

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 3, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Jack Seery, Brigit McCallum, Frank Allen, Willis Lord, Jason L'Heureux, Tom Ursia, Clint Andrews, Dave Woodsome, Dustin Holden and Ann Fisher.

Opened meeting at 6:23 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that the deadline for applications for the Custodial Maintenance position was last Friday and received 21 applications. Need to set up a panel to review the applications and select the applicants. Already receiving calls from applicants asking if the process has started and when it will start.
2. Tomorrow will be attending the second training in Augusta for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
3. Working on budgets. There are still a few not in such as Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals but the big ones are in.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Grover reported that the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee met last night and they discussed how to handle overflow once they switch to single stream. Don Holden suggested continuing to leave the blue containers available so if the compactor is full or there is a lot of traffic some can go into the blue containers and compacted later. All felt this was a good idea and will have them available.
2. Selectman Abbott reported that the first workshop with the Water District regarding the update to the zoning ordinance for wellhead protection was held last night and was very informative. Stated that there will be additional people impacted by this change. Nancy questioned how this will affect the Pine Tree Zone and Tom agreed to work on it. Selectman Abbott reported that they will be coming to the board with their proposal which will then be forwarded to the Planning Board.
3. Discussed the water problem on the Old Alfred Road. Selectman Abbott stated that some more information has been gathered but not very much.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Willis reported that there is a County Budget Meeting tomorrow evening at 7 pm and that they went back over the books and found some more money so are not as bad off as originally thought but will still be looking at about a 4% increase.

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to add to the agenda to send a letter to the school regarding the handling of light bulb's at the Transfer Station under New Business. Vote 5-0-0. Stated that the letter needs to come from Nancy and Clint that the light bulbs will no longer be free.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to send a letter to the offices at SAD #57 that we will be charging for light bulbs in the future. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to add the abatement to tonight's agenda. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the abatement according to Jerry's recommendation. Vote 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Nancy reported that the EcoMaine neutrality agreement has not been received yet. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to table to next week. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Tom reported that the stimulus package has become very complex. Presented a letter from our Governor to then President-elect regarding where the state is heading with this money. Reported that at the state level there is still not a clear process on how they money will be filtered to municipalities. Reported that he has completed the work on the three projects on the list to 99% completion and the list has been sent to Southern Maine Regional Planning and Sen. Snowe's office. The bill doesn't appear to allocate much money for municipal projects it is more for bailout. Also included in the bill is a huge bonding program as well as a loan program. Tom also reported that MDOT has orally committed to MST (Maintenance Surface Treatment) from about a mile from Ross Corner all the way to the intersection with 202 and the length of Goodwins Mills Road to the Lyman line. Tom suggested that in light of the relationship with MDOT that the Selectmen invite Commissioner Cole down as we owe him a great deal of gratitude and should thank him for his commitment to Waterboro. Would also like to invite the project engineer that he has been working with. All agreed that Tom should arrange for them to come as soon as possible and will also invite the Road Review Committee. Tom also explained that after some discussion with MDOT they have put into the draft of their 6 year plan a major reconstruction of Route 5 all the way to Limerick and hope to make it into the final 6 year plan which would probably mean another major bond question for roads & bridges once we get through this recession.
3. Reviewed and discussed the revenues and expenses for January. Discussed ways that residents can make payments on their taxes such as monthly. Discussed looking at cutting services at Town Hall, Transfer Station and Fire Dept. Selectman Gale suggested going through this again every three (3) weeks.

OTHER

1. Clint discussed a letter received from EcoMaine regarding the neutrality agreement required to switch to single stream. States that we now need a whole new general contract also. Selectman Abbott suggested a sit down with EcoMaine. Dave Woodsome stated that he is quite unhappy with EcoMaine along with a number of other towns. Suggested meeting with some of these other towns. Selectman Abbott suggested that Clint, Dave, Willis and a couple members of the board meet with EcoMaine. Selectman Grover suggested inviting them to a Transfer Station meeting so they can have recorded minutes. Will invite Kevin Roche and Missi Labbe to a meeting on a Monday as soon as possible.
2. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Nancy stated that the minutes from last week are not complete yet. Will hold over to next week.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Transfer Station Fees
- 2. Council Meeting at 6 pm
- 3. Schedule Public Hearing for Pawnbrokers License
- 4. Schedule meeting with Attorney Cole for February 17th at 6 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

- 1. Abatements

APPROVED:

Date: _____
