

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2011

**PRESENT:** Chairman Littlefield, Selectmen: Woodsome, Gale, Girard & Abbott, Nancy Brandt, David Lowe, Doug Foglio, Sr., Fred Fay, Roger Macomber, Nancy Roberge, Tammy Wells, Mike Bouthillette, Ralph Lefebvre, Richard Sirois & Christina Silberman. Jerry Daigle was present during the tax commitment report.

Chairman Littlefield opened the meeting at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that this will be a brief business meeting due to the following scheduled workshop.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman Littlefield reviewed the Selectman's correspondence. Selectman Woodsome asked why the Town distributes Rep. Libby's newsletter. Chairman Littlefield responded that Rep. Libby distributes his newsletter and the Town has it available as a courtesy.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman Littlefield stated that the tax rate is set at \$12 per thousand and tax bills will be sent out shortly. Selectman Abbott asked if we have to sign the commitment. Selectman Girard replied that the tax rate was set at their last meeting. Assessor Jerry Daigle reviewed the tax commitment valuation report for FY 2012. The tax rate was set at \$12 per thousand and will allow for an overlay of \$340,688. There is a 1.7 million increase over last year's valuation. There is a tax rate increase of \$.30 per thousand over last year. Tax bills should go out Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> with the first half due 10/06/11 and the second half due 04/06/2012. Mr. Daigle said the overlay may have a small increase as the computer tabulating has not been finalized. Chairman Littlefield asked what impact the tax increase will have for the average taxpayer. Selectman Girard replied that the increase will be about \$40 for the year to the average taxpayer. Selectman Gale remarked that there will be an increase of \$30 per \$100,000 of valuation. Selectman Abbott asked if Mr. Daigle has the tax commitment to sign. Mr. Daigle indicated that he is waiting for the final auditing process and he will have the commitment for the Selectmen to sign next week.

### **OTHER:**

1. Moved by Selectman Girard, seconded by Selectman Gale to sign warrants for bills and payroll, voted and passed – all in favor.
2. Moved by Selectman Woodsome, seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of 8/23/11 as written, voted and passed – all in favor.

Chairman Littlefield read the reminders and cautioned everyone that school is starting and asked people to keep a watchful eye for pedestrians and buses.

Fred Fay stated that he has a white Morris canoe that broke loose from somewhere and it has no numbers on it. He has put it up on his dock and the owner can pick it up there.

### **HEARING OF DELEGATION:**

Ralph LeFebvre expressed concern with Mast Camp Road and asked when the culvert work would be done. Chairman Littlefield stated that the Road Commissioner and the Road Review Committee will be reporting during the workshop and invited Mr. LeFebvre to stay for the workshop.

Fred Fay reported a problem with water washing down Logan Circle and into Ossipee Lake and said something has to be done. The lawn of the house down on the end is now covered in sand. Chairman Littlefield sympathized with the issue and indicated that this is a private road and town funds cannot be used to correct issues on a private road. Mr. Fay replied that it is at a point where it is damaging the

lake and somebody has to do something. Selectman Woodsome said that if it is a problem that is causing damage to the lake, maybe we can have Patti (the Code Enforcement Officer) look at it or DEP. Selectman Girard explained that they should contact the Code Enforcement Officer to review the issue. Mr. Fay stated that Mr. Foglio did something about a similar issue on West Shore Rd. by putting in a drainage pool. Ms. Brandt stated that this was done with grant money from the State. Mr. Bouthillette commented that the same study was done on Logan Circle and he was told the road was scheduled to be done shortly afterwards. Ms. Brandt said that there was one road where they could not get all of the residents to agree to the repairs and without unanimous agreement, the work could not be done. Mr. Foglio reviewed the projects that were done with the grant money. Mr. Foglio expanded on the issue on Logan Circle and said the water is coming from Webber Rd. Mr. Foglio said that the grant money didn't stretch far enough. Selectman Abbott remarked that part of the grant money could not be used because everyone on the road would not sign off. Mr. Bouthillette replied that everyone on his road was in agreement to having the work done and he did not think there was anyone that would not sign off. Selectman Girard recommended that Mr. Bouthillette contact Missy at York County Soil and Water to see if there is any grant money available. The Lake Association is looking for erosion projects on the lake and they are working with Missy. Ms. Brandt will have Missy contact Mr. Bouthillette. Chairman Littlefield stated that the board sympathizes with the situation but from a financial standpoint the Town is not in a position to authorize an expenditure of funds. There are alternatives as were mentioned through the Lake Association, DEP, the Code Enforcement Officer, and perhaps the State Representative.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Prior to the above hearing of delegation, Selectman Gale moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed – AIF. Selectman Woodsome moved to reopen the meeting in order to conduct the hearing of delegation, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed – AIF. After the hearing of delegation, Selectman Gale moved to adjourn to a workshop at 6:25 pm, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed – AIF.

**SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 8/23/2011
3. Concealed weapon application

The Board of Selectman then conducted a workshop to hear from the Road Commissioner & the Road Review Committee, including the Committee's need for storage space, and discussed a sidewalk grant.

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