

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 19, 2009

PRESENT: Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Chief Matt Bors, Frank Allen, Bob Gobeil, Ann Worth, Doug Foglio and Chris Binette.

Opened meeting at 6:00 p.m. by Selectman Abbott with Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminded everyone to keep recycling.

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Chief Bors stated that he is seeking permission to begin the process to house a student within South Station from approximately 10 pm and 6 am to assist in coverage. Would like to use the donation account to help fund this project though are seeking donations. The student would be trained at Central and primarily just sleep there for the coverage. Selectman Gale stated that his primary concern is young people without supervision and Matt assured that they would check on them periodically but they are college students and therefore capable of being alone. Stated that the money would all come from donations, the donation account and building maintenance for a total of approximately \$6,000. Board agreed unanimously to allow him to move forward.

6:15 – Chris Binette Chairman of the Economic Development Committee stated that they have refined the mission statement. Stated that they feel they need to look at the Comprehensive Plan and do some updates and explained the reason for including that portion in the mission statement. Explained that they are currently working on new signs for the entrances to town. Stated that the committees main objective is to change how the town looks as well as bringing new business to town.

7:00 – Executive Session with Attorney Ken Cole. Present Jon Gale, Dennis Abbott, Evan Grover, Nancy Brandt and Attorney Cole. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to go into Executive Session Per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E) at 7:04 p.m. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to come out of Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Grover to authorize Attorney Cole to proceed to settle based on the Assessor's computation of penalty with Carthage Lumber and seconded by Selectman Gale. Voted. Passed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she attended a seminar in Augusta on labor and employment law today and found it very informative.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Selectman Gale reported on the 12 Town Group Meeting which met last night. Stated that most of the discussion was around budgets and the November referendum. If the referendum passes all towns will be short in the budget. Currently a bit over 50% are in favor of the referendum. The group will be doing some informational ads closer to the time informing the public of the consequences. Discussed a hazardous waste pick up day, the loss of revenue sharing and the amount of people asking for abatements. Appears all are in the same situation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to appoint Tina Cote to the Finance Committee. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to appoint Brigit McCallum to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee. Vote 4-0-0. Will start advertising for committee openings.
2. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to approve the Blast From The Past liquor license renewal. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Scheduled Candidates Night for June 4th at 7 pm.
4. Discussed the renewal of the Water District contract and will have a draft for next week and bring in the trustees for discussion.
5. Discussed the location for the Town Meeting and Selectman Gale will check with the Middle School tomorrow.
6. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the revised mission statement for the Economic Development Committee as presented. Vote 4-0-0.
7. Selectman Abbott read the warrant request. Anne stated that the request was submitted May 5th and so was submitted in plenty of time to be on the warrant. Selectman Moore explained that you would have to change the charter to get rid of the town administrator. Doug stated that on April 25th 2004 the town adopted the charter which created the position of Town Administrator therefore it can not be eliminated without a Charter Commission being formed and going through the legal process. Selectman Moore stated that we can't form a Charter Commission as we have tried for a couple of years. Anne expressed concern that the due date for taxes would be a day that the town hall isn't open and Selectman Abbott assured her that they would do that. Selectman Grover stated that you can not eliminate the position but can reduce the funding amount at town meeting which would require a majority vote. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to table both requests. Vote 4-0-0.
8. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to add discuss/vote on stickers to the agenda. Vote 4-0-0. Selectman Grover stated that the recommendation of the committee is to double the price of the stickers. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale that the first sticker be \$10.00, the second \$6.00, laminated \$20.00, summer renter \$20.00 and company vehicles \$20.00. Vote 4-0-0.

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 Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to accept the minutes of 5/12/09 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.
4. Discussed the school meeting next Tuesday at 7:00 on the budget and agreed to keep the agenda short and attend following Selectmen's Meeting.
5. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to recess at 6:58 p.m. until the attorney arrives. Vote 4-0-0.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Water District Trustees at 6:00
2. Committee Appointments

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 5/12/09
3. Appointment Papers

4. Blast From The Past liquor license application
5. Concealed weapon applications
6. SAD #57 Warrant and Notice of Election

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
