

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 16, 2008

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Jack Seery, Bob Gobeil, Teresa Lowell, Fred Fay, Willis Lord and Frank Allen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to go into Executive Session Per M.R.S.A. 1 §405 (6)(E) to consult with legal counsel. Voted – Passed. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to come out of Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. Voted-Passed.

Meeting called to order by Selectman Abbott at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott announced that Jack Seery will be speaking on fuel assistance during Hearing of Delegation. Announced that the WAB Fuel Raffle is still ongoing.

APPOINTMENTS

Selectman Abbott called to order the public hearing for the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance and explained the changes. Noted that the attorney had removed the date for the auction to be held and felt that should remain in the ordinance. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

Selectman Abbott opened the public hearing for the charter changes at 7:13 p.m. and reviewed the proposed changes. Teresa stated that she felt the Planning Board should be changed from 7 members with 2 being alternates with full voting rights to 7 full members. Stated that the Charter was written per their By-Laws and now they can't change the by-laws because of the charter. Selectman Abbott stated that they can't change this now because that would require another public hearing and then would not meet the time requirement for the November ballot. Discussed also changing section 2.02. Discussed the meaning of the secretary in the charter. Teresa thinks that there was a sentence omitted from the charter. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Jack Seery reported that York County Community Action is concerned about the lack of appointments for Fuel Assistance. Stated that they can call 1-800-965-5762 or 324-5762 to make an appointment.

Fred addressed the board questioning why a bill to the town is being held up. Selectman Abbott questioned if this was an emergency situation which Fred stated it was. Selectman Abbott stated that the Selectmen need to define when it is an emergency. Fred reported that they will be a meeting in Brunswick on hazard mitigation on September 25th and Tom has offered to attend if it's o.k. with the board. All agreed he can attend.

Willis reported that we are in trouble with solid waste. Stated that our tonnage is going down every month and think it is because some of our recycling is not going to EcoMaine but somewhere else. Kevin Roche has agreed to speak to the board. Selectman Abbott stated that as discussed in the Transfer Station Meeting we can require a license with the municipality for anyone hauling within the town and can require that they haul where we say. Need to look into this further.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that last Thursday they held the second Dept. Head meeting and Tom further explained CIP and presented a form. She has adapted the budget form to match the CIP form so it should be easier for all to complete and keep consistent. Have another meeting scheduled for October 30th again for CIP's.
2. Reported that she received the Worker's Compensation rate today and it is .85. Last year was .87 and 2001 was 1.26 so have come down a lot.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Abbott reported that he attended the 12 Town Group last evening and MMA met with the Governor and it looks like about a \$4 million gap which the new legislature will have to deal with. Willis stated that the jail is also way over budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Pam L'Heureux as EMA Director. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Johnson to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee. Vote 4-0-0. Will schedule and interview with David Williams 15 minutes before next Tuesday's meeting for the Finance Committee.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to table the vote on the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance and send back to the attorney. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Girard stated that they need to decide what the Town Planner's role will be in Contract Zoning as that position didn't exist when the ordinance was written. Per the ordinance the responsibility lies with the Board of Selectmen. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore that Tom be the point person for the Board of Selectmen. Nancy stated that it might be beneficial to have an attorney do a Contract Zoning 101 with the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Agreed to sign warrants at 5 p.m. on September 30th and then attend the WAB annual meeting at Sullies.
5. Selectman Abbott explained that they need to sit down and work up a standard on how to handle complaints as it needs to be consistent. Selectman Girard suggested checking to see what other towns are doing or MMA. Will schedule a workshop for the first Tuesday in October.
6. Selectman Moore stated that they need to get a list of Selectmen's projects in writing to Tom by Friday. Discussed what CIP's to include and Selectman Moore will compile the list.

OLD BUSINESS

1. No working plans for 2009 goals this evening. Will bring back next week.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of 9/9/08 as written. Vote 3-0-1 with Selectman Grover abstaining.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Review Energy Conservation Plan
2. Set tax rate

3. Working plans for 2009 goals
4. Interview at 6:45 for Finance Committee
5. Emergency work on private roads

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills and payroll

1. Minutes of 9/9/08

APPROVED:

Date: _____
