

Selectmen's Meeting

October 23, 2007

7:00 P.M.

Present: Tammy Jo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Mike De Angelis, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Clint Andrews, Fred Fay and Debby Downs.

Opened meeting at 7:05 pm with pledge

7:00 –Mike explained that last week at the Parks and Rec. meeting WAB offered to construct an ice rink at the Lions Field and manage it as well. They have already done the fundraising and collected the material. Will be rather large to accommodate a lot of people, about 220' long by 90' wide. Parks & Rec. committee voted to accept the proposal and present to the Selectmen. Probably will be some electricity cost as they want to operate at night and the cost of the maintenance person to do some residual work. Discussed resurfacing the ice etc. Selectman Grover stated that they had one in Sanford and it was very costly. Mike explained that the Lion's Field is rather secluded. WAB has assured that they will handle the bulk of care and there will be no cost to the town to get this up and going. Discussed liability to the town and WAB requested a hold harmless agreement. Mike felt that would not be a concern if done under the Parks & Rec. department. They will build the rink and donate to the Parks & Rec. Dept. Jon felt it is a great idea but questioned supervision of the area. Mike stated that there is no money in his budget for this project. WAB has volunteers to put it up and hope to have the materials donated. Mike didn't see any expense. Would like to have skating under the lights. Discussed hours that it would be open. Here to find out if there is any interest in pursuing this further. Selectman Girard stated that she was in the same meeting and knows they have strong concerns about liability. Selectman Girard questioned if we would need to hire an employee to be on site whenever it's open. Mike suggested getting legal advice. Selectman Grover felt that it would be nice to have an ice rink but is concerned that it is going to cost money for things like electricity and manpower. Would prefer to see funds going towards things like the senior luncheon than something like this when no money was appropriated. If we're going to spend the money should go before town meeting first. Selectman Abbott suggested that they should go through the Lion's Club and come forward with a complete plan. Need a proposal on what this is going to look like. Would be a great thing but can't have it come back to us. Need to know what WABs level of participation is going to be. Also reported that WAB will be supplying a traditional thanksgiving dinner on November 8th at the snowmobile club. Call Parks & Rec. Office to make a reservation.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that the mobile home has been removed. Tommy and Fred did a great job cleaning it up.
2. Reported that she has the contractor's contracts done but wants to look at them one more time then will distribute to the board so they can look at them prior to next week's meeting.
3. Internet will be installed at the Transfer Station on Mon. October 29th. Line will run into the new building and they will also install all the wall jacks.
4. Since going to debit/credit cards have had 7 transactions. A lot of interest but mostly they don't want to pay the fee.

5. RHR Smith will be here on Weds. & Fri. tying up the loose ends mostly regarding Special Town Meeting and trying to get the money from FEMA and regular road work.
6. Voting on November 6th. Can vote by absentee now. Call Town Clerk at 247-3166 for information.
7. Flu Clinic here on November 2nd 2 – 5 p.m.
8. Selectman Girard noted that the ATV club has moved their building over next to the salt shed. Questioned if they produced any of the paperwork they were supposed to. They were supposed to have the land surveyed, speak to an attorney about a rental agreement, supposed to take care of insurance. The building is there it's been put together and they have a building permit. Understood that this was only storage until these things were taken care of. Nancy will give Todd a call and find out where they are, last time she spoke with him they were taking it to the attorney to get the paperwork. Selectman Girard stated that she noticed that in their minutes they are talking about starting to use it for meetings. Nancy will contact Todd and find out what's going on. Selectman Grover questioned how they got a building permit when they don't yet have an agreement with the town.

Selectmen's Report

1. Selectman Girard reported that she had correspondence from some residents that are interested in seeing the town establish a business impact ordinance. These residents are exploring what other towns are doing. Will probably come up after the holidays. She will be working with them.
2. Selectman Gale reported that a couple people from Roberts Ridge have complained about speeding on that road and there is also some concern about the road breaking away because some people are going off the road at the very end. There is currently a 6 inch drop. Fred stated that he did some work on Webber Road and Deering Ridge yesterday. Just needs some shoulder work so will get the tractor up there. Selectman Girard will talk to Loren about doing some radar details there.
3. Selectman Gale reported that he met with the Finance Committee last week and talked about responsibilities. They questioned how involved they get in the regular management of town finances. Agreed that with a quarterly meeting with the Board, that if the board and the committee sat down and discussed what unusual finances had occurred in the past few months and what may occur in the next three months that they would feel more included in the process. Seems a fairly easy thing to do as we're going through the quarterly reports. Could be just two things on the agenda, past three months activities and projected activities over the next three months. Next meeting with the Finance Committee scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th at 7 pm. Selectman Abbott agreed that they need to keep the dialogue going.

Committee Reports

1. Clint reported that he attended that Maine Resource Recovery Association annual meeting. They talked a lot about a campaign that is starting regarding mercury thermostats. Will be offering a \$5.00 reward for every one that's returned. The attorney general has served papers on General Electric & Honeywell that they have to pay for all this. We will take them at the Transfer Station and give them paperwork to be sent to the company and the company will send a check directly to the customer. Being handled through the attorney general's office. If the company is going to send into the state then they will be responsible to take it out. This is all being done through the Legislature and it is a law now. Also passed, in this past Legislature, that the companies are allowed

to charge us a pickup fee, so all these companies have got to pay for this so that will save us a lot in the long run. Currently there is a \$3.00 service and the companies will have to pay that as well as the pickup charge. Will give this over to the Transfer Station Committee and see if they want to reduce the charge or not charge at all. State Planning Office has a new motto "Recycling – Everything deserves a second chance". Presented information on the new campaign. Discussed single stream recycling. We are not doing one stream in Waterboro. Selectman Abbott explained that the committee is discussing this issue in some detail at this point. He and Clint are doing a lot of research into this and will be giving a recommendation to the board prior to the budget. Selectman Abbott stated that EcoMaine is pushing for single stream. Clint reported that we can not sell, give away or doing anything with our brush pile, stumps etc. Sappi applied for a permit in 2005 and in September they were given a permit by DEP and are starting to burn. It looks like Casella will be doing the same thing in Westbrook. Explained what they will be burning. If we can just wait until Spring it should all go. The problem is the emissions standards in the State of Maine. Last year went to Commercial Paving but they can't meet the standards so they shut everybody off. Received the suggestion that we sign a contract with Thompson who will be the hauler for the burner.

New Business

1. Jerry explained that most of the abatements are just a reduction in the overall valuation. Most have to do with the transfer of the data from one software into the other. Many instances where it didn't make the tax billing process. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the abatements. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale that Celina Corbeil be put on the Parks & Rec. Committee. Vote 5-0-0.

Old Business

1. Selectman Abbott explained that he is delinquent in getting a boiler plate of the Code of Ethics but will have by next week's workshop. Selectman Girard questioned why we need a Code of Ethics when a lot of this is covered by either the law or our Personnel Policy. Selectman Abbott explained that the Personnel Policy only covers employees and this is to encompass anyone representing the town such as on committees. Felt that is just to cover everyone and does refer to state law including volunteers and anyone representing the town. Establishes some level of behavioral expectations. Selectman Gale noted that each of the towns that have a Code of Ethics also has a Board of Ethics. Discussed the possibility of forming an Ethics Committee. Selectman Abbott didn't feel it needs to be cumbersome but need to set expectations. Selectman Grover noted that in the past we have not had a way to handle these issues and this will take care of that. Selectman Gale stated this also give us a process to handle those issues. Selectman Abbott felt that there needs to be a standard and it needs to be the same for everyone.
2. Selectman Abbott reported that he has been delinquent in getting together with Pam on the Action Items Plan. Will bring this also to the workshop next week.
3. Selectman Girard reported that she will not be present next week.

Other

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to sign warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.

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2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept minutes of 10/16/07 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Grover abstaining as he was not present in the meeting.
3. Discussed interviews for Town Planner. Have identified 6 which all are in agreement with. Will get with Nancy and try to move that forward. Will put on agenda next week to keep it front and center. Selectman Abbott has spoken with a couple members of the previous Hiring Panel who have expressed interest in participating.
4. Selectman Abbott read reminders.

Agenda Items

1. Contractor's Contract under Old Business
2. F.E.T. will be the big item and will probably take most of the meeting. Selectman Abbott stated that they need to make this a very constructive meeting and all work together.

Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Signed:

Warrants for Bills and Payroll

Minutes of 10/16/07

Abatements

Approved:

Date: _____
