

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 30, 2008

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Frank Allen and Fred Fay

Called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that they have received a notice on the County Budget Public Hearing to be held on January 7th at 7 pm at the courthouse in Alfred.
2. Reported that Friday is the due date for budgets. Presented an updated worksheet to the Board and stated that they need to take a good look at revenue and expenditures after tomorrow.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Girard reported that she met this afternoon with Tom, Patti, Tina and David regarding GIS. They will be looking at software purchase, grants etc.
2. Selectman Girard reported that the Sheriff would like to be informed of meetings regarding Carthage Lumber as this will impact patrol services. Also reported that one of the four deputies to be cut will be our Contract Deputy Shawn as it is based on seniority. Felt that this should be on next weeks agenda and have Willis present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectman Abbott stated that we are currently at 46.7% collected taxes and noted that from a tax basis we are not seeing a dramatic change in collection. Reported that Excise Tax is at 43% and have limited revenue from the Transfer Station so Clint may come up short. Felt the only way to offset this would be to cut services or increase fees. Noted that the Code Office fees are down and the Planning Board is running close, may also need to look at those services. Discussed the fact that Parks & Rec. has already spent 79% of his budget. Board would like a projection on what he thinks his revenue will be for the upcoming year. Discussed the Fire Dept. revenue and noted that we are taking it out faster than it is going in. Discussed bonding road projects. Discussed grants and what the town needs to do to be able to get them. Need to look at what services we are currently providing that may need to be cut back. Agreed that the largest portion of the total budget is within 3 departments. Discussed the possibility of needing to go to a Tax Anticipation Note. Nancy stated that at this point they need to wait until the budgets come in.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the minutes of 12/23/08 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Selectman Abbott read reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Revenue/Expenditures for end of year under Old Business
2. County Budget – Need to have Willis present and requested a copy of the County Budget book.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

SIGNED:

1. Minutes of 12/23/08

APPROVED:

Date: _____
