

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2012

PRESENT: Chairman Abbott, Selectmen: Gale, Girard, Littlefield & Woodsome, Ruth Blake, Jack Seery, Brigit McCallum, Doug Foglio, Leo Binette, Nancy Brandt & Christina Silberman.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Abbott reminded people that use Little Ossipee Lake that the drawdown will begin next week. There is work that has to be done to the dam and the boat launch. The boat launch work must be completed by October 1st. Chairman Abbott asked people that hear this message to please remind people they know that use the lake that in mid to late September there will be more shore land than they would typically have. Chairman Abbott stated that the tax rate has been set and property tax bills will be mailed by September 7th. The first half will be due October 5th and the second half will be due April 5th. The new tax rate is 12.80 and it was 12.00 last year.

APPOINTMENTS: None

HEARING OF DELEGATION: Amy Beth Lucarelli of the Community Garden Committee provided an update on their progress. They met with R J Mere who set up the Kennebunk Community Garden and he provided great info and tips. Ms. Lucarelli thanked Selectman Gale, their Board liaison, for attending their meeting. She said that on September 10th Foglio, Inc. has generously donated the clearing of the land. They are very thankful because this has been a major problem for them and they could not move forward without it. They are working on a kiosk to have at town hall with information on meeting times, what the garden will look like and to recognize donations. They are researching grants and looking for solutions for water and fencing. The Committee is working to establish rules and bylaws for the Committee and guidelines. They are looking for additional members. Applications are available on the town website and at town hall. You can e-mail the committee at garden@waterboro-me.gov. The Committee is also accepting donations. Ms. Brandt said that the plan is to put up the kiosk as soon as the property is cleared. Selectman Gale said that it is a complicated process setting up the plots and deciding how it will be managed and it is pretty exciting.

Road Commissioner, Doug Foglio, Sr., said he has many things to review.

1. He provided photos to the Board and said he received a call on Sunday about illegal dumping that occurred near the town sand pile off the snowmobile/ATV trail. The ATV/Snowmobile Club has agreed to put up a gate to narrow the entrance so cars/trucks cannot get through. Mr. Foglio said he will also place some large rocks in the bushes to prevent vehicles from getting through on the trail. He has secured the barrels that were dumped. Mr. Foglio said that the barrels have contaminated oil (contaminated with water so it cannot be burned) and it is going to be expensive to dispose of these. Mr. Foglio asked the Board what they want him to do. The Sheriff's Dept. has been notified. Selectman Girard asked the Town Administrator if the town insurance would cover this. Ms. Brandt said she would check. Selectman Littlefield asked if the DEP could help with the disposal and Mr. Foglio said he didn't think the town should involve them.

2. Mr. Foglio said he has signed an agreement to have the guardrails reinstalled by Main Line.

3. The utility polls have been set along New Dam Road. The 3' culverts have been put in except for 40' and then the culverts will be completed on the new section. 1,350 feet have been graveled.

4. Paving bids are out and will be opened by the Board next week (September 4th).

5. The cutting is complete at the town pit. He has met with the engineers for the site evaluation.

6. They rented a machine to cut the bushes and grass and it is doing a good job. If it continues to work well he is going to check with Alfred about sharing a rental for a month next year.

7. Mr. Foglio said he would like a Board member to serve as a liaison to report about the work they are doing at the town pit and the proposed salt shed.

8. Mr. Foglio said he has met with Zebra Striping about striping the Library parking lot and asked if the stripes should be yellow or white. He said yellow will last longer and will show up better in the winter. The board agreed to yellow. Mr. Foglio asked who is going to approve the work and who is paying for it. Ms. Brandt asked how much it will be and Mr. Foglio said they are going to send her a quote. He said this expense should not come from the road budget.

9. Mr. Foglio showed the plans for the repairs to the boat ramp and said they will need approximately 40 planks to complete the work and may need to replace some existing planks. He is going to order 50 planks. He is also proposing installing a new curb with 3' of paving to help divert the water away from eroding the beach. Selectman Girard asked what our budget is for this. Selectman Woodsome asked how deep the water will be at the end of the ramp and Mr. Foglio replied it will be about 3 ½ feet. Ms. Brandt will provide a report next week for the estimated costs and where the funds will come from.

10. He has spoken with Tim Clark of Whipps, Inc. about the dam repairs. Mr. Foglio is going to remove the gates and they will repair them. He is concerned if there is a storm with heavy rain. He would like to add another 18" hole in the dam and he could cover it with a plate after the drawdown. This would help a great deal with draining the lake. Chairman Abbott said we will wait on this and see about the rain. Ms. Brandt said that we will have to rent a crane to remove the gates and Mr. Foglio said he has someone lined up for this. A lot of the road will be blocked by the crane when the work is done and Ms. Brandt will notify law enforcement. Mr. Foglio said that someone from Ledgemere Dam called and wants to meet to discuss the dam opening. They are concerned that when the gates are removed from the town dam, their dam will be flooded.

Ms. McCallum asked about a rise along New Dam Rd. that she didn't notice before and Mr. Foglio explained this was due to the larger culverts that were put in.

Selectman Woodsome asked about Mr. Foglio's request for a liaison for the salt shed and the Board scheduled a workshop to meet there on Thursday, September 6th.

Ms. Brandt asked about Old Alfred Rd. and if Mr. Foglio is happy with what DOT has done and he said no. DOT has put a skinny mix over the road and they did not shear it like they said they would. Chairman Abbott asked that Ms. Brandt and Mr. Foglio send DOT a letter explaining our displeasure to put it on record.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Abbott reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Treasurer's Weekly Financial Reports

2. Rep. Libby's newsletters
3. Memo from Town Administrator re: draft Warrant for November 6, 2012 Referendum
4. Information from Tina Smith regarding cistern lot owners

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

Librarian: Librarian Ruth Blake reported that the library has a new fax/printer. In July they averaged 39 adults and 24 children each day. They did 52 inter library loans. People are using Kindle's and reading more this summer. They had kids crafting in July with tie dying. In September they are planning a fun with nature project for the kids. They will have pumpkin painting in October, harvest baskets in November and holiday ornaments in December. Heidi and Jean attended training on a new IIL policy. More and more people are using the Wi-Fi in the parking lot. Volunteers have been helping out at the library due to Ms. Blake's absence. They issued 27 new cards in July. They have collected a lot of books in the basement and will be sending some to the new library in Limington for their book sale. Ms. Blake asked that people with book donations call first and that they do not put donations in the book drop or leave them out back. Story Hour averages about 15 children and 10 parents each week. Kids enjoyed the summer reading program with 172 children participating. They had an adult summer reading program for the first time this year and had 13 people sign up. They had a party for the children's program and Mad Science of Maine did a fire and ice program that was really good with 150 people attending. They will begin fall story hour next week. The Board thanked Ruth for her report.

Library Board of Trustees: Brigit McCallum of the Library Board of Trustees reported that tomorrow at 8 am Gnome Landscaping will begin constructing the stone wall around the sign out front. This will be a 4 x 8 garden and will be zero-scaped, meaning it will not need water and will be easier to care for. The gardens are being completely rebuilt and most of the funds are coming from the Barbara Lord Memorial Fund. The Friends of Waterboro Public Library and the Garden Club will also donate toward this. They will welcome any donations to complete the project. The Library will be painted beginning next week. Ms. McCallum said this is a project that has been a dream for quite a while and she is excited to see it come to fruition. She is hoping to build mosaic panels this winter to frame the door of the Library. The gardens will be basically perennial gardens with a ground cover between the parking lot and the stone walls. The Trustees have been doing a lot with children's programs and feel they are making a difference for a lot of families.

Friends of Waterboro Public Library: Jack Seery stated they are enthusiastic about putting in some funds toward the garden project.

Selectmen's reports: None

Town Administrator report: Ms. Brandt reported that they had training today on the CodeRed at the fire station. This system will be a great avenue to get information to citizens. Subscribers can choose if they want messages by telephone, email or text message and there are emergency and general notification options. People can sign up on the town website at www.waterboro-me.net. Persons that do not have a computer can sign up at the town hall or at the fire station. Selectmen Littlefield mentioned that computers are available for the public to use at the Library. Ms. Brandt reminded people that the deadline to sign up for the tax club is Sept. 1st and because this is a Saturday we will accept applications until Tuesday, Sept. 4th. She reported that we are finalizing the lease for the excavator. There are many projects in the pipeline to complete before cold weather hits. They will develop a plan to complete anything that isn't finished in the spring.

Chairman Abbott asked about filling the position for the part time road worker and Ms. Brandt said that the Road Commissioner has to review the applications. Ms. Brandt said we received our insurance renewal and our coverage has increased in many areas at no additional cost. Chairman Abbott asked about the Transfer Station tractor's life expectancy. Ms. Brandt said the tires will be replaced with used tires soon and we will have to look at a replacing this piece of equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/vote to approve a letter to the York County Commissioners re: caucus:

Selectman Gale moved to send the letter drafted by Selectmen Girard, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

2. Discuss/vote on the bond term for the proposed salt shed: Selectman Gale moved to go forward and present this as a 10 year bond, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

3. Discuss/vote to approve two partial payment waivers on one property: The Board tabled this item until an opinion is received from Maine Municipal Association about the ability to restrict partial payment waivers to one per property.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Selectmen's goals: The Board scheduled a workshop for Thursday, September 13th at 6 pm to discuss their goals.

OTHER:

1. Moved by Selectman Gale to sign warrants for bills and payroll, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

2. Moved by Selectman Littlefield to approve the minutes of the 8/21/12 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas, 1 abstained (Woodsome-not present)**.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Public Service Announcements

2. Review Driveway Opening Permit language

3. Board & Committee status: Chairman Abbott reviewed the list of vacancies: Old Home Days Committee, Fair Hearing Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Parks and Rec. Cmte, Conservation Commission, Transfer Station / Recycling Committee, Road Review Committee, Library Board of Trustees, Hiring Panel, Economic Development Committee & Public Safety Committee

4. Barriers to prohibit vehicles from driving on the public beach

5. Cistern maintenance: Selectman Gale suggested the Fire Chief and Town Administrator make a recommendation on whether the town should take responsibility for the cisterns. If we do take it on, we will need a budget for this. Chairman Abbott would like to know if the subdivision plans note anything about who is responsible for the cistern.

WEEK'S ACTION LIST:

- Report on estimated cost for the boat launch work and where the funds will come from
- Post notices for Sept. 6th and Sept. 13th workshops
- Follow up with MMA on partial payment waivers

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discuss public safety concerns with local car shows
- MOU for Lake Arrowhead to review.

Chairman Abbott read the reminders.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Woodsome moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 8/21/12

APPROVED: Date: _____
