

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 28, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Fred Fay, Pam L'Heureux, Jason L'Heureux, Dave Woodsome, Patti Berry and Rep. Joe Wagner.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA §405 (6)(C) for Economic Development at 5:35 pm. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to come out of Executive Session at 5:48 pm. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA §405 (6)(D) for Contracts at 5:48 pm. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to come out of Executive Session at 5:58 pm. Vote 5-0-0.

Opened meeting at 6:00 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott reminded everyone to recycle.

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Fred questioned the board on what we can do to clean out the pond at Roland Denby's of the sand that washed into it from the road. Selectman Abbott stated that they did ask a lot of questions of MMA and the attorney right after it happened and there was some question as to it being a fire pond. Selectman Gale stated that if you set a precedent it may open it up to a lot of other people however, if it is a fire pond then it's for the town's purposes. Selectman Girard stated that she checked with the Fire Chief and the pipe was sheered off by a plow about 6 years ago but if cleaned out and the pipe repaired the fire department would be interested in it as a fire pond again. Fred stated that we could use the sand again if you were careful when you remove it from the pond. Dave Woodsome stated that it would only be right and just if the town cleaned that out. Doug Foglio stated that the culvert plugged from people dumping in the woods and then the road washed into the pond. Pam L'Heureux stated that there may be some hazard mitigation money coming soon. Selectman Girard stated that if MMA rules that we can spend the funds because it's a fire pond then she is in favor of spending the money as long as it's used as a fire pond. Patti stated that because of the sand in the pond the water is rising and will eventually wash out the dam and cause more problems. Nancy stated that she has questioned the attorney again but not heard back yet. Will bring this back next week.

6:15 – Patti reviewed the three newest violations. One is an abandoned house with a pool that is accessible. There is a gate but could very easily be opened. Discussed the liability to the town and Patti felt that if we get a health complaint there may be some liability but at this point it is private property. Questioned putting a lock on the gate but needs to do more research and try to contact the owner and perhaps the bank. The second violation is an old property dispute which is a civil matter. Third is an old abandoned septic tank and this is partially a civil matter. Is working with DEP because it's an underground tank. Took pictures today and will send them out but should know more later this week. Will request a meeting in the future to get some direction on these violations from the board.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported on the Neighborhood Stabilization Project and offers should be made by the end of July, still waiting for funding. Hope that the first house will be completed by the first of October and once complete will ask the Selectmen to come look at it. Also reported that there may be more funds available to Waterboro than originally expected.

2. Reported that we received the notice of funding for the Road Block today at \$81,048, had planned on \$76,000.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Girard reported that the letter to County Government was answered this week by Richard Brown. Suggested that we have Dan Cabral, our representative, attend a meeting later in the month. Reported that they are working to update their web-site to include minutes and agendas. Selectman Abbott felt the 12 Town Group might be the place for the commissioners to address the towns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Dave Woodsome reminded that we are pushing to increase recycling and that each ton of trash costs the town \$88.00 where there is no cost to recycling other than the hauling charges. Announced that on August 8th 1 to 4 pm there will be an Open House at the Johnson Lumber Mill and that there will be a special guest speaker, an individual who worked at the mill when it was in operation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to appoint Frank Allen to the Planning Board. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Moore opposed.
2. Selectman Abbott explained that around the time of town meeting someone use the town account to accumulate a \$15,000 phone bill. Nancy reported that she has been in contact with PUC and also the town attorney who wants them to pay the non-disputed portion of the bill. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to pay the non-disputed portion of the phone bill. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the Selectmen's Order. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Selectman Girard stated that Dustin Holden has been a driving force on the Road Review. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept his resignation with much regret and gratitude. Selectman Littlefield felt that this would be an opportune time to recognize some of our volunteers and long-time employees. Should have a protocol and recognize them for their contribution. Selectman Gale felt that it should be pretty easy to do with a small amount of money for a plaque. Selectman Abbott recommended putting this on next week's agenda. Vote 5-0-0 to accept Dustin's resignation.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed moving the server from a public area to a secured area.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Minutes not available. Will move to next week.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Follow up to the workshop with the Transfer Station Committee – Recommendation for a warrant article
2. Denby's pond follow up
3. Recognition Program

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Septic System Variance

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
