

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
May 1, 2007

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Chief Matt Bors, Dep. Chief Lisa Bennett, David Benton, Bob Gobeil, Bob Fay, Fred Fay, Jason L'Heureux, Don Drew, Pam L'Heureux, Nathan Ford and Willis Lord.

Selectmen Grover opened up the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Pam L'Heureux reported that York County has been declared for public assistance. The original estimate was \$500,000 and it may be a 75%/25% split so will need to come up with the 25% matching money. Reported that the Fire Dept. will also be eligible. There will be a meeting next Tuesday at 2 pm in West Kennebunk to go over the paperwork for FEMA. Still don't know if there will be funds for individual assistance. Reported that 1,200 in York County called in about damage. Explained that once approved for individual assistance can call FEMA to register, will have to be denied by insurance first and will need to provide that information. Also reported that if not declared can apply for SBA loans. Has been giving out water test kits and clean up kits. Also been in contact with a couple of individuals and been helping them work through their issues. Selectman Gale questioned how long it would take for the town to be reimbursed and Pam explained that the last time within a couple months they received the first check. It has been rumored that the state may kick in some money but has heard nothing concrete. Discussed a grant to hook up the generator. Selectman Grover stated that they will be discussing this later as we do have \$10,000 to do it. Will put out to bid.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Jessica Peck to the Library Building Committee. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Discussed the rates for contracting equipment. Selectman Abbott explained that previously they always paid \$1.00 over state rates and explained why they paid that. Pam reported that she has FEMA rates which she would be happy to share with the board. Selectman Gale felt they should have a study group to look into this. Dave Benton explained that the state now puts it out to bid and lowest bidder usually gets the job. Selectman Gale felt they should have a working committee to look at this and come back with a proposal. Selectman Abbott suggested a workshop with the Road Commissioner and the Road Review Committee to look at it. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to create a workshop on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Vote 5-0-0. Selectman Moore stated that no one contracting to the town should be involved in this and asked that Dave Benton participate in this workshop.
3. Selectman Grover reported that he spoke with Mary Ross and that the increase to Waterboro on the school budget is 1.83%. She and Superintendent Greene were going to try to make it this evening and if not will move to next week under old business. Selectman Gale noted some differences in figures and stated that if they can't come in he would be happy to get the answers. Selectman Girard questioned if we had any Finance Committee member attending and if not why. Felt they could at least bring back information. Selectman Gale stated that they could have the school board member on the budget committee report bi-weekly. Selectman Abbott stated that we found out one week after town meeting, should have had this number going into town meeting. Selectman Gale felt this could cause everyone to react to the school budget with the municipal budget. Selectman Girard stated that they need a voice throughout the process not just at the end when the budget is presented. Selectman Grover suggested that perhaps the Selectmen could rotate attending the meetings.
4. Selectman Girard stated that coming up with a disaster procedure is going to be a very lengthy process. Pam L'Heureux stated that we do have an emergency plan and it is updated annually. Selectman Grover explained that this discussion is about procedures in town hall to get the information out in the event of

an emergency. Pam reported that the Middle School does not have a generator but need to get them one and Chief Bors stated that they have one coming. Selectman Grover stated that his concerns have to do with alerting the citizens. Chief Bors suggested setting up a workshop and Pam stated that we need to train people locally for the shelter. Lisa suggested putting the disaster plan on the web site and Willis stated that a lot of that information should be on the Waterboro page of the phone book. Scheduled a workshop for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm.

5. Selectman Grover reported that Ledgemere Dam is a low priority but will check on when the splash boards are going back up. Questioned if there is a plan to release water when expecting heavy rains and discussed possibly coordinating between the two dams. Also reported that they will be sending through an emergency plan and can handle in the same workshop.
6. Postponed until after the Executive Session.
7. Discussed Town Meeting attendance and Selectman Moore stated that the biggest issue is that nobody shows up. Selectman Abbott stated that it takes so long to put out the town report that it has nothing to do with town meeting. Discussed holding a workshop on this. Selectman Gale noted that this is one of the things in the Selectmen's Goals from last summer. Discussed moving Town Meeting and Nancy stated that in June you would have the school and county budgets as well as revenue figures. Selectman Grover stated that we need creative ways of getting people involved. Discussed problems with the location and ways of informing the public and how to get people excited about participating. Selectman Abbott noted that he personally advocates a June Town Meeting. Nathan questioned if the moderator follows the rules and also questioned having both recommendations listed as it seems that whichever recommendation gets motioned first is the one that passes. Selectman Grover requested that the board come up with ideas for the 29<sup>th</sup> and can meet ½ hour before the regular meeting. Selectman Gale felt that they would need more time. Selectman Moore also requested input from citizens.
8. Discussed Memorial Day and Selectman Grover stated that he would like to see plans made early. Lisa stated that the parade is handled by the American Legion and will be in Alfred this year.
9. Discussed the process for bidding out the generator wiring. Selectman Grover stated that he would like a list of contractors and they need specs but if some writes the specs then they can not bid on the job. Selectman Moore stated that they can still bid if they write the specs. Suggested they hold a bidders meeting then do an RFP from there. Selectman Abbott agreed that helping to write specs doesn't give anyone an advantage. Selectman Grover suggested going through the phone book to increase the bidders list or checking with the state licensing bureau. Motion by Selectman Gale to develop an RFP for this side and a bid for both sides with the possibility we could get both of them done and then have a pre-bid meeting to set the RFP and then go through the phone book and direct Nancy to send out bid requests with the following list of electrical contractors. Selectman Moore stated that you have to send out the invitation first so they know to show up to the meeting. Selectman Gale felt they should be able to bid even if they don't come to the pre-bid meeting. No second and no vote. Agreed to allow Selectman Grover to develop the list of electricians and will have the list for next week. Fred questioned if the generator has been run and all agreed it should be done. Chief Bors stated that they need to go through Southworth-Milton for the initial start-up and probably shouldn't run it without being connected to the building. Bob Gobeil stated that they should just allow Nancy to call a local electrician and not go out to bid. Selectman Grover stated that they don't have the money until July 1<sup>st</sup> and have a bidding process. Selectman Abbott stated that he feels that just as soon as the money is available that this work will be done. Pam stated that there is some money left from the generator purchase to go towards the wiring.
10. Nancy reported that the reason we did not get into the Debit & Credit cards is the fees. If we could find a company that would charge the user the fee would be fine but using taxpayer money so people can use debit or credit cards isn't right. Also thought about an ATM. Haven't looked at this in over a year so will check again.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Chief Bors presented information regarding the discussion last week on the ladder truck. Reported that he went over the specs with the Sanford Fire Chief and he also thought this sounded like a good truck. Updated the information from E1 on a tanker. Reported that the dealer would fly them to look at the ladder in Alabama then to Florida to look at then tanker then home for visual inspection. Stated that the two trucks combined are \$101,000 less than requested. There would be no deposit required for either truck and payment to be made n delivery. Discussed deferring the payment but not necessary because they already have the money. Requested to move forward and Selectman Abbott stated that they should run the contract by the attorney first. Questioned if diversified would be inspecting prior to the visual inspection and Chief Bors stated that they need to word “upon acceptable inspection by us and our agent”. Can base approval pending legal review. Also stated that they haven’t decided who would go yet. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Moore that pending legal review of contract that we start the process. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Fred reported that he still has a lot of work to do. Reported that Scooter Way needs a culvert. Dave Benton questioned increasing the size of the culvert while replacing both in size and length. Fred stated that he has done about \$77,000 in work so far and \$35,000 for hot top on Ossipee Hill and Middle Road. This number will at least double. Town share should be \$75,000-\$80,000. Discussed gravel that was washed onto private property and Dave Benton stated that per the state once it washed into a brook you can not retrieve it. Fred stated that he know of three landowners that have a lot of gravel that was washed onto their property and Selectman Abbott requested that he put a figure on that. Pam reported that there is Hazard Mitigation money available through FEMA. Selectman Grover questioned assistance for private roads and Pam knew of none.
3. Selectman Gale read a memo from John Sylvester regarding a meeting to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 in the function room of the jail regarding the County deficit. Willis reported that it is currently at \$1,000,000 to \$1.4 million. Was originally told by the County Manager that there would be 1 to 1.5 million in surplus and there is \$0. Stated that he will be asked to vote to override LD1 and asked for direction from the board. Feels they need to make some more cuts. Also reported that they will probably be meeting next week if they receive the audit. Selectman Gale reported that the 11 Town Group is looking into a private investigation. Need to keep the pressure on by forcing cuts and not pa off the \$1.4 million.

## **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to sign the warrants for bills and payroll.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of 4/10/07 and 4/19/07. Vote 3-0-2 with Selectmen Girard and Abbott abstaining as they were not yet on the board. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of 4/24/07 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Selectmen Grover read reminders.

## **HEARING OF DELEGATION**

4. Pam reported that she will hold a CERT training for people who want to get involved. Stated that she was frustrated that she could not work in her office because of no power. Stated that people can call her office at 247-8888 to volunteer for a CERT class.
5. Dave Benton questioned reconvening the North Station Building Committee and if Dwayne would remain on the committee or if they wanted to appoint another Selectman to fill that spot. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore that Dwayne continue. Vote 5-0-0.
6. Selectman Abbott reported that the proposed solid waste ordinance scheduled for public hearing on May 15<sup>th</sup> has been blocked and needs a lot of work.
7. Dave Benton announced that the water district will be flushing hydrants starting this week.
8. Discussed a meeting on the dam and questioned if the public can attend which Selectman Grover stated they could and also that Lake Arrowhead Community has a committee on this.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Selectmen Moore and seconded by Selectmen Gale to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

**SIGNED:**

Warrants for bills and payroll.  
Minutes of 4/10, 4/19 & 4/24/07  
Warrants for SAD #57 budget vote  
Concealed weapon applications

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