

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 24, 2011

PRESENT: Dennis Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, TammyJo Girard, Nancy Brandt, Jon Gale, David Woodsome, David Lowe, Todd Abbott, Tom Ursia, Clint Andrews and Rep. Libby.

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

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Todd Abbott reviewed the grant application as discussed last week. The Total Grant is \$187,640.00 with \$9,000.00 out of normal trail maintenance for a total project cost of \$196,640.00. They are the only club applying for this grant. Explained that the town will be responsible for the funds through the ATV Club. Would like to have this complete by fall so they can ride. The club will be doing a lot of the work to cover their 30% match in kind. Explained that there will be a representative from DEP on site throughout the project as well as CMP. Selectman Gale stated that he thought there should be a fee to the town for it's administrative costs. Todd felt they could certainly compensate the town some for administrative costs. Selectman Gale stated that he just wants to make sure the town has some accountability. Selectman Girard explained that the town is only responsible for the amount of the grant and felt that perhaps it would be cleaner if the town pays the vendors directly but ultimately should be up to Nancy which is the best way to handle. Tom stated that this is a really important grant and felt it would be better to cut the checks directly from here for the vendors. Stated that tracking time is critical. Recommended that they move ahead with this. Todd questioned as the project manager how he can be assured his contractors are being paid. Understands the town protecting themselves but he needs to protect himself too. Discussed the time frame for payments. Todd felt the logistics can be worked out later.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter from the Town of Hollis regarding the Transfer Station which will be discussed later in the meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that the warrant was posted today.
2. Working on handouts for Town Meeting and there is a comparison of the warrant to the last two years. Also doing a chart showing how tax dollars are spent and also going to do one for the proposed tax rate.
3. Thursday Maine Municipal stopped by and presented a certificate for 13 continuous years of participation in MMA's Worker's Compensation Fund.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

1. Selectman Gale reported that he was just at a meeting with Partners for Healthy Communities. They will be meeting every couple weeks on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at Central Station at 5 pm. They are looking at a formula for healthy living for families called the 5-2-1-0 plan which stands for five (5) fruits and vegetables per day, keep passive recreation to two (2) hours or less per day, exercise a

minimum of one (1) hour per day and zero (0) sugared beverages per day and you would have healthier people. Will be hearing more about this.

2. Selectman Woodsome questioned the salt and Nancy stated that it has gone out to bid.
3. Selectman Woodsome questioned if Sebago Tech is owed any money for the Transfer Station project and Nancy was not sure but will check. Nancy will also be setting up a meeting with Sebago Tech.
4. Selectman Abbott reported that the 20/20 committee met last week and are looking for people for that committee. Currently there are three (3) empty spots.

Rep Libby gave an update on the Excise Tax changes and that was Ought Not To Pass in the house. There is a lot of talk on the health care issue. Hopefully competition will help reduce cost. Discussed legislators being exempt from the tax on health insurance and Rep. Libby stated that it has changed and they will be paying it. Discussed deregulating prescription cost and Rep. Libby didn't know about it but will be looking into it. Discussed Rep. Wintle and Rep. Libby stated that it appears he will get the help he needs now. Discussed concealed weapons and Rep. Libby's position on that subject.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to sponsor the grant and donate in kind the administrative costs. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Abbott to approve the application for the liquor license for Woody's Restaurant. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to approve the bingo license for the Lion's Club. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to appoint Selectman Abbott as the EcoMaine Rep. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Abbott abstaining.
5. Tabled the discussion on the sweeper until next week as the information was not provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Reported that Hollis has opted not to participate in our Transfer Station however have sold some stickers which are valid until December 31st. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Littlefield that we should honor those stickers which we have sold and not sell anymore and those individuals who have stickers can continue to come in until December 31st and pay our fee structure. Selectman Abbott questioned why they are on a calendar year not a fiscal year and agreed that it had been the decision of this board to not do at the same time as ours. Vote 5-0-0. Will send a letter to Hollis that we are not selling more stickers but will honor those already sold. Selectman Littlefield questioned the stickers that Hollis is selling and agreed that we should ask for the stickers to be returned. After further discussion Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to reconsider the most recent vote. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to honor the Hollis use of the Transfer Station through the purchase of Transfer Station stickers which expire 12/31/11 and we would honor any of those stickers that have been sold or will be sold until the end of the program. December 31st it's over. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Girard opposed.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the minutes of 5/17/2011 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 List

1. Letter to Hollis that we will honor their stickers until December 31st.
2. Nancy to send a note to dept. heads for a status on their OSHA compliance for next week.

Agenda

1. Sidewalk sweeper
2. Report on OSHA compliance
3. Workshop to review for spending freezes, necessity for Special Town Meeting and looking at moving any funds around. Selectman Girard wants an updated list of accounts printed on Tuesday that includes all of the journal entries that need to be made. Should have something about the audit also.
4. Need an Executive Session for a legal opinion

Discussed the new town signs and Selectman Girard stated that they discussed hiring someone but still want to do with volunteers. Nancy stated that the money for them disappears July 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 5/17/2011
3. Concealed weapon applications
4. Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement Application

APPROVED:

Date: _____
