

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2006

ATTENDING: Jon Gale, Cindy Moore, Robert Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Evan Grover, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Jonathan Raymond, Bob Gobeil, Richelle Hammond, Mary Ross, Lisa Faith, TammyJo Girard, Ray Davis, Clint Andrews and Fred Fay.

Selectman Gale called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag.

7:00 - Lisa Faith and Mary Ross reported on the school budget and the new middle school. The new budget is \$34,136,325 which is a 9.3% increase over last year. Of the total budget 5.44% is for the new Junior High so there is actually only a 3.86% increase overall. Lisa noted that our increase is one of the smallest increases of the 6 towns. We have one of the lowest per pupil costs in the state. Noted that we are losing about \$800,000 from the state because we are aligned with Sanford. Also reported that the high school is currently risking the loss of accreditation due to the overcrowding. They want to renovate the current Jr. High and equip it for the overflow from the high school. Stated that Article 12 is not additional funding but a change from use as an elementary school to high school. The budget meeting for the public will be June 1st and the vote on June 13th. Stated that this budget was picked apart piece by piece.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that the request for bids on fuel are out. Ads will be in the Reporter, Smart Shopper and Journal Tribune. Packets are available here. Bids will be due June 5th and will be opened at the Selectmen's Meeting on June 13th.
2. Reported that the Transfer Station Committee met last night and will be meeting again on Thursday, June 1st at 7 pm.
3. Reported that she has received quotes on cleaning up the area around town hall and both bids are about \$10,000.
4. Received notification from the Maine Human Rights Commission and they have ruled that there is no reason and have asked that it be dropped.
5. Reported that the email and the link to the website for the Contract Deputy will be set up within a couple days.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectman Grover requested that a link to the Sheriff's report and a form for tips also be included. The rest has been taken care of by the administrator.
2. Discussed email for the Selectmen at town hall. Nancy reported that it is already being set up.
3. Discussed the swap shed at the transfer station. Clint reported that he has planned to reopen it July 1st. The Board of Selectmen need to lay ground rules on who can put in and who can take out. Selectman Grover stated that he would like to prevent it from going to yard sales. Clint reported that he can not take baby equipment or electronics. Selectman Gale suggested that the Transfer Station Committee work up some rules.

4. Discussed the review of weekly warrants by the Finance Committee. Just want to keep them up to date. Nancy reported that she has spoken with the Chairman of that committee and they are making copies of the weekly warrants but they only want them monthly.
5. Selectman Gale reported on the 11 Town Group Meeting. Reported on PSAP and the fact that the County Commissioner's want to get out of that business. Received a proposal from the state which is \$5 per capita or approximately \$30,000 for Waterboro. This would be for both PSAP & dispatch. It would be on a yearly basis and would re-evaluate at the end of the year. They need to file intentions by July 1st and would need to contract with someone by October 2007. TammyJo stated that they need to watch where the Sheriff's Dept. goes because we could end up with two different dispatch centers.
6. Discussed the SMRPC Annual Meeting. Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Selectmen can attend. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay that we pay for any member of these three boards who wants to attend. Vote 5-0-0.
7. Postponed discussion on the auditor's contract as we still don't have one. Selectman Fay questioned if we will be bidding this out but Selectman Moore felt that we should stay with the same auditor for a couple years.
8. Selectman Fay stated that he had received a call from some elderly regarding the difficulty getting to stores etc. Selectman Gale reported that he had spoke to York County Community Action and they would provide a bus on Thursday morning at 9:30 am for 1 hour to take residents from Applewood to Hannaford. Felt they could possibly pick up at a couple different locations. Selectman Gale stated that because the town chose not to fund them for \$3,500 they had lost \$10,000 because our money was a match for the federal government to give them \$7,000 for their transportation. Selectman Fay stated that the schedule should be posted so people know. Selectman Grover stated that the reason they were not funded was for people to give to the charities of their own choice. Selectman Gale stated that these are services not offered previously. Jonathan stated that there is a bus advertised at Waterway's that goes to Sanford, he will get the information.
9. Discussed Limerick hiring Clint to remove Freon for them. Clint stated that the equipment belongs to the Town of Waterboro and he's licensed in the Town of Waterboro. Stated that he could do it on a slow Wednesday. Selectman Grover stated that it sounds like they are currently letting Freon into the atmosphere. Clint also reported that this would help the town regain regional status which is what allows us to go for grant money. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Fay to allow Clint to go to Limerick to draw Freon. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Woodsome opposed.
10. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the annual shelter agreement with Animal Welfare Society. Vote 5-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed the Land Trust Meeting. Discussed which land they would be offering. Selectman Gale suggested looking at land on a piece by piece basis. Nancy stated that they will need to decide on the number of members and review the by-laws at the meeting because that will determine how many the Selectman appoint. Selectman Gale did not feel they would need the attorney at the first meeting, he may need to be hired by them

for future meetings. Selectman Grover suggested that perhaps there is an attorney that would offer their service to the land trust. Selectman Woodsome stated that there are several avenues to get help once the group is formed.

2. Selectman Fay stated that he made a wrong statement last week and FEMA will be getting money for the road damage. Fred stated that he had a lot of damage to culverts and he is keeping a daily report on repairs. Selectman Grover reported that the Fire Chief is also gathering information on the work they did for the flooding. Stated that Lake Arrowhead also had about \$25,000 worth of damage. Selectman Woodsome expressed concern with the Fire Dept. pumping out cellars. Felt that once is fine but after that they should be filled. Selectman Gale felt the Fire Chief should make that decision. Selectman Grover expressed appreciation to Fred, Matt and Pam L'Heureux for all they have done and are doing.

3. Selectman Woodsome reported that he had three bids on the foundation work. There were two bids lowest and they were both very close. One was from Richardson for \$3,375 and the other from Durgin for \$3,350. Requested authorization to spend up to \$5,000. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay to spend up to \$5,000 for the foundation, pad, floor & disconnection of A./C and for excavation for the foundation and removal of A/C. Selectman Grover stated that he would like to see the quotes. Stated that they should wait on the pad for the generator for the grant. Selectman Woodsome stated that there is a little over \$3,000 for the pad from the grant. Stated that there are three pipes that need to come out of the underground walls into the building before the floor is poured. Otherwise would need to jack hammer them out later. Selectman Grover stated that after he sees the quotes can vote on it. The Generator is not a necessity to this town hall as the EMA Director can use the Fire Station. Selectman Moore explained that they have to get the oil tanks out of the building, have been in violation for some time. Selectman Woodsome noted that the A/C is also being damaged. Selectman Gale stated that the process brought forward by Selectman Grover he supports but due to no meeting next week we need to get this done. Vote 3-2-0 with Selectmen Moore and Grover opposed.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the minutes of 5/9/06 as written. Vote 5-0-0.

2. Motion by Selectman Woodsome not to approve the minutes of 5/16/06 until the notes and conversations that took place are included in the minutes. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes and Selectman Woodsome can file a minority report if he doesn't agree with the minutes. Selectman Gale noted that there has been a concern filed by one of the members. Vote 4-1-0 with Selectman Woodsome opposed.

3. Selectman Woodsome read the reminders.

4. Noted that tomorrow at 7 pm they will be starting the Land Trust.

5. Motion to hold interviews next Wednesday at 7 pm for Public Safety, Finance Committee and Transfer Station. Vote 3-2-0 with Selectmen Woodsome and Fay opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:47 pm.
Vote unanimous.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Concealed weapon application
2. Appointment Papers
3. Shelter Agreement

APPROVED:

Date