

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 21, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Littlefield, Selectmen: Woodsome, Girard & Abbott, Nancy Brandt, Sue Rocray, Doug Foglio, Sr., Christina Silberman & David Lowe. Rep. Aaron Libby arrived at approximately 6:40 pm.

Chairman Littlefield opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**HEARING OF DELEGATION:** Road Commissioner Doug Foglio, Sr., provided reports from Sebago Technics regarding three issues, the West Road bridge, Chadbourne Ridge Road and the Hamilton Road culvert & bridge.

Mr. Foglio pointed out concerns with the condition of the West Road Bridge. The Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for this bridge and has indicated that it is not an unsafe situation. Mr. Foglio disagrees with DOT and said that the bridge has further deteriorated since DOT did their inspection. Mr. Foglio said that this is a serious issue and asked the town to follow up with our State delegates and the Governor's office. Ms. Brandt will follow up on this.

Mr. Foglio outlined issues with the Hamilton Road culvert & bridge. Mr. Foglio said it is his opinion that this bridge has exceeded its life span. A recommendation in the Sebago Technics report is to post a weight restriction on the bridge as a safety precaution. Selectman Girard moved to have the Road Commissioner post the Hamilton Road bridge with the appropriate weight limit required to maintain the integrity of the bridge, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

Mr. Foglio reported that the fallen trees blocking Hamilton Brook are creating a flood risk. He did not find anyone interested in removing the trees in exchange for keeping the wood. The trees have no value. Mr. Foglio said that someone could go in with a small excavator and drag the trees out of the brook and they could then be removed or left along the bank. Selectman Girard asked what the cost would be for this work and Mr. Foglio said it would be 3-4 days' work with a small excavator and a couple of men with chain saws. Selectman Girard said that if it has to be done then the cost should come out of the road budget. Mr. Foglio said that this expense was not budgeted for this year and he will have to wait until after the Special Town Meeting to see if the work can be done in this budget year because the vote will affect the road budget.

Selectman Abbot moved to take New Business Item #4 to discuss the Chadbourne Ridge Road repair out of order and hear it now, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**New Business Item #4 (taken out of order):** Mr. Foglio said that the river is undermining this road that serves 14 homes. This project will involve the Army Corp. of Engineers, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Saco River Corridor Commission and the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Mr. Foglio said that he would like to seek some funds at the Special Town Meeting to begin the engineering work. He plans to schedule an onsite meeting with the various agencies to view the project to see if there is a

way to speed up the process and see if there is a less expensive option. Selectman Girard said that it is a good idea to set up a meeting to look at the problem.

Mr. Foglio reviewed the West Rd. Bridge issue with Representative Libby who arrived after the initial discussion. Ms. Brandt said that there have been numerous complaints about the bridge and that DOT has asked that they be contacted directly with concerns.

Mr. Foglio said that there is a place between #639 and #646 Ossipee Hill Road where the road is collapsing. He doesn't know why this is happening. The sunken area has been filled with cold patch and there may be a serious situation developing here.

Chairman Littlefield said that he would like Mr. Foglio to move forward with setting up a meeting with the various agencies to look at Chadbourne Ridge Rd. Selectman Abbott asked if the road could be moved over on the other side. Mr. Foglio said there is a wooded area on the other side that is privately owned. There is a possibility that the town could get an easement on this property to remove some of the trees and put down some gravel to allow for a place for people to drive in case the road becomes deteriorated. Mr. Foglio said he is looking for a way to stabilize the road. Chairman Littlefield thanked Mr. Foglio for the information.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman Littlefield reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Treasurer's weekly financial reports
2. Fundraising notice from Leavitt's Mill Free Health Clinic
3. Rep. Libby's newsletter
4. Notice from the Center for Grieving Children, now in York County
5. Routine notice from Time Warner Cable re: programing & broadcaster agreements
6. **Confidential** copy of Jerry Daigle's letter regarding an abatement request
7. **Confidential** copy of Town Attorney Cole's letter regarding a settlement offer

**REPORTS: Selectmen's Report:** Selectman Girard reported that she attended a meeting of the 12 Town Group last night. Arlene Carroll spoke about the "Fueling February and Beyond" program in Alfred. The program is for the collection of bottles and cans and the funds are used to fund heating assistance. The program is not geared towards people that would normally qualify for LIHEAP or General Assistance but is geared towards people that are having a financial issue and it can only be used twice for \$100 each time. Information on this program was provided to the board. They discussed upcoming Town Meetings and pay increases. Most of the Towns are proposing wage increases this year in the 2 – 3 % range.

Selectman Abbott reported that Ecomaine will be presenting their Ecoexcellence Awards on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The Transfer Station staff was nominated and will receive one of the awards this year. Anyone that is interested in attending should RSVP to Ms. Silberman at town hall or to Lynne Trufant at Ecomaine.

Chairman Littlefield attended a meeting of the 6 Town Group with RSU 57's Superintendent and Business Manager. It is too early for a clear budget amount. They hope to keep the budget flat this year. There are many intangibles such as rising fuel costs. There will be significant expenses incurred in the cost of special education functions at the high school due to new student enrollments. There is also a proposal at the State level to move some children with special needs from state facilities to home

environments and this may affect public education costs. School enrollment is down according to State figures. Their next meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Representative Libby's Report:** Rep. Libby reported that the House of Representatives passed the supplemental budget through much bipartisan support by a vote of 121 to 25; however it was 1 vote short of passing by the Senate. The supplemental budget should be taken up again on Thursday. There are structural changes to this bill that are needed. They are looking at a \$221 million shortfall. Rep. Libby is currently serving on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee which has been meeting 3 -4 days each week and they have been looking at a lot of bills and have had a lot of long public hearings. Chairman Littlefield asked if the Committee has considered a decrease in gas taxes due to rising fuel costs and Rep. Libby answered no. Rep. Libby explained that there has not been much to report on due to the nature of the schedule in Augusta and he will try to attend the Selectmen's meetings or provide information to Ms. Brandt to keep the Board up to date.

**Town Administrator's Report:** Ms. Brandt said that work continues on the budget. A Department Head meeting was held last week. 3 of the Department Heads were unable to attend and 1 had to leave early to deal with a technical issue. Ms. Brandt said the heat in the meeting room has been fixed. Apparently the thermostat had been reprogrammed again. She is looking into having a new thermostat installed that will send a message to her if it is tampered with. This would be an expense but will pay for itself within the first year by not having to call for repairs.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discuss/vote on committee appointments:** Selectman Girard moved to appoint Judith Cindy Durney, Todd Smith, Jill Smith, Deborah Eisenhauer and Robert Gobeil to the Old Home Days Committee seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**2. Discuss/vote to approve the agreement with Atlas Pyro Vision Productions for fireworks at Old Home Days:** Selectman Girard moved to use Atlas Pyro Vision Productions and authorize payment of the 50 % deposit for fireworks at Old Home Days, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed **3 yeas, 1 nay (Woodsome)**.

**3. Discuss/vote to establish a scoring committee to review the qualifications of proposers in response to a request for proposals for engineering/ design services on a specific portion of Old Alfred Road for Maine DOT Project No. 19396.00.**

Selectman Girard moved to appoint the Town Administrator (Nancy Brandt), the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (Gordon Littlefield) and the Chairman of the Road Review Committee (Roger Macomber) to the Scoring Committee, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **3 yeas, 1 abstained (Littlefield)**.

**4. Discuss Chadbourne Ridge Road repair:** This item was taken out of order and heard after the Hearing of Delegation near the beginning of the meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Discuss/vote to approve warrant articles for the March 13, 2012 Special Town Meeting:** Ms. Brandt provided an updated draft warrant. Selectman Abbott moved to remove article 10 from the proposed Special Town Meeting that sought to authorize the town to appropriate \$25,000 from surplus for engineering plans for Chadbourne Ridge Road shoreline stabilization, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **3 yeas, 1 nay (Girard)**. Selectman Abbott stated that he is not in favor of Article 9 to

provide \$20,000 from surplus for Fire Dept. per diem pay. The Board discussed this article. Selectman Girard moved to retain Article 9 with the Selectmen's recommendation "ought to pass", seconded by Chairman Littlefield, voted and passed **3 yeas, 1 nay (Abbott)**. Selectman Girard moved that all other articles remain as is with the Selectmen's recommendation "ought to pass", seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**OTHER:**

1. Moved by Selectman Woodsome, seconded by Selectman Girard to sign warrants for bills and payroll, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.
2. Moved by Selectman Woodsome, seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the minutes of the 2/14/12 regular meeting as written, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**PENDING DECISIONS:**

1. Public Service Announcements: pending
2. Review Driveway Opening Permit language: pending
3. Board & Committee status: There are some vacancies, please visit the town office for more information and an application if interested
4. Water District survey: waiting to be compiled
5. Water District office space lease: pending, Ms. Brandt will follow up on this
6. Eagle Scout Project: no information
7. Internet and Electronic Mail Policy revisions: pending

**WEEK'S ACTION LIST:**

1. Mr. Foglio will follow up on scheduling a visit to look at Chadbourne Ridge Rd.
2. Ms. Brandt will follow up on the West Road Bridge issue
3. Ms. Silberman will schedule a meeting of the Scoring Committee

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Executive Session to discuss legal matter
2. Executive Session for Town Planner's review

Chairman Littlefield read the reminders.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman Girard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm and begin the budget workshop, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 2/14/12

**APPROVED:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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