

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 2, 2007

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Patti Berry, Nancy Johnson, Kerry Thorne, Pam L'Heureux, Ray Davis, Clint Andrews Bob Gobeil, Fred Fay, Jerry Daigle and Paul Tebbetts..

Meeting called to at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Kerry explained what needs to be done to upgrade the polling place to be ADA compliant. Selectman Girard questioned if a ramp could be added to the front of the building as the interior ramp is a problem but as the new doors are only single doors not sure if they are wide enough to be handicapped accessible. Kerry also stated that even for absentee voting the threshold in the Annex is difficult and perhaps should install an automatic door. We can get reimbursed up to 80% from the state but there is only so much money and when it's gone there won't be any more so need to do this while the money is still there for reimbursement. Stated that the first step would be to get an estimate and the board agreed to add to the agenda. Selectman questioned why we are no long ADA compliant when we were years ago. All agreed that requirements change. Kerry also requested the appointment of a deputy town clerk. Explained that currently she has one but only for the counter work and she is looking for someone to help only with elections. Nancy Johnson has expressed interest. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to add the handicapped accessibility under new business item #5. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Grover to add deputy town clerk under new business item #6. Vote 4-0-0.

7:15 – Pam L'Heureux addressed the board regarding the requirement that the town be NIMS compliant. This is effective now and the training needs to be completed to be eligible for federal grant money. Explained that the Selectmen and Dept. Heads need the training and it will take approximately 2 hours. Do have until January 28th but doesn't want to wait until the last minute, can also do on-line. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to add NIMS training as item #7 under new business. Vote 4-0-0.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Paul Tebbetts questioned why the town needed a \$7,000 law mower and why they did not go with the lowest bid. Selectman Abbott explained that the Parks & Rec. Director had explained this when he approached the board but he mows a lot of area in town, the previous mower died and needed replacement. Stated that they don't always have to go with the lowest bid. Selectman Girard explained her reasons for voting the way she did which included considering mileage and time when service is required. Selectman Grover didn't feel that they ever really evaluated what we needed. Paul stated that if you want out of town businesses to participate you need to give them a chance. Selectman Abbott stated that there are some other things you need to take into consideration other than just the lowest price. Selectman Gale stated that you also need to give some consideration to the local business. Paul questioned hiring out the mowing instead of hiring another person and purchasing the mower. Selectman Girard stated that Mike did do comparisons prior to presenting his request to purchase the mower.

REPORTS

A) Town Administrator

1. Reported that she is still receiving applications for the Planner.
2. Reported that she is still receiving a lot of interest on the generator wiring.

3. Reported that we will be doing training for point & pay shortly.
4. Reported that the request regarding the boiler at the first station did not come from the department head but from someone doing some work for them.
5. Reported that Mike received the agreement for work to be done on Dean Drive and would like to be on next weeks agenda.
6. Reported that we received the Worker's Comp numbers for January 1st and our rating is .86.
7. Working on putting together the reports for the department heads.

B) Selectmen's Report

1. Selectman Grover reported that Citizens Energy will be starting on December 3rd.
2. Selectman Gale reported that Thursday at 7 pm there will be a presentation on the '47 fire here at the Town Hall.

C) Committee Reports

1. Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the permit for Richard and Robin Lavigne. Selectman Abbott stated that the CEO had not had a chance to inspect yet. Motion withdrawn. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to table until next week. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Jerry reviewed the four choices for a tax rate. Stated that the overlays would be debited down by our share of the Homestead Exemption. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to set the tax rate at \$10.10 per thousand. Stated that last year the tax rate was \$23.00 with overlay of \$114,000. Selectman Abbott noted that this is \$1.20 per thousand less than estimated in July. Vote 4-0-0. Jerry stated that tax bills will be going out shortly with due dates of November 19, 2007 and second half May 19, 2008.
3. Discussed the goals and Selectman Gale stated that he feels basically they are done the job and not just need to monitor meeting these goals. May need to only meet for ½ hour. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to meet October 23rd at 6:30 pm. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to schedule a Public Hearing for November 6th at 7 pm with the Land Trust. Vote 4-0-0.
5. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale that Nancy and Kerry find a contractor to look at the project to bring the voting place into ADA compliance and bring back. Vote 4-0-0. Selectman Abbott questioned why Alpha One said we were compliant several years ago. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to have Alpha One also look at it. Vote 4-0-0.
6. Discussed appointing a Deputy Town Clerk and Selectman Gale stated that he would like Nancy's recommendation first. She expressed concern because of the contract negotiations. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to table for one week. Selectman Girard stated that she felt it should be posted first to see if anyone else is interested. Vote 4-0-0.
7. Selectman Abbott suggested that the board do the NIMS training and test on-line by the end of the month. Will look at it again at the end of the month to see who has done it.
8. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting. Vote 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the Hiring Panel for hiring the Town Planner and Selectman Girard questioned if the Town Planner will be a Dept Head because if not you don't need the Hiring Panel. Selectman Abbott offered to call former Hiring Panel members to see if there is any interest. Nancy explained that the last time they interviewed for this position it was a representative of the Planning Board, herself, Selectmen and some members of the Hiring Panel
2. Discussed the parking lot and sidewalk snowplow contracts. Selectman Girard suggested going to a two year contract. Nancy stated that with the plow for the town tractor they can remove the Transfer Station and the Library. Selectman Grover questioned if there is a fuel surcharge which there is not. Selectman Abbott suggested putting out for one year with a possible one year extension. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard that pending changes this be put out to bid. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept Patti & Matt's recommendations on new road names. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to approve the Liquor License Renewal Application for China City. Selectman Girard noted that the CEO did find some electrical issues. Selectman Gale stated that these violations don't have anything to do with the liquor license. Selectman Girard stated that if we are going to require an inspection we need to use it to force them to comply however there is no Waterboro Zoning Ordinance violation. Selectman Grover suggested sending them a letter requesting compliance. Discussed how often the state inspects and it was noted that the CEO is forwarding this information to the state. Vote on issuing the license 4-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to sign the warrants for bills & payroll. Vote 4-0-0.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Mike regarding the watershed grant
2. Richard Lavigne junkyard permit
3. Inspection policy
4. Council Meeting
5. Open bids for the generator wiring.

Motion by Selectmen Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to go into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) Hardship Abatement at 8:30 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to deny the application and invite the person to reapply if and when they have exhausted all other avenues. Vote 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

APPROVED:

Date: _____
