

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 24, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Jack Seery, Brigit McCallum, Clint Andrews, Frank Allen, Leo Binette and Chief Matt Bors.

Selectman Abbott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Brigit McCallum and Jack Seery felt concerned about the lack of information regarding the power outage. Stated that everyone needs to know where they can go and they were not able to find information anywhere. Stated that they need to get that information out and there should be a plan in place. Both Brigit and Jack offered to assist the board in this effort.

Chief Bors stated that Brigit's issues are very valid. Stated that we do have a comprehensive plan but have glitches in the communication system. Reported that people called the Fire Dept. and they unfortunately did not have the information. Requested a meeting to discuss this in depth. Stated that there seems to be a communication gap with EMA. Also felt that they need to hold a CERT class and get people involved. Stated that 211 didn't even have the correct information. Felt that one issue is an EMA Director that is out of town but do need someone to be in charge. Selectman Grover stated that he did call Pam and she was able to do everything from Texas that she could have done here. Selectman Abbott agreed that there does need to be a good flow of information. Matt felt that there is a lot of information that should be discussed in Executive Session. Reported that there are 348 still without power in Waterboro. Selectman Grover questioned why LAC is always the last. Matt also stated that the shelter at Nasson in Springvale is still open. Reported that Sanford is in the market and looking for customers to dispatch for and that they hope to be able to provide services for about our current cost. This would save us \$21,000 to \$28,000 the first year. We have until May 1st to notify Dept. of Public Safety of our intentions. There would be a change in frequencies so need to look at a few logistics which would also include a back up in case Sanford went down. At this point the process is for Nancy to request a proposal from Sanford. We also need to create a timeline for the switchover if that is what we propose to do.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to discuss Old Home Days fireworks under Old Business. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to add an Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 §405 (6)(A) for a Personnel Issue at the end of the meeting. Vote 5-0-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that the Motor Vehicle Agent ran a report today on Excise Tax and there is a \$30,000 difference from January 2008 to January 2009. Also noted a difference of \$46,465 between the 1st and 2nd quarter and also that re-registrations are down, people are registering later.
2. Reported that she had diesel delivered for the generator today. Was last filled January 2008 and runs ½ hour every week and not sure how often or long it has run for power outages but only used 26 gallons in over a year.

Nina Chabot representing the 12 Town Group presented a letter for the Board to sign to SAD #57 from the 12 Town Group requesting not more than a 3% increase in this years budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept Nathan and Sandra Ford's resignations from the Old Home Days Committee with thanks for all their hard work. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Selectman Moore reported that her goal was the Capital Plans and thanks to Nancy, Tom and the Dept. Heads they are done and we not have a clear financial direction for the next few years. Selectman Gale reported that his task was Goal #4 which was to prepare comprehensive operational manuals for every Town Department, Board and committee. This has not progressed very far yet as there is a lot going on right now with budgets etc. Probably won't get much done before the town meeting. Currently working on Planning/Code. Selectman Girard reported that her task with Goal #1 to Develop a state-of-the-art road management system and the RSMS system is in place and the Road Review Committee has done a complete road inventory. Selectman Grover reported that his was to promote volunteerism and he submitted a plan a few weeks ago but would like more discussion so they can get started.
3. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to start meetings at 6 pm. Selectman Gale suggested that they incorporate workshops into the regular meeting. Vote 5-0-0.
4. Selectman Girard explained that working with Tom they had created by-laws and a mission statement for the Economic Development Committee. The by-laws are based on the template created last year. Board reviewed the structure. Selectman Girard stated that the mission statement mirrors what's in the by-laws. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the development of the committee and approve the mission statement. Selectman Gale expressed concern over the flexibility in the structure. Vote 5-0-0. By-laws will be brought back next week. Discussed not including a Selectman or the possibility of them being a non-voting member.
5. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the contract with Atlas Pyro Technics for the fireworks. Vote 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to appoint Carol Fletcher as Alternate Saco River Community Television Committee Member. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Scheduled budget workshops for Thursdays at 5:30 starting March 5th until the budget is completed.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 2/17/09 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.
4. Brigit announced that the Transfer Station Committee will be selling compost bins again this year and they can be ordered at the Transfer Station. Also announced that Leo & Sandy Binette are being awarded the Eco Excellence Award this year.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. EMA – What we need to do
- 2. Dispatch
- 3. By-laws & structure
- 4. Selectmen’s By-Laws
- 5. Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectmen Moore to go into Executive Session at 8:20 per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) – Personnel Issue. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to come out of Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

SIGNED:

- 1. Warrants for bills & payroll
- 2. Minutes of 2/17/09
- 3. Appointment papers

APPROVED:

Date: _____
