

Minutes of the Waterboro Board of Selectmen Meeting

October 9, 2018 at Waterboro Town Hall

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Selectmen Dennis Abbott, Dwayne Woodsome, Tim Neill, Ted Doyle and Gordon Littlefield. Also in attendance were Gary Lamb, David Lowe, David Benton, Todd Abbott, Joe Gunther, Craig Richardson, Brigit McCallum, Jack Seery, Tony Vigue and several others.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS – To hear public comment concerning the November 6, 2018 referendum questions.

The public hearing was opened at 6:03 pm. Chairman Abbott reviewed the ballot questions and explained them in general and purpose. The non-binding ATV ballot question generated the most discussion and questions and answers. ATV club president Todd Abbott spoke about the need for using some town roads because of the loss of the main east/west trail through town. Brian Bronson, the ATV trail coordinator from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry spoke at length about how numerous other towns have improved ATV usage and safety by allowing some ATV usage on town roads and mandating large access route signage. The public hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Tim Neill made a motion to move item 9e to item #5 so our guest Tony Vigue could head home earlier. The motion was seconded by Ted Doyle and approved on 5-0 vote.

5. APPOINTMENT

Tony Vigue presented background information on Charter Communications “channel slamming” (our local public access cable channels being moved from their present low numbers on our cable system up to the 1300 number range so Charter can realize more profit from the lower numbers). Charter

Communications is trying to implement these channel slamming changes across the country. A bill has been drafted and will be proposed for the next legislative session to prevent this tactic in Maine. David Woodsome is a sponsor and we may need to travel to Augusta to testify in favor of this bill this coming winter. Tony was thanked for his comments and very fine research.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Motor Vehicle and Excise Tax reports
- b. ecomaine Recycling Report for August 2018

8. REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES

- a. Selectmen's reports

Tim Neill mentioned we really need to build some sort of weatherproof and heated enclosure for the transfer station attendants manning the recycling compactor. Now that we require an attendant to be there all day long they will be standing in snow and rain which is unacceptable without some sort of heated space or cover.

Ted Doyle mentioned that Plummer's Hardware is opening Monday, October 15th with a grand opening date sometime in November. Ted Doyle also made a Community Garden announcement about garden plot availability and pricing for 2019.

Dennis Abbott mentioned at the next Board of Selectmen workshop perhaps the Board should discuss having the Selectmen take over the chairmanships of Transfer Station and Recycling Committee as well as Public Safety Committee.

- b. Town Administrator Gary Lamb's report

Town Administrator Gary Lamb's report was delivered as follows:

- **Budget Committee members are needed badly.** We are only at three tentative members now and should have five committed for the budget season that begins in earnest in January.
- **Spirit of America Award -** Bimi Woodsome will be honored Wednesday, November 7th at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' office as the recipient of the Waterboro Spirit of America award. I will attend and I assume members of the Woodsome family and perhaps some Selectmen.
- **Firefighter rehab bus is retiring -** Our Fire Department's rehab bus for frozen or overheated firefighters failed a recent inspection. The problems

are structural and not worth the considerable expense considering the age of the vehicle and extent of corrosion. We will be selling the vehicle.

- **Belvel house and Historical Society** - Jim Carll informed me October 5th that the historical society has changed its mind and now would like to move this structure from town hall to the Taylor House property. They would like to place it between the blacksmith shop and old schoolhouse, put it on a new slab, add a small carriage house/barn, install a septic system, water line and have it heated space when needed. Jim Carll would like an audience with Selectmen at the October 23rd meeting to discuss this project.
- **Election update** - Tuesday November 6th, Waterboro voters will go to the polls at Town Hall. We no longer are voting at Massabesic East.
- The Brandts have agreed to let us use a sizeable portion of their field across from Town Hall for overflow parking. We will need parking attendants and will also have a deputy on site for the 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. busy time.
- Ballots have arrived. So far we have sent out over 200 absentee ballots and voting began today...so come on down and vote or pick up your ballot Tuesday through Friday. Our state ballot includes the race for Governor, US Senate and House, other state and county offices. The referendum questions cover one citizen's initiative, 4 bond questions and one county treasurer question re: to elect or appoint.
- **Foreclosure Auction** - We need to see a date for our foreclosure auction and Lamb suggests Saturday November 17th at 10 a.m. This idea was agreed to on motion by Woodsome, seconded by Littlefield and 5-0 vote to set the date and time. At the October 16th Selectmen's' workshop, Selectmen will have further discussion on minimum bids for the foreclosed properties.

c. Community Center Steering Committee update

Steering Committee Chairman Tim Neill made some opening remarks about the Committee's progress, the six or so other municipal facilities the Committee visited, etc. Steering Committee member Gordon Littlefield read some prepared remarks on what a community center can be....and showed a video with pictures of some of the facilities visited. Dwayne Woodsome mentioned needs versus wants and that Waterboro voters recently said no to buy the Malone property for water infrastructure purposes and a possible location for a future community center. We need more voter education before such a facility would be approved. Dennis Abbott suggested we meet with the Superintendent /School Board for a long term discussion on usage of Massabesic East as a possible community center location in the event that building ceases to be used for students years down the road. Craig Richardson, Brigit McCallum and Jack Seery all made comments in support of a community center, with Brigit and Jack voicing concerns over the scope of the facility and voter approval needed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss/vote to approve State Games of Chance License for the Massabesic Lions Club for Beano/Bingo held at 813D Main Street.

Motion to approve made by Dwayne Woodsome, seconded by Ted Doyle and approved on 5-0 vote.

- b. Discuss/vote to approve renewal of a Junkyard Permit for Richard and Robin Lavigne at 1190 Main Street.

Motion to approve made by Ted Doyle, seconded by Tim Neill and approved on 5-0 vote.

- c. Discuss/vote to approve renewal of a Junkyard Permit for Danny Laskey at 1533 Goodwins Mills Road.

Motion to approve made by Dwayne Woodsome, seconded by Ted Doyle and approved on 5-0 vote.

- d. Discuss/vote to approve renewal of a Pawnbroker's License for Waterboro Pawn & Gold at 961 Main Street.

Motion to approve made by Dwayne Woodsome, seconded by Gordon Littlefield and approved on 5-0 vote.

- e. Discussion on Spectrum's plan to push local government channels up to the 1300's.

This item was moved up to #5 under Appointment.

- f. Discuss/vote to accept the resignation of Judith Wirth from the Planning Board.

Motion made by Tim Neill to accept the resignation with regrets, seconded by Ted Doyle and motion approved on 5-0 vote. It was stated that we hope Judy can return to the Planning Board once some health issues improve.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of road issues including update on restriction of Old Alfred Road truck traffic and McLucas Road Extension.
 - **Considerable discussion ensued on DOT's position that Old Alfred Road is a state aid road. Woodsome stated he does not feel Old Alfred is a state aid road because we get no state aid funds for plowing or routine maintenance.**

- It was decided to have Dave Benton, Gary Lamb and Dennis Abbott schedule a meeting with DOT officials in Scarborough to try and settle the issue more completely.
- Discussion also ensued about McLucas Road extension status and what the Towns next move should be. This road was allegedly improperly discontinued and thus may very well still be a Town road. More homework is needed to resolve this issue.
- Gary Lamb is to call Brad Merrill and tell him the Selectmen are OK with the present parking situation on Pearl Street extension. In addition, Gary Lamb stated that Foglio Inc. recently sold six or more plow rigs so the heavy equipment traffic on that road will diminish considerably during winter months.

11. OTHER

- a. Discuss /vote to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Dwayne Woodsome to table the minutes until October 23rd. Motion seconded by Tim Neill and approved on 5-0 vote.

12. PENDING DECISIONS

13. WEEK'S ACTION LIST

14. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- Put another public hearing on the October 23rd agenda to explain local referendum questions
- Put initial discussion of cell phone reimbursement policy on the October 23rd agenda
- Executive session for TA performance evaluation on the October 23rd agenda

15. ITEMS NEEDING SIGNATURE

- a. Minutes of the September 25, 2018 regular meeting
- b. Massabesic Lions Games of Chance Application
- c. Waterboro Pawn & Gold Application

16. REMINDERS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A, §405 (6)(a), concerning initial performance evaluation of Town Administrator.

The executive session was not held because of the late hour. Instead, Dennis Abbott will circulate Gary Lamb's annual evaluation documents and this session will occur at the end of the October 23rd meeting.

18. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. on motion by Dwayne Woodsome, seconded by Gordon Littlefield and motion approved on 5-0 vote.

These minutes were approved by the Waterboro Board of Selectmen on October 23, 2018.

_____/s/
Dennis Abbott

_____/s/
Dwayne Woodsome

_____/s/
Gordon Littlefield

_____/s/
Tim Neill

Ted Doyle