

**Waterboro Board of Selectmen  
September 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**5:45 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION (Note: Selectman Girard was not present):**

Selectman Abbott moved to go into executive session at 5:45 pm per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) to meet with a committee applicant, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. Selectman Abbott moved to come out of executive session at 5:58 pm, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Woodsome, Selectmen Abbott, Gale & Littlefield, Town Administrator Gary Lamb, Sharon Abbott, Planning Board members Dwayne Prescott, Andy Cote & Tim Neill, Tammy Wells, Massabesic High School Principal Chris Elkington, RSU #57 Superintendent Dr. John Davis & Activities Director Brendan Scully, Herman Allen, Ross & Elaine Dindio, Joyce Leighton, Joan Farwell, 4 others, Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman and IT Manager Dave Lowe.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Woodsome opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Selectman Littlefield expressed condolences on behalf of the Board to local reporter Tammy Wells for the loss of her father. Selectman Littlefield also expressed condolences on behalf of the Board to the family of Virginia “Ginny” day, a long-time resident and active committee volunteer for the Town of Waterboro. Selectmen Littlefield welcomed attendees that participated in a recent Planning Board meeting.

Chairman Woodsome also extended condolences on behalf of the Board to the family of Victor Wright on the loss of his father Russell Wright, a long-time resident.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:** Massabesic High School Principal Chris Elkington addressed the Board and said he is forgoing his time so Massabesic High School Activities Director Brendan Scully can review the proposed athletic facility improvements at Massabesic High School. Mr. Elkington will reschedule his appointment with the Board. Activities Director Brendan Scully provided an overview of the proposed improvements to the athletic facilities at the high school. This information is available on the RSU #57 website at [www.rsu57.org](http://www.rsu57.org). A Referendum Election will be held November 4, 2014 to authorize the expenditure of \$6,800,000 which includes going to bond for \$4,900,000. Selectman Gale said he has heard some people say that the complex has not been taken care of and that is why it is in such deplorable condition. Mr. Scully responded that age and time have caught up with the facility that was built in the 1970s. Maintenance may not have been conducted as it should have been. Mr. Scully said that he would ensure that the athletic facilities are maintained. He added that no significant monies have been spent on upgrades to the athletic facilities in the 40+ years since they were built. Some things such as lighting and purchasing bleachers were paid for by the boosters and/or done by volunteers. Mr. Elkington added that the buildings at the high school have been well maintained and are in great shape. Chairman Woodsome asked

what the cost of maintaining the upgraded facility will be. Mr. Scully did not have these figures. Mr. Scully said that maintenance of artificial turf does cost less over time than real grass. Selectman Abbott asked if the improvements could be phased in over time instead of being done all at once. Mr. Scully said it would cost more to do the improvements over time than it will to have them all done at once. Mr. Neill asked how this will be voted on and if it will be a single question. Mr. Scully said the election will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> and it will be one question. Selectman Littlefield suggested random, regular spot checks of the facilities to deter people from causing damage. Mr. Elkington said they are looking into expanding the security cameras. Selectman Abbott asked how much of the cost will come from the capital reserve fund. Mr. Davis replied that use of capital reserve funds will depend on fundraising and as little as possible will be used. Selectman Abbott said it is important to know what the cost increase for maintenance will be. He added that if capital reserve funds are used, there should be a plan for how quickly the funds will be replenished. Dr. Davis added that there are very few facilities that do not require some renovation after 40 years. Herman Allen said that the cost is too much for the taxpayers and people can't afford the taxes as they are. He added that the bleeding has got to stop, the jobs aren't keeping up and we don't have it. Dr. Davis said they are taking a census of the educational program which he provided to the Board. They are looking for public input and there will be meetings for the public for this.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION:** Ross Dindio thanked Selectman Littlefield for attending the Planning Board meeting regarding expansion of the campground and he thanked the Planning Board for their diligence in listening to people's concerns. He said a lot of people on the lake are concerned about the changes that are happening and feel that they did not give any input. He asked that more thought be put into dock and mooring regulations. Joyce Lincoln said she would like to know if she could go back in the minutes to learn what was discussed. She feels there should be some general rules in place about lake usage. Joan Farwell said she attended a Selectmen's meeting where a length restriction on docks was discussed. Selectmen Abbott responded that the proposed length restriction was not adopted. He suggested that the issue be reviewed in the spring. Planning Board member Andy Cote noted that the applicant for the campground expansion is not present and there should not be any discussion of this application. Ms. Lincoln asked if the Planning Board has the power to approve the length of the dock. Selectman Abbott said the Planning Board has the right to condition approval. Planning Board Chairman Tim Neill said a lot of people at the Planning Board meeting recognized a need for enforcement and fees. Mr. Dindio asked about a State right of way at the campground that Selectman Abbott had mentioned. Selectmen Abbott said he recalls discussion in the past about a State right of way at the campground. Mr. Dindio said he will look into this.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman Woodsome reviewed the following correspondence;

- a. Rep. Libby's newsletters
- b. Senator Tuttle's newsletter
- c. Treasurer's Reports

## **REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES**

**a. Selectmen's reports:** Selectman Abbott reported that this Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is the EcoMaine Annual Open House from 8:30–11:30 am. Go to [ecomaine.org](http://ecomaine.org) to R.S.V.P.

Selectman Littlefield said he attended the recent Planning Board meeting. He acknowledged Selectman Gale's efforts in creating the "Waterboro Photo Day" display. Selectman Gale noted that Kerry DeAngelis put the display together. He said that there are some really neat pictures and they hope to do a fall display next year followed by a winter display.

Chairman Woodsome reported that he will attend a day long Envision Maine summit on Friday in Freeport on economic development in Maine.

**b. Town Administrator Gary Lamb's report:** Mr. Lamb did not read his report in the interest of time. He asked the Selectmen if the Town wishes be included in the Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2016/17 work plan for the Old Alfred Road sidewalk project. The consensus of the Board is that the Town is interested in this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Discuss/vote on a committee appointment:** Selectman Littlefield moved to appoint Ted Doyle to the Public Safety Committee, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**b. Discuss/vote to schedule a public hearing on proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance Section 2.08:** Mr. Neill explained the proposed revisions. Selectman Littlefield moved to schedule a public hearing on October 14<sup>th</sup> to hear comment on the proposed revisions, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**c. Discuss/vote to approve a Change of Zone Request Form including the fee:** Mr. Lamb explained that there is currently no fee for a change of zone request and these can be a lot of work for staff. The Planning Board has suggested a \$500.00 fee. A question was raised as to whether this will be an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. If so, the Planning Board will need to hold a public hearing on this first. Mr. Neill said he will look into this. Selectman Abbott moved to postpone action on this item, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**d. Discuss/vote to schedule a public hearing to consider a Driveway Ordinance:** Planning Board member Andy Cote said he would like another workshop with the Road Review Committee to review the proposed ordinance. Selectman Abbott moved to postpone action on this item until such time as the Planning Board and Road Review Committee resolve their differences and the Planning Board makes a recommendation to the Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**e. Update on Lada Auto Sales property:** No update was provided.

**f. Discuss/vote to sign the Warrant and Notice of Election for the November 4, 2014 Regional School Unit Referendum Election to authorize expenditures and issue bonds and notes for renovations and improvements to athletic fields at the Massabesic High School complex:** Selectman Gale moved to sign the Warrant and Notice of Election, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**OTHER:**

**a. Discuss/vote to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting:** Selectman Littlefield moved to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**PENDING DECISIONS:**

**a. Review status of Annual Town Meeting:** This item has been addressed and will be removed from pending decisions.

**WEEK'S ACTION LIST:**

- Schedule an executive session for the Board to meet with a new committee applicant.

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Schedule a public hearing on October 14, 2014 on the proposed zoning amendments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Selectman Gale moved to go into executive session at 7:58 pm per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C) to discuss possible land acquisition after a 5 minute recess, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. **Note:** Selectman Abbott left after this vote and did not participate in this executive session. Selectman Littlefield moved to come out of executive session at 8:35 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **3 yeas**.

**ADJOURN:** Selectman Littlefield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **3 yeas**.

**SIGNED:**

- Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting
- RSU Warrant and Notice of Election

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

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