

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 17, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Bob Gobeil, Pam L'Heureux, David Woodsome, Dean & Denise Waterhouse, Clint Andrews, Jack Seery and Richard & Ruth Sevigny.

Selectman Abbott opened regular Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott requested that people continue to recycle and noted that we have put out a couple of silver bullets, here at Town Hall and at the Lion's Club.

Selectman Abbott stated former Fire Chief Frank Birkemose is now home.

### APPOINTMENTS

Opened public hearing on the Parks Ordinance at 6:04 p.m. Selectman Littlefield explained that this sets the parameters for the town parks and gives some teeth for enforcement. Stated that he did have a concern from a resident questioning why no dogs are allowed and he had responded to that explaining the reasons. Did state that he is looking into a dog walking park. Bob Gobeil stated that this is a good idea and the Parks & Rec. Committee support it. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to close the hearing at 6:08 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

Opened public hearing for the Solid Waste Disposal & Control Ordinance at 6:15 p.m. Clint explained that this ordinance replaces some of the other ordinances we already have and puts EcoMaine back in the picture as well as including Flow Control. Any commercial hauler in town must take to EcoMaine. Stated that a previous board has already done this but it was not in the ordinance. Stated that it will be up to the Sheriff to enforce, all businesses will need to be informed and every business will have to comply. Stated that recycling is exempted. If the town doesn't conform, EcoMaine could come back on the town. Clint stated that EcoMaine can validate what haulers bring in. Stated that the assessment is based on a five (5) year rolling average. Dave Woodsome stated that if we increase our recycling we reduce our household waste which reduces our cost. Discussed requiring that the hauler is properly insured but Selectman Abbott felt they are governed by the state and it's not up to the town to get involved. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to close the hearing at 6:35 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

### HEARING OF DELEGATION

Jack Seery requested a workshop with the Selectmen and Matthew Eddy of Eaton Peabody to discuss funding and should also include the Town Planner. Will put on the agenda to decide. Announced the Silent Auction and Gala on Saturday at Heritage Company. Currently have 90 auction items which are all on their web-site. Can buy tickets at the door. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to add to the agenda to establish a workshop date with Friends of the Waterboro Public Library. Vote 4-0-0.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she is up to her neck in budgets and that this will be another hard year.
2. Reported that they have been talking about TIF's and Attorney Cole has offered to come out and do a training. Selectman Littlefield suggested doing after the first of the year. Nancy felt the middle of January would probably work so will schedule with Ken and also see if he has material they can review prior to the workshop.

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT'S**

1. Selectman Girard reported on the 12 Town Group Meeting last night. Explained the Simplification Committee to look at road classifications, structure of roads and simplifying. Reported that the County Budget currently stands at \$18,779,397 which is a \$183,512 reduction from last years budget but a 10.33% increase to the municipalities because of the reduction in revenues. The first budget meeting is tomorrow at the courthouse. Also reported on three (3) bills before the legislature regarding excise tax and suggested sending a letter to the tax committee opposing this. Reported that there will be no meeting in December.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Dave Woodsome reported that the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee is very active and are discussing several options to increase recycling and reduce household waste. Reviewed his results from the interviews on Saturday at the Transfer Station. Selectman Gale questioned if even those who are recycling are doing it effectively. Dave requested someone to pick up where Brigit left off educating the lower grades at the Elementary School on recycling. Their next meeting is November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the Parks Ordinance as read. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the Solid Waste Disposal & Control Ordinance as written. Selectman Girard expressed concern with managing the haulers and enforcement which along with that piece is expense. Felt they should work this out before adopting a new ordinance. Selectman Littlefield questioned holding a meeting with all haulers and explain this to them. Clint felt that he can manage this if enacted. Dave explained that this is a work in progress and there will be changes but it is a place to start. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Dave Lowe reported that they have looked at a couple of options for consolidating the email. There are more but the other options are very expensive. The web based is probably the most effective but there is a fee of \$1.00 per month per account so would be \$12.00 per year per volunteer/employee. Selectmen requested that he put a proposal together.
4. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to move forward with the supplemental assessment plus attorney fees. Vote 4-0-0.
5. Reviewed the report from the Code Enforcement Office and would like a report every other month. Selectman Gale felt that if they show up on three consecutive reports the board should be taking action. Thanked Patti for the concise report.
6. Scheduled workshop with Friends of the Waterboro Public Library, Tom Ursia, Town Planner, Nancy Brandt, Town Administrator, Matthew Eddy, Eaton Peabody and Board of Selectmen for Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the minutes of 11/3/09 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

**PENDING DECISIONS**

- 1. Personnel Policy
- 2. Committee Involvement

**WEEK'S ACTION LIST**

- 1. Letter to Tax Committee – Selectman Girard

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Executive Session – Poverty Abatement at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Executive Session – Personnel Issue
- 3. Tower Lease
- 4. Workshop to finalize committee involvement

**SIGNED:**

- 1. Warrants for bills & payroll
- 2. Minutes of 11/3/09
- 3. Concealed weapon application

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

**APPROVED:**

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