the family of Cecile Morey who was lost in that fire. Thanked the neighbors who were part of trying to help the residents of that home and also had residents who opened their homes to the firefighters that night allowing them a place to get warm. Appreciate how the community and the neighborhood came together. Reminded residents that it's easy to play Monday morning quarterback however news reports etc. don't always have the facts and derogatory statements made to a firefighter after an incident like this is uncalled for. Asked that residents be supportive of the Merrill family as they work on dealing with the loss of their family and the loss of their home. Haven't heard about any funds being set up for the family but will certainly make that information available on our website if we do. Also thanked Pastor Storey as he was instrumental in offering support that evening then went back to the neighborhood a couple days later to offer support. Also noted that thoughts go out to the neighbors who witnessed the incident that evening as well as the firefighters who were there that evening. Dwayne noted that there is a sign up there that there will be a bottle drive so can drop bottles off at JD's for the Merrill family.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Dwayne asked to be heard after new business. All agreed not to take out of order.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Woodman Edmands Danylik Austin Smith & Jacques, P.A. regarding an abatement and a letter requesting to return property on Orchard Drive back to the Town of Waterboro. Both of these items will be on next weeks agenda for discussion.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reminder that there are 256 unlicensed dogs and the late fee is \$15 and April 1st goes up to \$25.
2. Working on the warrant and there may be up to five (5) articles.
3. Reported that Tommy has temporarily fixed the gate but H.A. Stone will be doing repairs. Discussed putting up signs that say sand not to be removed by commercial. Nancy has directed Tom to keep gate locked when no one present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Committee – Chris Binnette reported that they have missed a few meetings due to weather. Over the last three months they have completed all their goals for the year. Worked on

Waterboro Buy Local Program and developed a poster which they also ran as a full page ad in the Reporter. Joined Maine International Trade Center Organization and Maine Innkeepers Association. Selectman Abbott stated that this is not something usually driven by the municipality. Chris stated that they are not spotlighting individual business but keeping it very general. Selectman Girard stated that it is also services such as contractors etc.

20/20 Comprehensive Plan – Tom explained this this committee is full of energy, dedicated and attendance is almost always pretty darn good. They have accomplished three (3) visioning sessions. Are doing an action driven comprehensive plan to put Waterboro in a position for future grants and foundation monies. Pleased with how far they have come without any funding. The energy audit is in process and hope to report on April 19th. Jack asked that the Board reconsider the budget request for professional services. If the committee is going to function they need professional services otherwise if we can not afford this perhaps should put the committee on hold until we can. Todd stated that what the committee submitted is what they believe is needed. By the Board of Selectmen saying no then they won't be given the opportunity to explain to the townspeople and asked that they reconsider. Selectman Littlefield asked how they could make an informed decision based on a request simply for professional services. If they come back with a plan could perhaps reconsider. Selectman Gale stated that at this point they need to look at tangibles. Bob questioned if they thought the committee would be able to do all this themselves? Stated that unless the town has a definitive plan we will continue to react instead of having a plan. Tom stated that they did speak about academia and do have an arrangement with a school to get \$60,000 - \$70,000 worth of work for \$15,000. Selectman Abbott stated that his concern is that we will have a nice book that sits on a shelf and only complies with the state but we never use it. Stated that they had a good breakdown for the \$9,000 they requested but not the \$50,000 and questioned if some of it can wait for FY 12/13. Tom stated that they would only spend it wisely and asked that they stop looking in the rearview mirror but look ahead. Selectman Girard asked that they spell out the \$50,000 then will all sit down and talk about it. Selectman Gale stated that he wants to know what we're getting for our money and Selectman Girard stated that ultimately the Board of Selectmen has to justify the budget. Steve stated that from what he has heard is that communication was bad. It makes sense to have more interaction. Tom will let the board know when they are ready to get back together.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to appoint Andy Cote to the Planning Board. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the Assessor's recommendation regarding 11-31, 11-32 & 11-33. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the supplementals. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale that based on statute they deny the request for a waiver. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Woodsome abstaining. Dwayne Woodsome presented the check to pay for the records requested and received them.
5. Discussed accepting credit and debit cards at the Transfer Station and Clint recommended not doing so right now. Discussed contractor's being able to open an account with the town and then could come to town hall and pay their bill with a credit card. Agreed to leave things as they are for now.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the need to fill the opening on the Charter Commission as soon as possible. Board members will try and find a candidate and bring back next week.
2. Discussed committee attendance and agreed to look at this again in a couple of months.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to accept the minutes of 3/1/11 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Selectman Girard read reminders.

Pending Decisions

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

Action Items

1. Pam to contact Mr. Cote and notify of appointment
2. Check with Mariner Tower and schedule meeting for April 12th

Agenda

1. Executive Session with attorney at 5 p.m.
2. Engineering firm regarding height of wall at Transfer Station
3. Committee resignation
4. Schedule budget meetings
5. Try and get Sheriff Ouellette in to discuss COPS Grant
6. Letter from Woodman Edmands Danylik Austin Smith & Jacques
7. Letter requesting to returning property to Town of Waterboro
8. Doug Foglio re: prices for paving hot box
9. Assess goals in a couple of weeks

Doug stated that he felt with a Special Town Meeting coming up and with our roads being neglected that we should do something. Cold patch isn't working and he understands that the state has taken some hot boxes up to surplus property. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to add and item to the agenda "to authorize the Town Administrator to contact Maine Surplus". Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to authorize the Town Administrator to contact Maine Surplus to find out whether or not there are any available hot boxes and what the pricing would be. Vote 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 3/1/2011
3. Concealed weapon applications
4. Abatements
5. Supplementals
6. 2011 Assessor's Notice

APPROVED:

Date: _____
