

**Minutes for the Waterboro Board of Selectmen Meeting  
January 16, 2024, at Waterboro Town Hall  
5:00 p.m. Executive Session, 5:30 p.m. Workshop  
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

**Executive Session – 5:00 p.m. - Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(a) – Discussion of a Personnel Matter**

**Vote:** Dwayne Woodsome made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. Gary Fecteau seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 - 0.

Dwayne Woodsome made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. David Chauvette seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 - 0.

**Workshop: 5:30 p.m. - Select Board Chair with other Select Board members regarding update on ecomaine**

Chairman Abbott went over some back ground information on ecomaine with the other board members. Ecomaine operates on behalf of Waterboro, and other member communities, three facilities and two programs that manage the recyclables and solid waste materials. They operated a Single-sort Recycling Plant, a WTE facility, and a landfill. They also operate a food waste recovery program as well as an outreach program. Ecomaine provides a regional approach to solid waste management which in turn provides an economy of scale which is desperately needed to properly manage the waste stream. They follow the waste hierarchy in their strategic blue print to minimize the waste being stored in our landfills. They provide for a deliberate approach to managing solid waste and do not leave it to chance. Landfills are filling up at a rapid pace. Our neighboring states to the south; CT, MA, RI, and NH, are running out of space. Millions of tons are being shipped out of NE to Ohio. More than half the waste landfilled in NH comes from outside their State. That is just bad policy. We do not want Maine to become a dumping ground for N.E. waste.

The Board also discussed the proposed new bigger recycling center at the Yankee Sturbridge Building on Blueberry road (50,000 sq. ft.), Portland, near the current Single Sort Facility (20,000 sq. ft.). The ecomaine Board will be voting on this soon. They also discussed possible opportunities to offset expenses; adding communities, other grants, etc.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Abbott started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Other Attendendees:** Matt Bors, Jason Champion, David Lowe, and Laura Lowe.

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - none.**

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Abbott stated that we are coming up on the March Election and you can request absentee ballots now.

### 4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Matt Bors requested to delete 5a & 5b from the agenda as neither person for the appointments are available for the meeting.

### 5. APPOINTMENT: - see above. Deleted from the agenda.

- a. **Contract Deputy Update**
- b. **Employee Recognition – Vanessa Ward**

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:- none.

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE – Available upon request:

- a. Financial Reports
- b. Motor Vehicle Report - December
- c. Warden Appointment letter
- d. Ballot Clerks Appointment letter
- e. Contract Deputy Monthly Reports - December

### 8. REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

#### a. **Selectmen's reports**

**Dwayne Woodsome** – reported that He receives a State publication called the, “Water Column” and that there are some good articles in there regarding the invasive plant Swollen Bladderwort that was recently found in Little Ossipee Lake. He would like something regarding this Swollen Bladderwort to be put in our Town Report as he feels this information would be helpful to the Towns people.

There was some discussion on how it may be impossible this winter with getting the water level low enough to freeze out the bladderwort as we have had so much precipitation.

Dwayne also reported that the Charter Commission has been meeting every other Tuesday night. They are going to want to meet with the Board and Matt before they finish up. They want to bring the Charter changes request to the November Election.

**Gary Fecteau** – reported that the OHD committee is thinking of switching to the High School but not sure. They are also thinking of hosting a car show this year.

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

##### General Information:

- We have completed all the paperwork for our new roll off truck. The truck should arrive at the dealership around February 7 - 14. Once they have it we will make sure it goes directly to Hews for the hoist installation.

- FYI- I have heard from YCSO regarding our second cruiser. They will be giving Deputy Gould a spare shortly due to the condition of our car. I have added it to our budget draft for a new cruiser under CIP.
- We continue to work on audit preparations. Unfortunately, we are still significantly behind and need to get caught up. We might need to bring in additional help to get this done.
- Budget meetings will begin this Thursday at 4:30pm and then will continue on Monday's at 4:30 pm. There was no significant increase in the budget in operations. They are looking at a 4% Cola for wages.

**Dwayne Woodsome asked that the two or more BOS members at the meeting clause be added to the postings. (Two or more Select Board members may be present but no Board business will be conducted).**

- Thankfully we did not incur significant damage like the coastal communities from the most recent storm.
- From the dam operator we are now only -8" as of 2 days ago. Unfortunately with the level so high residents may see damage to permanent dock structures.
- DPW Garage update- Jason and I have met with Surveyor Steve Everett and he has provided a conceptual layout location for a proposed garage. We need to get this drawing put on a flyer. We have received some projected numbers from the bank. The payment looks to be about \$264,000 for five years at 3.4 million.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm at Alfred Town Hall there is a meeting with the superintendent and assistant regarding the school budget. We can post the two or more BOS at the meeting clause if the Board would like to attend.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. Discuss/vote to appoint Rebekah Higgins as the Warden for the upcoming 2024 Election Year**

**Vote:** Dwayne Woodsome was so moved. Gary Fecteau seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

### **b. Discuss/vote to appoint the proposed listed ballot clerks for the upcoming 2024 Election Year**

**Vote:** Dwayne Woodsome was so moved. Gary Fecteau seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

### **c. Discuss/vote on accepting the resignation of Lori Anthony from the Planning Board**

**Vote:** Dwayne Woodsome made a motion not to accept Lori's resignation at this time. There was no second. Chairman Abbott reopened the floor. Gary Fecteau made a motion to accept Lori Anthony's resignation from the Planning Board. David Chauvette seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 -1.

**10. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Town Report Dedication Discussion & possible vote**

Chairman Abbott requested that this item be moved to the next meeting agenda.

**11. OTHER:**

**a. Discuss/vote to accept the minutes from the January 2, 2024 meeting.**

**Vote:** Gary Fecteau made a motion to accept the minutes for the January 2, 2024 meeting. David Chauvette seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

**12. PENDING DECISIONS: - none.**

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

**14. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

Item #10a will be moved to the next meeting agenda

Chairman Abbott reminded the Board that items for the agenda now have to be in before noon on Thursdays as the Town Hall is closed on Friday.

**15. ITEMS NEEDING SIGNATURE:**

- a.** Warden appointment
- b.** Ballot Clerk appointment

The Board signed both appointments.

**16. ADJOURN:**

**Vote:** Chairman Abbott entertained a motion to adjourn. Dwayne Woodsome was so moved. Gary Fecteau seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 -0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.