

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 10, 2011

PRESENT: Dennis Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, TammyJo Girard, Nancy Brandt, Jon Gale, David Woodsome, David Lowe, Clint Andrews, Paul Tebbetts, Frank Tarbox and Owens McCullough.

Selectman Girard opened meeting with pledge at 5:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

5:30 – Owens reported on the last meeting held at the Transfer Station and that they agreed to raise the wall to about 20', raise the fence and blend the grand. Stated that he learned tonight from Clint that the work has already been done. Had been trying to reach Lucas but they kept missing each other. Will go out after this and look at the work and take pictures and report back to Nancy. Selectman Girard stated that they are concerned about the additional cost. Owens explained that they ran under on concrete by about 15 yards so could use that and the rest could be no cost so needs to catch up with Lucas. Nancy explained that Lucas has submitted two invoices, one for 11 yards of concrete and then another invoice this week, reviewed this weeks invoice. Selectman Woodsome stated that he doesn't feel any of this is Lucas fault and Sebago Tech should cover the cost. Owens explained that Lucas should have contacted him before doing this work because they could have gotten it done with no cost to the town. Selectman Abbott stated that they wanted to get the work done because they have been dragging their feet. Asked that Owens go back and see what Sebago is going to bring to the table. Owens requested a copy of the invoice. Selectman Abbott stated that any additional cost shouldn't be borne by the contractor or the town. Owens stated that this is the first time he has seen these costs so will report back to Nancy after taking this back to the office.

6:00 – Frank Tarbox – Map 32 Lot 71Z for a Consent Decree. Reviewed the history of the problem. Stated that the garage is currently constructed 5" to close and is asking to allow the garage to stay where it is but if not can cut the garage down to meet the setback. Coley Whitehurst stated that he did the work while he was away and the wall is only 4' from his fence and should be removed. Patti explained that the issue of the retaining wall in the Right of Way is a civil matter and that this discussion pertains to the garage. The retaining wall was not permitted and they town does not get involved in right of way or property lines as that's a civil issue. Selectman Abbott stated that the issue here is not relative to this but has to do with the structure. As much as the wall is in the Right of Way the town has no interest in that. Selectman Girard repeated that we are here to discuss the garage not the retaining wall and need to get away from the issue of the wall.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that the warrant is pretty much completed and the Selectmen need to sign next week. Did have a question about a new department (Planning) based on the new restructuring. Asked the board to looked at Articles 19 and 27.
2. Welcomed Jerry Daigle back from his surgery.
3. Reported that LD71 the Whoopie Pie Bill took 52 days from public hearing to first House vote and 65 days from hearing to become law for a total of 98 days, LD1333 the Insurance Bill took 8 days to go through the same process.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

1. Selectman Gale reported that he went to the Transfer Station Committee Workshop last night. The part that directly affects the Selectmen and Administration is communication. They would like yearly direction from the Selectmen and where they would like the committee to go, they sometimes feel a little left out. Would like periodic updates on what's going on in other departments and would like to get involved with the CIP process. Also would like a computer made available for committee members who don't have a computer to use at the town office as well as the public. Selectman Woodsome stated that they would also like their direction from the Selectmen in the fall for the start of a new year.
2. Selectman Woodsome questioned the status of the 2010 audit report and Nancy stated that there are a couple issues but they are being corrected.
3. Selectman Woodsome questioned if regular staff and dept. head meetings are being held and Nancy stated that dept. heads have had so many out it's been hard to get together but will have one this month and no staff meetings are planned.
4. Selectman Woodsome suggested that in the future if we need engineering should open up instead of just going to Sebago Tech.
5. Selectman Littlefield thanked the members of the Maine Forest Service and Dep. Sanborn for their efforts to clean up around the lake all the debris left from the winter.
6. Selectman Girard reported that Monday the 12 Town Group will meet at Oak St. Bistro in Alfred instead of here for the MMA Risk Management Seminar.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Opened the bid for Map 33 Lot 57. Carl & Elizabeth Goodwin for \$14,750. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the bid. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to award the bid to Carl & Elizabeth Goodwin for \$14,750. Vote 5-0-0.
3. All agreed to hold Candidates Night at 7 pm on Thursday, May 19th.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to require Mr. Tarbox to do what is necessary to make the building no less than 10' from the property line in accordance with our ordinance. Selectman Woodsome suggested that Mr. Tarbox tear down the retaining wall and make it right with the neighbors and Selectman Littlefield agreed that it would be the right thing to do. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Woodsome opposed.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the minutes of 5/3/2011 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Gale abstaining.
3. Selectman Girard read reminders.

Pending Decisions

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

Agenda

1. EcoMaine Rep
2. Follow up on the Transfer Station/Recycling Center

At 6:40 opened the workshop on the budget with Dept. Heads.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 5/3/2011

APPROVED:

Date: _____
