

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2012

5:45 pm Executive Session: The executive session was not held.

PRESENT: Chairman Abbott, Selectmen: Gale, Littlefield & Woodsome, Nancy Brandt-Town Administrator, Dwayne Prescott, Tammy Wells, Dee Lebel-RSU #57, Alex Wong-MRWA, Roger Macomber, Doug Foglio, Sr.-Road Commissioner, Christina Silberman-Administrative Assistant & David Lowe-IT Manager. Rep. Aaron Libby arrived during the Road Commissioner's report.

Chairman Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Abbott announced that absentee ballots are available at the town hall. The deadline to vote by absentee is November 1st at 5 pm. The water in the lake is down about 36 inches. Knowles Industrial will do repairs to the dam the week of October 29th and they should be finished by November 2nd, weather permitting. The gates should be here by November 1st. Chairman Abbott explained that the lake level has to remain at this level in order to get the work done to the dam.

APPOINTMENTS: Dee Lebel of RSU #57 and Alex Wong of Maine Rural Water Systems to discuss grant opportunities to fund a water main extension to the Waterboro Elementary School: Alex Wong of Maine Rural Water Systems (MRWA) explained the water quality problems at the Elementary School. Attempts to treat the issue at the source have been unsuccessful. They are proposing an extension of the public water from the Middle School to the Elementary School. Funding for this may be available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. These funds have to go through a municipality and the school district is asking that the town apply for the grant on their behalf. Chairman Abbott said that we also looked at continuing the extension to the Fire Dept. and Town Offices and the Board decided not to pursue this due to the cost. Dee Lebel of RSU #57 indicated that they are asking the Board to vote to submit the application for the CDBG and then they will move forward with the income survey. Mr. Lebel said they have been conducting water testing since a temporary water line was run from the Middle School to the Elementary School and they are encouraged by the results. Selectman Woodsome clarified that the town has to apply for the grant and will have no financial obligation. Mr. Lebel and Mr. Wong agreed. Mr. Wong said that MRWA will complete the application and have the town sign it.

Selectman Woodsome moved to support applying for the Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the school, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Abbott reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Treasurer's Weekly Financial Reports
2. Rep. Libby's newsletter
3. Notice re: Time Warner Cable internal restructuring
4. EcoMaine recycling reports
5. 10/30/12 Public Hearing notice re: approval of a Pawnbroker's License

6. Motor Vehicle Agent's September report
7. Thank you letter from Southern Maine Agency on Aging
8. List of board and committee vacancies: Chairman Abbott reported vacancies on the following boards and committees, Old Home Days Committee, Community Garden Committee, Fair Hearing Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Parks and Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Transfer Station/Recycling Committee, Hiring Panel, Economic Development Committee, Public Safety Committee

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

Road Review Committee: Road Review Committee Chairman Roger Macomber reported that they have been busy working on road projects; inventory of culverts, measuring roads and collecting data. They put away the road counters for the season. Chairman Abbott said they are doing a great job. Mr. Macomber said that they are looking for a metal detector to help with locating culverts. Selectmen Littlefield asked if they were able to determine any significant increases in traffic with the data from the road counters. Mr. Macomber replied that increases in traffic have been consistent except for Townhouse Road and Old Alfred Road. Mr. Macomber said this is due to traffic using a different route due to the road construction on Route 112 and some traffic may continue to use this route. He estimates that there is a 12-15% increase in traffic on these two roads over the last 9 months. Selectmen Littlefield said the increased usage of Old Alfred Road will deduct from the projected 7-10 year life of the road.

Road Commissioner: Doug Foglio, Sr. reported that they are almost done on Hemlock and Oak Streets. Mr. Foglio said that he questioned MDOT at their meeting last week about the driveway culvert at the corner of Oak St. and Old Alfred Rd. and they said it was not their responsibility. MDOT wanted to know what the town would do about our water that is being held back. Mr. Foglio said MDOT has done all they are going to do so he ordered a new catch basin and has had it put in and connected to another catch basin. This will take care of our water and some of the water off Old Alfred Road. He changed the ditch (on Oak St.) and made it wider. Some people are happy and a couple of people are not happy with the work. Mr. Foglio said McLucas Road is almost ready to gravel and can then be paved. Some people are complaining about the rocks at the end of New Dam Rd. and Mr. Foglio said he plans to leave the rocks. The rocks are to keep people from cutting the corner too short. The stop sign is 9' from the edge of the pavement and he is going to move it to 4' from the edge. He said the intersection is quite wide. He will call next week about having the lines painted on the road and he hopes this will help with the changes. He wants to have a short section of Chadbourne's Ridge Road widened to take some of the slope out. This will make a difference to the vehicles turning left. The changes are to make the road safer. A Bradeen Road resident called and is extremely happy with the work done there. Mr. Foglio reported that the water level in the lake is 35 inches in one spot and 35.25 in another spot with 1.5 inches over the openings where the gates go. Ms. Brandt said that Knowles is coming to do repairs to the dam the week of October 29th. Mr. Foglio said there is an allowance in the budget to do work at the town pit. Today, the groundwater people came to check the town pit. They have installed a monitoring well and will install another one. They dug some test pits today to check for water. Mr. Foglio explained that the bottom of the pit has to be 5 feet above the water table. They will get a report with a map showing the elevations and the engineering company can check the levels periodically to keep our DEP permit in order. The Road

Review Committee will work with Mr. Foglio and Tom Blackburn on a plan. He has gotten a lot of complaints on the dam. Chairman Abbott said the work should be done in a couple of weeks. Mr. Foglio proposed selling the dam to the Lake Association. Mr. Foglio asked if anyone is planning to meet with him and the DEP on Thursday. Selectman Gale asked what time and Ms. Brandt said she will check. Chairman Abbott said they have had communications about a forest management plan and we can put this on the agenda for discussion next week. Mr. Foglio said that the vote for the salt shed is at the same time as the Presidential Election, November 6th, and he hopes people get out to vote and support doing this. Selectman Woodsome asked about installing the speed limit signs on Deering Ridge Road. Mr. Foglio said the signs are in. Tom Blackburn had last week off and they are wrapping up some other projects then will do the signs. Chairman Abbott asked about the "No Dumping" signs that the Transfer Station bought. Mr. Foglio said he put up some signs and asked for ideas for where other signs should be posted. Chairman Abbott talked about stuff that has been dumped along the back roads and said if Tom Blackburn doesn't have time to pick stuff up, we should hire someone to do it before it snows. Selectman Littlefield said that people that do illegal dumping should be prosecuted. Chairman Abbott suggested having a separate warrant article for cleaning up the illegal dumping so the citizens realize the cost to the town for this. Mr. Foglio suggested having a spring and fall cleanup day. Selectman Gale asked why Bradeen Road was paved. Mr. Foglio explained that the people living there were unable to get to their driveway. The snowplow also has difficulty plowing the road and the plow had to be pulled out twice last winter. Selectman Littlefield said the launch area looks terrific and pointed out that the brook is bearing to the right and is sweeping stones and stuff across the base of the launch. Mr. Foglio said he is watching this.

Selectmen's reports: Selectman Woodsome asked if the letter has been sent out concerning old Alfred Rd. and Chairman Abbott said they still have to do this. Selectman Gale reported that the Community Garden Committee met last night. They are making a lot of plans. They talked about putting in a brick walk and people could buy a brick and have their name engraved on it. They are contacting local businesses for donations. They are planting some rye this week and this will serve as a good fertilizer in the spring. Selectman Gale said it is a great use of the land and it is going to look nice. Chairman Abbott said that the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee met last night and they are looking at having an annual cleanup day.

Town Administrator's report: Nancy Brandt reported she is working on the budget request packets and hopes to distribute these by Oct. 30th. She provided a sample budget timeline calendar and asked the Board to review it. Ms. Brandt said that in order to add the new office there will need to be some HVAC work done and she will get the cost for this. The auditor is coming in the week of October 29th. Chairman Abbott asked if this will be to finalize the audit and Ms. Brandt said she thinks it is. Chairman Abbott said he would like a draft audit within the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/vote on a Committee Appointment: Selectman Littlefield moved to reappoint Linda Stapleton to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

2. Discuss/vote to approve a resolution proclaiming October 22nd through October 28th 2012 as Free Speech Week: Selectman Gale moved to recognize Free Speech

Week from October 22nd to October 28th in the town of Waterboro, seconded by Selectmen Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas.**

3. Discuss/vote to approve a letter of support for RSU #57's application to the U.S. Dept. of Education Race to the Top District Competition: Selectman Gale moved to endorse RSU #57's application, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER:

1. Moved by Selectman Littlefield to sign warrants for bills and payroll, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, 4 yeas.
2. Moved by Selectman Woodsome to approve the October 2, 2012 Regular Meeting, October 9, 2012 Regular Meeting and the October 16, 2012 Regular Meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, 4 yeas.

Rep. Aaron Libby reported that he is waiting to hear back from the Deputy Director on the urban compact/URIP issue. There was a lot of discussion at the Transportation Committee level about determining a standard for a road before transferring it to the town. He has had questions about Route 5 and reported that the State plans to repave the section from Waterboro to Cornish in 2013 and from Chadbourne Ridge Rd. to Dunkin Donuts in 2014. Chairman Abbott said that from Dunkin Donuts to Chadbourne Ridge Rd., Route 5 is an embarrassment and asked what are they waiting for? Why not fix this section of Route 5? Rep. Libby said they use surveys and evaluations to determine what work to do. Selectman Gale said he hopes pedestrian and bicycle traffic is taken into consideration. Selectman Woodsome said it is important that there be some criteria established for transfer of roads from the State. Rep. Libby agreed. Chairman Abbott said that the Twelve Town Group has worked with Maine Municipal Association to propose legislation to address this. Mr. Foglio said that a bill has been written and he has reviewed it and saw a couple of flaws. Selectman Littlefield asked if Rep. Libby has heard of any response from President Obama to Governor LePage's letter and Rep. Libby said he has not heard anything. Selectman Woodsome said it is interesting that Gov. LePage is concerned about shortfalls and budget cutting from the federal government over the next few months. Now he is feeling what we (the town) are feeling. Chairman Abbott said there are three entities looking for the same money and we are all very parochial. What we need for the town, we need for the town and the state feels the same way. Rep. Libby said it all comes from the pocket of the people.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Public Service Announcements
2. Review Driveway Opening Permit language
3. Board & Committee status

WEEK'S ACTION LIST

Chairman Abbott and Ms. Brandt will work on the letter to MDOT re: Old Alfred Rd.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- Discuss/vote to appropriate funds received from the wood at the Transfer Station to be used for a forest management plan.

- Discuss/review the local referendum questions for the November 6th Election.

Chairman Abbott read the reminders. Mr. Foglio said the Land Trust is meeting tomorrow night at 7 pm in the old town hall and they could use more members. They are starting work on the mountain. These meetings are open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Woodsome moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, 4 yeas.

SIGNED

Warrants for bills & payroll
Minutes of October 2, 2012, October 9, 2012 and October 16, 2012
Free Speech Week Resolution
Letter of support for RSU #57's Race to the Top application

APPROVED: Date: _____
