

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 15, 2007

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Dean Waterhouse, Willis Lord, Loren Conger, Fred Fay, David Woodsome, Ray Davis and Jon Tufts.

Selectmen Grover explained the workshop held at 6:30 and opened up the meeting at 7:12 p.m. with the pledge.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Selectman Abbott explained that the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee held a workshop last night to work on the ordinance. Their goal is to create an ordinance that covers everything they do at the Transfer Station then have a separate rules, regulations and fee structure policy. They want to remove the requirement for a recycling committee and have a sub-committee of the Transfer Station Committee work on recycling. They are not ready for a public hearing yet. Stated that there were some things in the ordinance that don't need to be there because they are state law and some that should be addressed by the Planning Board. Stated that they may need a hazardous waste committee. Discussed notarizing ordinances and Nancy stated that they are recorded by the Town Clerk. Discussed the ice fishing derby and the amount of trash left on the lake. Selectman Gale suggested that in the future they have to leave a deposit with the town and we would hold until it is cleaned up. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

7:15 – Deputy Conger presented his report for April. Did want to stated that the town crews did a great job with the Patriot's Day storm. Stated that the calls were down some in April but that's due to 3 major storms in the month. Reported that he has spent a lot of time on Ossipee Hill Road with speeding, a forgery case at town hall in which he did recover the \$50.00 also had a student come to school with a bottle of alcohol in his backpack. Discussed fines for responding to alarms that are going off when there is no emergency. Stated that unless the owner calls the alarm company with the correct password the police have to respond. Selectman Gale stated that there are a lot of complaints about speeding on West Road and questioned what is being done. Dep. Conger stated that they appear to be going faster than they actually are because of the hills and curves but when he has been out there most are within the tolerable range. Also reported that the state has agreed to drop the speed limit on Route 5 to 35 mph so there will be no 50 between the school and Hannaford. Selectman Girard thanked Dep. Conger for all his hard work as she has heard a lot of good things from the citizens and felt that as this is Law Enforcement Week it would be an appropriate time to thank him.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that has been entering new budget figures and working on end of year for the pre-audit.
2. Reported that FEMA will be here May 21st and 22nd. Selectman Grover stated that he understands they are also compensating for loss of work
3. Today was dealing with an ongoing internet problem. Reported that it was caused by a wiring problem and did install a new router today which is the second time this year. Has gotten a price of approximately \$1,000 to move the equipment out of the utility room and at the same time would tag every wire.
4. Reported that there is one company through Biddeford Savings for debit and credit cards but they have a lot of fees. They charge \$7.00 per month secure fee that the town would have to pay, terminals would need to be purchased and the cheapest are \$300 each, then there are two sets of fees – in person \$2.12 per \$100 charged to the town and over the phone would be a 1.25 to 2% interest and authorization fee of \$.21 per transaction. Looked into Official Payments through a town and most use for taxes but you can go into a calculator and figure your convenience. Put in a tax payment of \$1,500 and the fee would be \$35 charged to the user.

5. Reported that she has a request to purchase the two old generators.
6. Has received a number of complaints about the Transfer Station being closed on Monday but mostly because there wasn't enough notice. People were under the impression that May 1st it was going to open again on Monday's and didn't find out that it wasn't until they were already there.
7. Discussed updating the slides on Channel 5.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the resignation of Nathan Ford from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regret. Vote 5-0-0. Jon Tufts questioned removing a member for non-attendance. Reported that Kevin Jalbert has only attended one meeting since his appointment. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to remove Kevin Jalbert from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote 5-0-0
2. Selectman Abbott felt we should advertise for the Zoning Board of Appeals and interview. Pam reported that it is nearing the end of the fiscal year so has been working on compiling the list of positions with openings and expiring terms. Will have completed for next week. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Gale to advertise all positions. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Nancy reported that we had originally requested money to buy a second ballot counter but right after town meeting received word from the state that our current one will no longer be supported after November 2008 and they are going out to bid so will probably be able to purchase through them. May now need to request funds to purchase a second one depending on what the state gets for a price. Will table until we get a price from the state.
4. Discussed the video technicians position and Selectman Gale stated that this is a technical position and the wage is probably below industry standard. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to offer \$20.00 per hour for video work until Town Meeting. Stated that the position averages 5-6 hours per week and David agreed to keep the job at the increased amount. Discussed requesting an additional \$3,000 at the Special Town Meeting to increase to 10 hours per week and he could handle some other duties. Vote 5-0-0.
5. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to have Selectman Grover check out the feasibility of moving some equipment around such as the server so that the Town Administrator could be moved into the room where the server is currently and report back next week. Vote 5-0-0.
6. Discussed hiring a town planner and Selectman Grover stated that there has been no response from other towns. Motion by Selectman Moore to advertise for a Town Planner. Questioning raising this at the 11 Town Group to see if any of those towns would be interested in sharing a Planner with us. Selectman Gale will raise this at the next meeting. Selectman Abbott questioned what the tasks are for a Town Planner and if there is a job description and also questioned what isn't getting done now without one. Selectman Moore explained what the Hiring Panel thought their functions would be and found out that it is very different. Stated that they are not a business developer and they do not write grants. Selectman Gale suggested asking the Planning Board what tasks they would need done and perhaps could just go with a consultant. Nancy will contact the Planning Board for what they would like to see from a Town Planner and will bring back in 3 weeks.
7. Explained that there is a request from a resident to have the state do an evaluation for speed and traffic on West Road. Fred stated that Genest trucks are running West Road right now because Alfred roads are posted. Dep. Conger stated that the average speed on West Road is 47-48 mph and it is posted for 45 mph. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to forward this letter with a request that the state evaluate.
8. Selectman Abbott explained that the United Way has a clean up day at Camp Laughing Loon and questioned if they could access the Transfer Station earlier than Noon on Wednesday, June 6th. Explained that they can access through the Public Works gate. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard that there be no charge for debris brought in. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Abbott abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the proposal for \$1,000 to make the changes in the workstation and that it come from Building Maintenance. Selectman Grover stated that he would suggest they add to their motion that they start the beginning of next month with a deadline. Selectman Gale added to the motion by it be finished by June 15th. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Girard abstaining.
2. Discussed getting someone to write the specs for the wiring for the generator. Nancy did not feel they should have the pre-bid meeting and have multiple people write the specs. Selectman Abbott suggested contacting a single electrician to write the specs prior to the pre-bid meeting. Will put back on next week.
3. Discussed road repairs from the Patriot's Day Storm and Fred stated that the total at this point is about \$90,000 plus an additional \$80,000 in paving but the work is not done yet. Selectman Abbott reported that according to the report from the Treasurer \$112,000 in bills have been processed so far and already \$142,000 in the hole. Fred noted that they still also have Scooter Way to do so will easily be \$250,000 which means will need \$65,000 to cover the towns share. Selectman Abbott noted there if all the work is not completed there is a significant amount that will roll in surplus and Fred stated that with the work he's doing as a result of the storm he won't do everything that had been scheduled prior to the end of the fiscal year so may need to roll money over. Selectman Abbott stated that we can afford to take this money from surplus and then pay back with the FEMA money. Selectman Girard stated that perhaps some of the damage could have been prevented if work had been done on the roads but the past couple years we have not been doing much road work. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to continue the meeting past 9 pm until all business is completed. Selectman Abbott told Fred that we need to know what's been done and what needs to be done but it has to be in concrete so we know what we have to ask for in the Special Town Meeting. Fred suggested using the money appropriated for Bagley Road as he will not get to that project. Also reported that Star Hill will be done and he will use the paving money. Discussed Hamilton Road and Selectman Abbott stated that the town had an engineered study done on this problem in the 80's. Rep. Jacobsen is contacting DOT to come look at it. Tabled until next week. Selectman Grover noted that some culverts on Hamilton Road are washed out underneath, filled up or rusted out. Questioned using some FEMA money for this.
4. Selectman Grover reported that Clint met with the electrician today and marked out what needs to be done and the Quonset Hut is complete. He is getting a price from Woodsome's Lumber on material for the sheetrock cover. Will put on the agenda in two weeks.

OTHER

1. Dave Woodsome reported that the next meeting of the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee will be June 4th at 7 pm. Selectman Girard stated that the Public Safety Committee desperately needs members.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Abbott to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the minutes of 5/8/07 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Selectman Grover noted that the Executive Session has been cancelled.
5. Selectmen Grover read reminders.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Selectmen Gale and seconded by Selectmen Girard to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll.

1. Minutes of 5/8/07
2. Abatements
3. Concealed weapon application

APPROVED:

Date: _____
