

**Minutes for Waterboro Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 22, 2023, at Waterboro Town Hall
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Selectmen Attendance: Dennis Abbott, Dwayne Woodsome, David Chauvette, Gary Fecteau. Jon Bell was absent.

Other Attendees: Josh Andrews, Patrick Chevalier, David Lowe, Glenn Seehagen, Donna Berardi until 6:15 p.m., and Laura Lowe. Town Administrator Matt Bors was absent.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the Proposed Transfer Station Policy and sticker/pass price changes:

The Public Hearing started at 6:00 p.m. There were no questions submitted via email from the public. Chairman Abbott read the Public Hearing notice and went over the changes. All of the proposed changes are requested to be effective 07/01/2024. The changes are: No one will be allowed to use the Transfer Station without a current sticker and or laminated pass, the price for a Hollis permit will increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00, Resident dump stickers will increase from \$10.00 for the first sticker and \$6.00 for any additional stickers to \$20.00 for the first sticker and \$10.00 for any additional stickers. Residents age 65 or older will pay a rate of \$10.00 per sticker, hand carried laminated passes will increase from \$20.00 to \$40.00 and the passes will offer the same services as the stickers. If you rent your property out than the Town suggests you get a laminated pass so that the current renter can bring the laminated pass to the Transfer Station. There were also a few increases in disposal fees because the cost for the Town to get rid of the item (s) has increased. The mattress disposal fee may be increasing again soon because ecomaine may increase their disposal charge

Resident Donna Berardi spoke stating that she is speaking regarding the days that the Transfer Station is open and not the currently proposed changes. She is for the changes. Currently the Transfer Station is closed Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday. She would like the Transfer Station to be open on Tuesday & Wednesday and be closed Thursday.

Transfer Station employee Patrick Chevalier asked when was the last time the sticker prices were raised. Transfer Station manager Josh Andrews stated he found some information on line that it was 2002. Twenty two years ago.

Selectman Fecteau asked about the items that we take at no charge like used motor oil and why? Josh Andrews stated that they are at no charge because we do not want to see it on a back road or dumped on the ground.

Selectman Woodsome brought up that previously it was discussed that the Town was going to let every tax payer get a chance of getting rid of the tires that are on their vehicle after their taxes were paid by giving the tax payer a coupon. Chairman Abbott stated that if someone has their tires changed at a tire shop, the tire shop charges a disposal fee and the tires are left with the shop. Patrick Chevalier stated that back when the Transfer Station had a free dump day some people took advantage. One man actually came in twice with a total of 150 tires. We were also getting other Town's trash. Someone had made a suggestion of the recognized items that we used to take when you pay your taxes you get a voucher for like four tires, a television set, etc. to stop some of the abuse the free dump day was causing.

Chairman Abbott addressed Donna Berardi's recommendation of why we are closed Sunday, Monday & Tuesday. He stated we are closed Monday & Tuesday so employees can do clean up. Joshua Andrews stated that he has two employees who come in at 7 a.m. Tuesday that change everything out and make sure there is no oil lying out next to the building and getting everything ready for Wednesday. There was also some discussion about limiting bulky waste but Josh stated that he tried that with Sunday's but people just kept bringing it. What happens if we limit things then some people will dump these items on Bennett Hill Road and he would rather not have that happen.

Vote: Dwayne Woodsome was so moved. Gary Fecteau seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 - 0. The public hearing ended at 6:14 p.m.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dennis Abbott announced that absentee ballot requests can now be made for the November election.

David Chauvette reported that the Blues Festival that was held this past weekend at Friendship Park was very enjoyable, well organized, and safe.

Gary Fecteau reported that the Old Home Days went very well, there was a good crowd and the fireworks were phenomenal and the deputies were present. Even though some of the committee members were rookies there were no problems that he saw. He stated that Matt Bors said that next year he could have the DPW crew pick up the barricades and trash cans.

4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: - none.

5. APPOINTMENT: - none.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - none.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – available upon request:

- a. Motor Vehicle Report
- b. York County Deputy Monthly Reports – July
- c. Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection – Obsolete Pesticide Collections
- d. Letters of intent for appointed Charter Commission members

8. REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

a. Selectmen's reports

Dwayne Woodsome: Received some phone calls regarding unsafe parking on route 5 of a truck and a camper.

Gary Fecteau: Answered a question on FB on what was going in next to Dunkin Donuts. It started a barrage of comments that went in all different directions that made no sense. If the business fits the Zoning, we do not have any control of what businesses come to Town. Also the businesses that have closed in Town have closed for different reasons and had nothing to do with the Town not being business friendly.

b. Town Administrator Matt Bors report

General Information:

DPW Updates:

- Roberts Ridge Road- cross culverts and driveway culverts that needed to be replaced have been completed.
- DPW crews continue to repair washouts from the heavy rains. A few paved swales will be installed to help limited future damage.
- Road work will begin shortly on the North end of Middle Road. Several culverts will be replaced and road will be ground up and then re-paved. This will cause some delays.

- DPW Roof Bids were received and we are working with RJS Construction of Auburn submitted a bid for \$33,000 and has been awarded. The other bid received was by Forever Metal Roofing Company in the amount of \$62,100.

Update regarding workshop on August 15th:

- Laura Fish will provide details about longevity steps for your review and possible action at the September 5, 2023 meeting.
- We will gather additional wage information and begin working on a plan for the FY25 budget process.

Charter Commission

- Election results were provided by the Deputy Clerk
- Individuals that have expressed interest for appointment by the BOS:
 - Letter submitted by Marina Gagne
 - Letter submitted by Lori Anthony
- Much appreciation to the OHD Committee and the Historical Society for the events on August 5th. Thank you, letters were mailed to committee members on your behalf last week.
- John Barth - We have received an additional civil suit from Mr. Barth. This information has been referred to MMA which have reopened the previous claim.
- Letters to begin the process of disposing of tax properties previously discussed and voted on have not been created as of yet. We have spoken with MMA and Maine Revenue Services, and they are in the process of drafting a template that can be used. Our Deputy Tax Collector will receive additional information when the forms become available.

NOVEMBER 07TH, 2023 ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES provided by Marina

- Monday, August 21st, 2023: This is the date in which we will start accepting requests for Absentee Ballots.
- By the second week of October, Absentee Ballots will be available. Voters, who will have requested a ballot prior, will be receiving them in the mail. At this point, constituents may vote in person, call and request a ballot or request one online.
- Thursday, November 02nd, 2023: This is the LAST DAY for someone to request an Absentee Ballot. If they would like to vote (*Special Circumstance(s) aside*) they must go to the polls.

- Friday, November 03rd, 2023: Early processing of any and all ballots we will have received back.
- Tuesday, November 07th, 2023: ELECTION DAY!

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- Discuss/vote on the Proposed Transfer Station Policy and sticker/pass price changes**

Vote: Gary Fecteau made a motion to accept the proposed Transfer Station minor changes as written to take effect 7/1/24. Dwayne Woodsome seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 – 1 (David Chauvette).

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- Discuss/vote to appoint three Charter Commission Members (one Select Board)**

The Board received letters from Lori Anthony and Marina Gagne with their interest to be on the committee and Selectman Woodsome stated his interest to be on the committee during the last meeting.

Vote: David Chauvette made a motion to appoint Lori Anthony, Marina Gagne, and Dwayne Woodsome, if he is so inclined to accept, to the upcoming Charter Commission, Gary Fecteau seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0.

Chairman Abbott stated that the first Charter Commission meeting will be set up once Matt is back from vacation. All of the Select Board members should be there but Dwayne will be representing the Board.

11. OTHER:

- Discuss/vote to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting.**

Vote: Dwayne Woodsome was so moved. David Chauvette seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0.

12. PENDING DECISIONS:

Tax acquired property letters

13. WEEK'S ACTION LIST:

Check with CEO Mike Gilpatrick & Town attorney whether or not an executive session is needed regarding the LADA Consent Agreement.

14. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Todd Smith, Rec Director with Recreation and Blues Fest update.

15. ITEMS NEEDING SIGNATURE: - none.

16. ADJOURN:

Vote: Dwayne Woodsome was so moved. David Chauvette seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.