Waterboro Board of Selectmen May 14, 2013

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Selectman Girard moved to go into executive session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to meet with Town Attorney Natalie Burns to discuss a legal matter, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. Selectman Littlefield arrived at 5:50 pm. Selectman Gale moved to come out of executive session at 5:57 pm, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

PRESENT: Chairman Abbott, Selectmen Gale, Girard, Littlefield and Woodsome, Town Administrator Nancy Brandt, RSU #57 Superintendent John Davis, School Board members Mary Ross & Heather Silva, Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman and IT Manager David Lowe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS: RSU #57 Superintendent John Davis and School Board members Mary Ross and Heather Silva: Dr. Davis distributed a supplement with information on the school budget. Dr. Davis said efforts from the State Legislature to scale back (on funding) will impact all of us and he reviewed the Legislature's proposals. He discussed the school budget and answered questions. The expenses per pupil at RSU #57 are low compared with other districts in the area. Selectman Girard said that her neighbors do not support the proposed increase and asked if there is a plan B in place if the proposed budget is not approved by voters. Ms. Silva said that she has heard a lot of feedback in support of the budget and considers it an investment in the future. Ms. Ross said she has had a lot of feedback from people opposed to the budget who say they cannot afford the increase. Chairman Abbott commented that it is a sad state of affairs when you look at the number of voters that participate in the school budget election. Selectman Girard remarked that it is important for the public to know that the school budget is set by the residents of the community who participate in the process. The district budget meeting for all of RSU #57 will be May 21st at 7 pm at the Massabesic Middle School Cafeteria. People will then have to follow up and vote to approve the budget at the June 11, 2013 election.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Abbott reviewed the following:

- 1. Treasurer's Report
- **2.** Rep. Aaron Libby's weekly newsletter
- 3. Letter from Senator Tuttle to municipal officials re: proposed budget
- 4. 2012 Annual Solid Waste Management Report
- 5. Motor Vehicle Agent's April 2013 report and corrected January 2013 report
- 6. Letter from Maine DOT re: Edith Hughey Road and Whitehouse Road speed limits
- 7. Planning Board 5/15/13 agenda

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES

- 1. Code Enforcement Officer: Postponed
- 2. Saco River Corridor Commission: None

3. Selectmen's reports: Selectman Girard reported that the 12 Town Group met last night with 7 communities represented. The new York County EMA Director Leo Rogers was a guest speaker. He said his focus will be getting EMA back to the quality of service that was provided when Bob Bohlmann was in charge. They discussed the Code Red emergency notification system. EMA wants to be notified of large gatherings such as Old Home Days and asked for an updated contact list for town officials. Another guest speaker, Paul Schumacher of Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC), reported on their activities. He said that there is an increase in economic development in the inner York County areas. SMRPC have services available and several free workshops. Mr. Schumacher discussed available grants. SMRPC is looking for more elected officials to participate on the Executive Board. Bonnie Pothier of U.S. Senator Angus King's office reported that Senator King will close many of his local offices and he will send representatives out to the communities to meet with people as a better way to stay in touch with constituents. The Group reviewed LD 1496 which would shift the tax burden. Selectman Girard recommended that people review this LD.

Selectman Littlefield said he attended the 20/20 Presentation by the Sewall Co. with Selectmen Woodsome, Gale & Girard and Ms. Brandt. They discussed the best places in town for a business/industrial park and future wastewater and water needs. This was very informative. Selectmen Gale applauded the 20/20 Committee for talking about things that are inevitable over the next 5 to 20 years. We do need to start looking at these things and planning. Selectman Woodsome added that the Sewall Co. suggested the town work with the Water District to identify water sources for future growth and there is a lot to think about.

4. Town Administrator's report: Ms. Brandt reported that the auditor was here on Thursday and Friday last week and the town is in good shape. She has been getting ready for the Annual Town Meeting (June 15th). The Treasurer and the GA Administrator will both be out for 4-6 weeks because of surgery.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discuss/vote on action needed as a result of the executive session: None
- 2. Discuss/vote to approve the renewal of a State Liquor License for a Restaurant for Malt, Spirituous and Vinous for Asian Taste: Selectman Girard moved to approve the renewal seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, 5 yeas.
- 3. Discuss/vote to approve the renewal of a State Liquor License for a Restaurant for Malt and Vinous for Blast from the Past: Selectman Gale moved to approve the renewal, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, 5 yeas.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Discuss Town Charter revision implementation progress:
 - Town Administrator position-no updates
 - Job descriptions
 - Public Works
 - Board of Selectmen By-Laws and Policies

OTHER:

- **1.** Selectman Girard moved to sign the warrants for bills and payroll, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.
- **2.** Selectman Woodsome moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passes, **5 yeas.**

PENDING DECISIONS:

- 1. Public Service Announcements
- 2. Review Driveway Opening Permit language
- 3. Board & Committee status
- **4.** Economic Development forum
- 5. Implementation of Town Charter changes that will be effective July 1, 2013

WEEK'S ACTION LIST: None

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS: None

Chairman Abbott read the reminders.

ADJOURN: Selectman Gale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

SIGNED:

- Warrants for bills and payroll
- Liquor licenses for Asian Taste and Blast From the Past

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