

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2007

ATTENDING: Robert Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Clint Andrews, Willis Lord, Mary Ross, Jason L'Heureux, Pam L'Heureux, Dep. Loren Conger, David Woodsome, Ed Stubbs and Superintendent Lynda Greene.

Selectman Grover called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Selectman Grover announced that Tony Vigue was unable to attend this evening but will be here next week. Dep. Conger reported that they answered 357 calls for service in Waterboro for December. Did assist the DEA and ATF in an arrest for selling crack cocaine ½ mile from the school. Also reported on an attempted arson at the high school, a threat of a suicide at the high school and a couple incidents of terrorizing in a motor vehicle. Reported that he is still working on the drug issues. Understands there is quite a bit of drug activity in the Town of Waterboro. Reported that the new speed limit signs by the new Middle School should be up soon and they will be enforcing very hard once the signs are moved. Discussed the resource officer at the school.

7:15 – Lynda Greene discussed the Governor's proposal. Stated that they are putting a booklet together for all Selectmen in the district. Stated that in the proposal they will be reducing superintendents from 150 to 26 and there will be 17,700 students in this region. Reviewed the new law and stated that we are in Region 26. Stated that this proposal is intended to help the taxpayers. Selectman Gale questioned how this will affect superintendents contracts and questioned the debt. Lynda explained that she believes they will honor the contracts but will not be renewed obviously. Explained that where they will save the largest amount of money is on teachers based on class size being increased. Regarding the debt, that will stay with the community, for example; we will no longer own the new middle school but we will still own the debt. Discussed funding and budgeting within the new region. Stated that MEA has already come out in opposition and MMA has come up with an alternative plan. Reported that support staff such as secretaries and aides won't be part of the region and they will all lose their jobs. Stated that you can read the entire proposal on the State Board of Education web page. Selectman Grover questioned a forum with a representative from MMA and the Governor's Office for a question and answer session but Lynda felt it may be a bit early for that. Need to get more information first. Discussed the open house and dedication of the new middle school. It will be held on February 4th at 2 pm and will be an opportunity to thank all those who made this a reality. There will be tours by the students. Explained that the move went very smoothly. The old middle school will be used by the high school next year. They are looking at putting Freshman and adult programs into that building and there will be space for the ROTC program also.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she received the draft report from Turner Building Science. Recommendations are as follows: (1) cover or remove the chimney to the roof line; (2) remove the remaining drywall in the shed and (3) clean the furnace and change the filters. Will have the full report soon.
2. Met with SMRPC and they looked at what has already been done on the roads. Stated that they have never done anything like this before but will have a proposal by the end of the week.
3. Reported that she received the RSMS book from DOT and has the program to install at a cost of \$25.00.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the resignation of Don Boilard as Custodian and as Transfer Station/Recycling Committee member. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to appoint Brigit McCallum and Don Holden to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Willis stated that he wants a survey done as a referendum article which would be non-binding for the Transfer Station. Nancy stated that this will mean 4 ballots and will be very costly. Selectman Gale questioned doing it outside of a formal ballot. Also suggested a focus group on how these questions should be worded. Willis estimates curbside would cost approximately \$200,000 and curbside recycling approximately \$150,000. Selectman Woodsome question how curbside would work on private roads. Selectman Fay suggested that the committee put questions together and bring them back to the Selectmen.
4. Discussed having a criteria for charities. Selectman Fay questioned if this criteria was voted on by the Finance committee and Selectman Gale stated that they had a criteria in the past and he reviewed what that was. Suggested that this would work without something formal. Selectman Grover stated that he would like it in an application format. Felt this would make the process so much easier. Will schedule a workshop next week.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Item on the road program was already discussed by the Town Administrator in her report.

OTHER

1. No one present from the Finance Committee
2. Dave Woodsome stated that the committee's biggest task right now is preparing the survey. Stated that regardless of what system we go with, recycling has to be a part of it. Reported that there is about 9% more recycling now than before pay per bag but also a huge increase in tonnage, approximately 600 ton over average. Asked that people start by recycling cardboard and paper. Also spoke with Superintendent Greene about the schools and they are going to work on education within the schools as well as the schools recycling. Clint has worked on job descriptions for employees and a solid/hazardous waste ordinance which they will be presenting to the Selectmen shortly. Discussed e-waste and the problem of people putting it in with their solid waste. This has to be separated. Next meeting is Monday, January 29th at 7 pm.
3. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 1/9/07 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
5. Selectmen Woodsome and Grover read the reminders.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

1. Selectman Woodsome explained that he closed the Transfer Station on Sunday with the help of Selectman Gale. Stated at 11:30 when they made the decision the roads were very icy. The roads did clear up so apologized for any inconvenience. Expressed concern that not all of the Selectmen are bringing forward all communications that they are receiving and requested that copies of all be brought to the town hall by tomorrow's staff meeting.
2. Willis questioned if the survey could be handed out with the ballots but hand counted separately. Nancy to check into this. Selectman Gale stated that if doing an opinion poll it can be less formal. Nancy will check to see what they did in Hollis when they did their survey.
3. Selectman Grover questioned what is to be discussed in the staff meeting. Nancy explained that the employees have requested a staff meeting with the Selectmen. Selectman Gale stated that the employees have requested a meeting with the Selectmen about the internet policy. Selectman Fay

stated that he has not met with or discussed with any employees this staff meeting but does feel if they asked for this then we should honor it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Moore seconded by Selectman Fay to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Minutes of 1/9/07
2. Deed for Kitty Chadbourne
3. Abatements

APPROVED:

Date _____
