

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2011

PRESENT: Chairman Littlefield, Selectmen: Woodsome, Gale, Girard & Abbott, Nancy Brandt, Roger Macomber, James Liden, Dianne Holden, Donald Holden, Nancy Johnson, Fred Fay, Bob Gobeil, Leo Binette, Kerry DeAngelis, Doug Foglio, Sr., Christina Silberman, David Lowe & one unidentified woman (WAB photographer)

Chairman Littlefield opened the meeting at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and extended best wishes for the holiday season on behalf of the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Littlefield reported with regret the untimely passing of Robert Chick and expressed the Board's condolences to the family.

APPOINTMENTS: Waterboro Association of Businesses (a/k/a WAB)

1. Announce the winner of the 1st Annual Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest:

Kerry DeAngelis, President of WAB, reported that the Waterboro Association of Businesses began an annual holiday lighting contest this year and showed slides of some of the nominees. Ms. DeAngelis announced the winner of the contest is Dianne and Donald Holden of 51 Amy Lane. The Holdens were presented with a trophy to display for one year that will have their names engraved on it. This trophy will be passed on to future winners.

2. Fuel Assistance Donation: Leo Binette reported that since 2006, WAB has done an annual fundraiser for heating assistance. This year instead of conducting a raffle, they asked local businesses for donations. Last year they raised \$2,500 and this year they raised \$3,000. They have raised \$20,000 for fuel assistance since 2006. He presented General Assistance Director, Nancy Johnson, with a check. Chairman Littlefield stated that this is especially nice this year because the government has cut funding for fuel assistance and there are a lot of people in need.

Ms. DeAngelis said to watch for next year's holiday lighting contest. Mr. Binette said that there are still collection jars out for heating assistance donations. Mr. Binette stated that Waterboro's business community gives back to the community in many ways and he urged people to shop locally and support local businesses. Mr. Binette wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

HEARING OF DELEGATION:

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Littlefield reviewed the following correspondence:

1. RHR Smith & Company letter
2. MRWA Survey and cover letter.
3. Time Warner routine notice
4. Treasurer weekly financial reports
5. Planning Board Public Hearing notice on Dec. 21st at 7:00 pm

REPORTS: Selectmen's Report: Selectman Girard reported that County budget meetings continue. Department Heads have all spoken and the Committee has looked at the budget as a whole. The Committee felt it is in the best interest to put some monies into the budget to specifically fund the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office. The County Commissioners are trying to keep a flat budget but this

would mean a decrease to departments due to the rise in the cost of insurance. They are meeting again tomorrow night to see if there are other areas to make cuts to offset their recommended increase. The Committee will not meet next week. Selectman Woodsome asked if the County Commissioners are increasing their own salary. Selectman Girard said there are some pay increases built into the budget. The Commissioner's did request two new positions, one a part time IT person and the other a special assistant to negotiate with the unions and they are looking at layoffs in the Registry of Deeds, District Attorney's Office and Sherriff's Department. Chairman Littlefield asked if there was also a part time assistant to the County Manager. Selectman Girard replied that this was not presented to them as a new position and may be something they had in the budget last year.

Selectman Woodsome reported that there is a Planning Board meeting tomorrow night at 7 pm and he will be unable to attend and asked if another Selectman would attend in his place. Selectman Abbott indicated that he would try to attend and Selectman Gale said that he would attend if Selectman Abbott could not.

Selectman Gale proposed doing a "Getting to Know Your Town" segment to be broadcast on the local cable channel and would like to begin with the Fire Department. He asked if this is something the Board would like to do in lieu of the "fireside chat". Selectman Girard said that this is a great idea that could be done as a package to be played throughout the year and should be separate from the "fireside chat". Selectman Woodsome likes the idea and would like to do both, although he does not care for the term "fireside chat". Chairman Littlefield agreed.

Chairman Littlefield, on behalf of the Board, extended best wishes for a very Happy Birthday to Willis Lord.

Administrator's Report: Nancy Brandt said that she has received the department budgets and she is working on inputting the information. Ms. Brandt spoke with Mr. Foglio about the dam gate repair. One option is to lower the water level to the emergency level in order to move some big rocks that are in the way and build a wooden box around the opening with a seal so the gates could be removed. Whipps could then pick up the gates and repair and return them and we could put them back. The repair time would be about 3 weeks. Mr. Foglio said he does not know how they intended to remove the gates. The water has to be lowered so that there is not pressure on the gates. There are boulders that have pressed up against the bottom of the gates. The boulders will have to be moved first. Mr. Foglio said that the town does not have a piece of equipment he could use to remove the gates and he could arrange for the use of a crane. Mr. Folglio proposed building a frame with a seal to put in place of the gates when they are removed for repairs. Mr. Foglio commented that soon there is going to be an ice problem. Mr. Holden stated that the emergency spillway has been open for two months and two gates have been open. The lake has gone down about 1 ½ feet and doesn't seem to want to go down any further because the water table is so high. The most Mr. Holden has ever been able to lower the lake is about 2 ½ feet. Selectman Woodsome commented that we may not be able to do this now. Selectman Abbott recommended waiting until after the ice is out and suggested checking with Sebago Technics to see if they have any ideas. Mr. Foglio said that the dam will have to be cleaned up so the gates will seal well. Chairman Littlefield commented that there

seem to be too many obstacles to getting this done now. Mr. Foglio and Mr. Holden suggested that the Selectman take a look at the dam. Selectman Girard said there has to be someone that can tell us the proper and safe way to do this.

Road Review Committee Report: Roger Macomber, Chairman of the Road Review Committee, reported that the Committee has been busy. They worked on the CIP during the last couple of months with a lot of special meetings and surveying. They worked hand in hand with the Road Commissioner. Mr. Macomber commented that for the second year in a row, the Committee was asked why they are doing a CIP. The Committee would like a workshop with the Selectman and the Town Administrator to clarify the direction the Committee should go in. The Committee is working on the questionable road list and they have run into many obstacles. They would like to discuss this at the workshop with guidance from the Town Attorney. Selectman Abbott agreed that there should be a workshop. Chairman Littlefield asked that a workshop be set up. Selectman Girard asked that the Town Attorney attend the workshop also. Mr. Macomber said they Committee would like to go out and measure all the roads. Selectman Woodsome inquired about the issue Mr. Liden is having with Thyngs Mill Road. Mr. Macomber stated that the Committee has explained what is going on to Mr. Liden and this is one of the issues they would like clarified by the Town Attorney. Mr. Fay commented that he doesn't think that an attorney has the right to come and tell the town how to take care of their roads. Selectman Woodsome agreed that some roads have to be maintained for emergency access. Selectman Girard asked that the Code Enforcement Officer attend the workshop also because of her knowledge of road issues.

Road Commissioner Report: Doug Foglio, Road Commissioner, reported that he has submitted their budget. They have been doing a lot of ditching and road repairs. Dayton has been in to do some patching and repairs. The paving plants are shut down for the winter. They took care of a drainage issue on Scooter Ln. Ms. Brandt has drawn up an agreement to release the town of liability when installing culverts. They will be doing the work for Logan Circle as long as the ground doesn't freeze. He has put in a realistic budget and stated that municipal government has been underfunded for many years. He will be prepared with facts to back up his requests. He did not put in for a salt/sand shed which we desperately need. They have done some work at the town garage as was shown last week. They have tried to make the area around the salt shed so that spilled salt can be picked up instead lying there and washing into the ground. The salt shed interior was about 4.5 inches lower than the ground outside so when it rained, water would get in. The wet salt will eat into the concrete and there are several areas where the concrete has been eaten away 4 -5 inches. The doors on the salt shed need to be replaced and the whole structure needs work. Mr. Foglio asked the Selectmen to go down and take a look at the shed. Mr. Foglio said that his accounts have suffered a loss of \$42,668.61 for emergency work. Selectman Abbott asked how much of this is eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Ms. Brandt replied that she is still waiting to hear back from FEMA about what the amount eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Foglio said that taking these funds from his budget has left a hole in his operating budget. Mr. Foglio said that at the end of the year, if there is any money left in the road accounts he would like to start a fund for future unplanned expenses that can only be spent with the approval of the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Road

Commissioner. Then when these things come up there will be some money available to offset the costs. Mr. Foglio said that he worked with the Road Review Committee on a three year CIP plan and the Committee did an excellent job. There was a beaver complaint on Jellison road and when he went there he discovered that there is a 4' culvert there that is completely gone and could collapse. This will have to be addressed and was not in the budget. Mr. Foglio said that a culvert inventory needs to be completed and money has to be set aside to replace these culverts. Selectman Woodsome asked if the winter salt and sand has been put in and Mr. Foglio replied yes. Chairman Littlefield asked if the beaver issue was taken care of and Mr. Foglio responded that he has called Mr. Iler to take care of it. Mr. Foglio did increase the paving budget by 100% and he has increased the brush cutting budget. There is one job that needs to be done on Blueberry Road and with 58 trees in the right of way that have to be removed and this is just on one road.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/vote EMA plan: Selectman Girard moved to accept the plan as written with additional work to be done by the Town Administrator and Fire Chief in the future, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Draft Water District Office space lease: Selectman Abbott said that he would like the draft presented to the Water District Trustees. Selectman Girard commented that the town costs should be covered. Selectman Abbott asked that Ms. Brandt check with MMA to see if there should be some changes made to the LD that created the Water District in 1992.

OTHER:

1. Moved by Selectman Girard, seconded by Selectman Abbott to sign warrants for bills and payroll, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Public Service Announcements
2. Committee self-evaluations
3. Work with Logan Circle residents on water runoff issue: working on this
4. Review Driveway Opening Permit language
5. Board & Committee status: Chairman Littlefield stated that they have added a member to the 20/20 Committee and Board of Appeals. If anyone would like to become involved in the future of the community, please apply for one of the boards or committees. Selectman Girard suggested it would be a good New Year's resolution to get involved with a town committee.
6. Water District survey: Ms. Brandt said that a revised survey was provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Gobeil asked if the Selectman were satisfied with the survey. Selectman Girard said that the changes they requested to the survey have been made. Mr. Gobeil expressed concern with the \$2,000 figure and feels this is not enough and it should be \$5,000. Selectman Abbott said that 2,000 was just an arbitrary figure they used. Selectman Girard said it is phrased that it could "be more than \$2,000". Selectman Girard stated that they told Mr. Levy that the town would be willing to pay the cost of mailing the survey out. Ms. Silberman indicated that Mr.

Levy also wants the town to pay for half of the processing cost. Selectman Abbott indicated that this will not be very much.
7. Water District office space lease: pending

WEEK'S ACTION LIST:

1. Follow up with Eagle Scout project

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion on requiring proof of liability insurance for commercial haulers using the transfer station.

Chairman Littlefield read the reminders.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Girard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Release deed

APPROVED: Date: _____

