

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 6, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Nancy Johnson, Willis Lord, Sgt. Dave Chauvette, Duane Fay, Dep. Shawn Sanborn, Frank Allen, Paul & Carol Carey, Chief Matt Bors, Bob Gobeil, Clint Andrews and residents with interest in the County Budget.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPOINTMENTS

7:00 – Nancy Johnson reported that she helped 12 families for Thanksgiving and 47 families with Christmas. For Christmas helped a total of 81 adults and 148 children. Thanked all the businesses who have helped with Thanksgiving, Christmas and heating oil. Also thanked all the elves that did the shopping and extended a special thank you to Santa's Little Helper for all he does to make sure the families in this town have a nice Christmas. Selectman Abbott extended a thank you for everyone involved in the effort on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she attended a meeting this afternoon on the neighborhood stabilization grant in Sanford. The Town of Sanford will be handling all the paperwork and Waterboro will have money for four (4) houses. They will be meeting monthly. Explained that there will be criteria that potential homebuyers will have to comply with. Selectman Gale explained how the program works and that it is being handled by York County Community Action and the town is not going into the real estate business.
2. Reported that the deadline for budgets was last Friday and there are still some that have not been received.
3. Working on the paperwork for Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the West Road project.
4. Stated that she is concerned about what there will be for excise tax. Selectman Girard stated that if it is not paid in excise tax it will be paid in another area.

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Girard stated that they held another meeting today with Tom, Tina, David and herself on GIS and should have everything up and running in the next couple weeks and be ready to start training.
2. Selectman Grover stated that it was announced that there will be no citizens energy this year.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectman Abbott explained that tomorrow will be the public hearing on the County Budget, weather permitting. Willis explained that this budget was accepted on a vote of 5-4. It is a decrease of about 1% from last year but our assessment will increase because of the reduction in revenues. By his estimation our assessment will go up over \$25,000 this year to \$354,825.19. Feels that there should not be any increase to the property owners. Explained the make up of the budget committee as 8 elected officials and 4 citizens. Selectman Gale explained that the committee has control over dept. budgets not line items. The jail is the only budget they can't touch because it is governed by the state and it is also the largest budget. Discussed the proposed cut to patrol services. Selectman Girard explained that we will not lose our contract deputy only the person currently holding that position because layoff's will be done based on seniority. Questioned why the amount was picked to cut from the Sheriff's budget and why \$151,000 below the Commissioner's recommendation. Selectman Grover stated that the Commissioner's submitted \$191,000 below the request then the budget committee reduced another \$151,000. Willis stated that this is the figure given to them. Selectman Abbott stated that anyone with

concerns should attend the meeting tomorrow night. Stated that if it is storming it may be cancelled. Sgt. Chauvette questioned where the board stands on this issue.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Selectman Abbott stated that the finances are still where they were last week. Stated that Nancy probably needs to sit down with the bank on some type of tax anticipation note. Stated that they need to look at historical spending profile by month. Selectman Moore suggested making cuts at 6 months not wait until later. Selectman Gale stated that they need to plan where the cuts will be made at different levels. Frank questioned if they are looking at balancing the budget by cutting services. Selectman Abbott stated that they need to look at big ticket items that can be delayed and will save more than cutting services. Selectman Gale stated that they need to put all this on the table in the next couple weeks. Selectman Girard stated that they also need to look at grants that are coming available after January 20<sup>th</sup>. Need to position ourselves to be ready. Nancy will compile a list of non-obligated items and prioritize them for next week.

**OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 12/30/08 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Gale abstaining
2. Discussed closings for weather. Selectman Girard suggested sending out them memo again to dept. heads reminding them of the closing procedure. Discussed putting closings on the phone system. Also discussed putting a sign on the gate at the Transfer Station when they are closed. Will have Fred post the sign as he is out anyway.
3. Selectman Abbott read reminders.

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Will meet at 6 pm with the first item to work on revenues and expenditures. Will invite the Finance Committee, Tom and all Dept. Heads to also attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Girard to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

**SIGNED:**

1. Minutes of 12/30/08

**APPROVED:**

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