

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2007

ATTENDING: Robert Fay, Dwayne Woodsome, Evan Grover, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Brigit McCallum, Dave Benton, John Provost, Tony Vigue, Patti Berry, Rachel Lovejoy, Tammy Girard, Willis Lord, Dave Woodsome, Tina Cote, Lisa & Mike Bennett, Matt Bors, Julie Giles, Kerry Thorne and Todd Abbott.

Selectman Grover called the meeting to order at 7:045 pm with the pledge to the flag

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 - Patti stated that she had not sent the information to DEP regarding the requested Consent Decree which should have been done prior to this meeting. Requested to postpone. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Moore to table for two weeks. Vote 5-0-0.

7:15 - Tony Vigue addressed the board regarding Time Warner. Stated that when they purchased Adelphia they agreed to uphold the franchise agreement and have done well to this point. Reported that they moved the call center from Florida back to Maine but had to train 100 new people and are currently working on problem resolution. The President of Time Warner - Maine has moved his office into the call center to oversee the transition. Reviewed the chain of command regarding complaint resolution. Reviewed bills in Congress presented by the phone companies. Stated that those failed so the phone companies have gone directly to the FCC. This is currently being challenged in court. They are attempting to do away with franchising and this would endanger franchise fees to towns and would not allow forcing service in rural areas. Reported that the cable companies have been on the municipalities side in all this. Selectman Fay questioned if Time Warner will have the same relationship with the Town of Waterboro as Adelphia did and Tony stated that we will find out at negotiation time but it will be different because they are not as flexible. Stated that the next contract will be no where near as good as in the past. Stated that the PUC does not regulate cable companies. Also reported that they have several good candidates to replace Dan Burgess at SRC-TV.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she received the packets from Superintendent Greene and on Thursday, at 7 pm at Noble High School there will be a public forum with Gov. Baldacci on his proposal.
2. Reported that Limerick is interested in sharing and ACO and has scheduled a meeting for February 1st at 6:30. Anyone involved in hiring is welcome
3. Reported that the new hub has been installed and Saco River Technologies will be doing off-site back up beginning immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectman Grover stated that he would like to set up a workshop with the land

trust. Todd stated that they would like to meet with their attorney first. Selectman Grover stated that he wants a policy or procedure on land selection and public hearings etc. Discussed whether to require a referendum vote for all land turned over to the land trust. Selectman Fay stated that the bulk will be done initially. Selectman Gale stated that he is strongly in favor of the land trust but feels uses etc. should be decided by the townspeople. Selectman Fay felt it would be rather awkward to deal with by referendum. Tammy stated that if they choose to go to referendum that goes against the vote held on January 9th. Selectman Woodsome stated that the Charter allows the Selectmen to do this. Tammy stated that every parcel would require a workshop but it sounds like the board is reversing it's decision from January 9th. Selectman Fay stated that not all land will come from the town. Land Trust agrees there should be a workshop.

2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the new road name Memory Lane located off Sokokis Trail. Vote 5-0-0

3. Selectman Moore stated that she took a lot out of the staff meeting and noted that she was not accusing anyone. Stated that the staff did not have a problem with the policy just the way it was put in the newspaper prior to the Administrator having the opportunity to handle it. Selectman Grover stated that he was sorry for the way it was handled. Selectman Fay questioned Selectman Grover on his tires being slashed and questioned if it was reported to the Sheriff particularly because it was because of town politics. Selectman Grover stated that he did not report it. Selectman Woodsome also apologized for the way things went. It should not have gone in the paper before being handled in house.

4. Dave Benton stated that the North Station Building Committee recommend that all the suggestions and repairs from Turner Building Science should be done and once completed should meet with the Selectmen to see how much further we go. Questioned where the money will come from to do the repairs. Requested a workshop as soon as possible. Matt stated that they still need to take a cautious approach to how much we put into this building. Suggested meeting on February 8th in a workshop and Selectman Woodsome suggested meeting at 6 pm on February 6th, all agreed. Matt stated that they should also discuss how far we're going to go, two contractors have said there are a lot of other issues due to lack of maintenance over the years. Dave stated that they need to sit down and discuss all these things. Matt suggested a survey to see what the townspeople want to do before going to far. Nancy suggested doing the same as with the library "funds for planning and research." Dave Benton stated that they still have \$25,000 to do something with the old center station and haven't done anything yet.

5. Discussed the schedule for next Tuesday with the Finance Committee. Selectmen will hold a workshop on their budget at 6 pm on Monday.

6. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Fay that no commercial haulers be allowed in the Transfer Station on Sundays. Vote 5-0-0.

OTHER

1. Tina stated that they still have one opening on the Finance Committee. They will be meeting tomorrow at 6 pm here and on Thursday at 6:30 at Central Station.

2. Dave Woodsome reported that the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee will be meeting next Monday and working on recycling and the survey questions.

3. Tammy presented a draft Parking and Traffic Ordinance from the Public Safety Committee. Scheduled a public hearing in three weeks.
4. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0
5. Motion by Selectman Fay and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to accept the minutes of 1/16/07 as written. Vote 5-0-0
6. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Gale to sign abatements. Vote 5-0-0.
7. Selectman Grover read reminders. Selectman Woodsome reminded that the LIHEAP deadline is Feb. 6th. Can call 877-563-4645 to apply. Stated that it is a very simple process for a 40% one time discount on up to 200 gallons of heating oil. The information required is very minimal and there is a link on the General Assistance portion of the website as well as the links portion of the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Woodsome seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.
Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll:

1. Minutes of 1/16/07
2. Abatements

APPROVED:

Date