

**Minutes of Waterboro Board of Selectmen Meeting  
January 2, 2024, at Waterboro Town Hall  
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Abbott started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Select Board Attendance:** Dennis Abbott, Dwayne Woodsome, David Chauvette, and Gary Fecteau. Jonathan Bell was absent.

**Other Attendees:** Matt Bors, Michael Gilpatrick, David Lowe, Glenn Seehagen, Mark Betts, Jr., and Laura Lowe.

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**a. Public Hearing to receive comment on the Town declaring a building located at 359 Chadbourne Ridge Road, North Waterboro, as dangerous Pursuant to 17 M.R.S.A. §§2851-2859 (Dangerous Buildings).**

CEO Michael Gilpatrick showed the Board a slide show of photos of the building in question located on Map 14 Lot 15. He stated that after the recent wind storm, the building is a potential hazard to anyone in the vicinity. Part of the roof is missing and the gable end is pushed way out compromising the center of the building. He received six calls the day of the storm but this building had the worst impact. The building owner has obtained a permit today to start taking the building down. He wants to save part of the building but Mike explained to him that he needs to have an engineer come in to assess.

Selectman Chauvette asked Mike if he needs to go back and inspect after the homeowner has completed. Mike answered that he does.

Selectman Woodsome stated that he thought that the Town needs some sort of Ordinance with a fee schedule that includes the Public Hearing and any other costs, as this is the first time in his time as a Board member this issue has come to the Board.

Chairman Abbott stated that this new Ordinance would be similar to the, "Malfunctioning Domestic Waste Water Disposal Systems Ordinance" and Mike can use this as a guide. Once he has the proposed ordinance, he should run it by the attorney and then come back to the Board with it.

Chairman Abbott asked for any comments from the Public. There were none from the email. Resident Mark Betts, Jr. stated that he feels the Board is setting a dangerous precedent getting involved with this as it happened on private property and it is the homeowner's responsibility. He also stated that they should push back on the State and let homeowners have more control of their property. The Board agreed to disagree as they feel it is the Board's job to keep the residents safe.

**Vote:** Dwayne Woodsome made a motion to close the public hearing. David Chauvette seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0. The public hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chairman Abbott expressed on behalf of the Board, "Happy New Year to all, and wishing a better year ahead."

Dwayne Woodsome thanked the DPW and CMP line crew for their response to the last storm. They did a great job of cleaning up the trees before the snow storm expected this weekend.

### **4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Selectman Woodsome made a motion that the code enforcement proceed with the dangerous building. Chairman Abbott stated that he fees this was done already in the signing of the Notice of Hearing which has this in the document. Selectman Woodsome withdrew his motion.

Matt Bors asked to delete Item #5a from the agenda.

### **5. APPOINTMENT:**

#### **a. Employee recognition – Vanessa Ward**

This item was deleted from the agenda. It will be added to the next agenda.

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - none.

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE – Available Upon Request:**

- a. Treasurer's Reports**
- b. ecomaine – Iodine products refusal notice**

Chairman Abbott explaninged about the notice: ecomaine has determined that the pink cloud that was seen on the Maine Turnpike as a result of the Waste Energy Facility was indeed from the use of iodine products so they have now determined or prohibited any iodine containing substances.

### **8. REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:**

#### **a. Selectmen's reports:** - none.

#### **b. Town Administrator Matt Bors report**

##### **General Information:**

- Our new Deputy Treasurer started today, we covered a lot of ground with orientation and will continue with training.
- Capt. Fraser has made significant progress with our BLS training. We are on track to begin the online training offered by Maine Municipal. Some employees have already been sent

online links to set up initial information. This will be a requirement for employees to complete, which may create some unhappy folks.

- We have hired Shane Binette for the open part-time Transfer Station position, he will begin his training tomorrow.
- We will begin meeting with the Budget Committee on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm
- I've spoken with our contract deputies Fay and Gould. They have been exceptional busy with complaints in Waterboro.
  - The Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, and Fire Marshal's Office have been working together regarding an incident in South Waterboro off Van Way
  - Numerous burglaries/theft complaints in and around LAC
  - Some may have seen the activity on Main Street (South Waterboro) that involved a naked male running in the roadway and caused damage to property.
  - YCSO has a new school resource officer at Massabesic Middle School-Rob Pellerin.
- As a reminder we have the text-my-gov service. This is a great tool that allows us to send information to those that sign up like road closures, meeting times, etc. We used this during the most recent storm to alert residents of road closures. Please visit our website to sign up.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. Discuss/vote whether or not to reschedule the March 5<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> BOS meetings due to Elections**

The Board decided to look at rescheduling these meetings in the first meeting of February.

### **b. Discuss/vote to accept Laura Lowe's resignation from the Library Board of Trustees**

**Vote:** Gary Fecteau made a motion to accept Laura Lowe's resignation from the Library Board of Trustees. Dwayne Woodsome seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS:** - none.

## **11. OTHER:**

### **a. Discuss/vote to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2023, regular meeting.**

**Vote:** Dwayne Woodsome was so moved. Gary Fecteau seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-1. Dave Chauvette abstained as he was absent from the December 19, 2023 meeting.

**12. PENDING DECISIONS:**

**a. Town Report Dedication**

The Death report was received from the Town Clerk and the Administrative Assistant will email to the board.

**13. WEEK'S ACTION LIST:**

Send death report received from Town Clerk to Select Board

**14. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Scheduling:**

Executive Session for next meeting at 5 pm – Board with Matt Bors regarding new contract.

Workshop for next meeting at 5:30 pm: Chair with other Board members regarding ecomaine's up and coming vote to spend 37 million in capital for the new Recycling Facility.

Vanessa Ward for next meeting for Employee Recognition

Move item #9a to first meeting in February

Dwayne Woodsome stated that he had a Charter meeting last week and they are moving forward. We are down one member, maybe two, so if anyone is interested let him or Marina the Chair know. You have to be a Town resident however.

Matt Bors stated that the new Trash Truck is reserved for us. Chairman Abbott just needs to sign the lease documents and then the attorney can write the legal opinion for the bank.

Matt reached out to Partner's bank and Maine Community Bank for financing for New Public Works Department Building to be prepared for Budget Discussions. Maine Community Bank & Gorham Savings Bank are merging.

**15. ITEMS NEEDING SIGNATURE: - none.**

**16. ADJOURN:**

**Vote:** Chairman Abbott entertained a motion to adjourn. Dwayne Woodsome was so moved. Gary Fecteau seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.