

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 16, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, David Lowe, Jack Seery, Evan Grover, Mike DeAngelis, Chris Binette, Willis Lord, Ann Fisher, Frank Allen, Bob Gobeil, Tom Ursia, Dustin Holden, Clint & Joanne Andrews, Ray Davis and Pam L'Heureux.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Abbott announced that a couple of items would be shifted on the agenda. Welcomed and congratulated Gordon Littlefield on his election on Friday and thanked Evan for the last 3 years of service to the town. Evan also congratulated Mr. Littlefield.

### APPOINTMENTS

Mike DeAngelis addressed the board stating that last week he brought the bus for people to see but forgot to mention that it has less than 63,000 miles on it. Reported that he has been receiving a lot of donations and is currently \$600 short for the purchase of the bus and 1 year insurance. Stated that what he charges for trips will cover the cost of gas etc. Selectman Gale stated that this is not a budget item this year and he does not want to see it in next year's budget. Mike stated that he had a line item of \$750 for trips which was removed this year and should not ever go back. Selectman Moore stated that she thinks this is something the town really needs. Mike also stated that EMA is willing to make up any costs associated with the purchase. Selectman Littlefield questioned if he has a fund for those who can't afford the activities and Mike stated that he hates to turn anyone away and usually finds a way to fund them. Gave the example that the Lion's Club has made a donation to assist with children unable to pay for summer camp this year.

Chris Binette addressed the board for the Economic Development Committee stated that they would like the Selectmen to reactivate the Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee as stated in the Charter for regular reviews. The current plan is inadequate and needs to be updated and recommended using the Town Planner to help with the updates. Stated that the Economic Development Committee has made recommendations for changes in the Site Plan Review and went over those recommendations. Stated that they would like to have the Road Review Committee also involved with this. Explained that they are looking to streamline this process. Selectman Abbott stated that his reaction is to present with the EDC, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Town Planner and questioned if there is any plan to take this to the Planning Board. Selectman Gale felt this is a great start but they now need to send to the Planning Board. Selectman Abbott stated that they need to know the process and when sent to the Planning Board it is accepted or not, it is not up to them to make suggestions. Selectman Girard felt it would be better to all meet at the same time as one group. Agreed to schedule a meeting with the Economic Development Committee, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Town Planner, Code Enforcement Officer, and Road Review Committee Chair. Discussed getting a Comprehensive Plan Group together.

Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to add Reports to the agenda. Vote 5-0-0.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Stated that her report falls under the agenda item for town meeting overview.
2. Reported that Tom received an email from Maine DOT stated that they had received a call that the MST program for West Road had been cancelled but they wanted to assure that at this time it has not been cancelled. It is all contingent on if the Governor signs to award the bid. Selectman Girard questioned sending a letter to the Governor expressing how important this project is. Tom stated that he is surprised that the decision hasn't been made yet and that they are waiting for a funding source.

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

1. Selectman Gale reported that he met with the 12 Town Group last night and they discussed the excise tax referendum coming up in November. Stated that no vote was taken but feels all agree that the group will develop some information to get out to the towns on this referendum prior to November. Discussed Tabor II and the impact it will have. Discussed do's and don'ts of Selectmen and that they can express their opinion on an issue in a public forum but can not campaign for it except on their own time. Reported that Alfred had citizens who had ideas on how government should be run so they have added it to their agenda to allow the citizens to come in and voice their opinions. There is ongoing discussion on how the jail is funded.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT'S**

1. Dustin reported that people should slow down on West Road as they are working and at their roughest stage in the project where they are down to one lane. Reported that the culverts were ordered today for Scooter Way so will begin the work soon. Recommended that the board send a letter to the Governor regarding the West Road for the overlay citing the school as a major concern. Stated that it is the fifth largest district in the state and something needs to be done before next winter as it is very dangerous. Will check with transportation this week to see how many buses travel this road daily.

## **HEARING OF DELEGATION**

Evan Grover encouraged the board to support the bus as requested by Parks & Recreation. Stated that he brought up a Right To Know policy last week and wants to make sure it proceeds. Also stated that he feels prices need to be adjusted on the research policy.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to close the Transfer Station on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Gale stated that they could add some hours to the 5<sup>th</sup> but Selectman Abbott noted that they have not increased the hours on Sunday because of the church on the corner. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to appoint Donald Drew to the Road Review Committee, Donald Drew to the Cemetery Committee, and Darthea Drew to the Cemetery Committee. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Littlefield not voting.
3. Removed the vote on the poverty abatement.
4. Removed the item on Chadbourne Ridge Road as it has already been voted on at a previous meeting.
5. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to authorize the purchase of the bus providing there is no cost to this years budget and that Mike find ways for it to be self-sustaining. Selectman Gale stated that he can front the money from his budget but must be put back by end of year. Pam L'Heureux stated that she has \$500 in her EMA budget which is a stipend for her, she would like to see that money put towards the bus as it will probably also be used by EMA in emergencies. Vote 5-0-0 to purchase the bus.
6. Discussed a charter committee and Selectman Gale felt they should make a commitment to get a committee as soon as possible. Selectman Moore stated that a lot of the problems previously have come from the Board of Selectmen making these recommendations. Selectman Girard suggested that they put an item on the agenda to take comment on the Charter. Jack stated that the people in town really need a reason to do this and the board must be blunt. Also stated that if they form a committee those members need to really be able to listen and compile the results. Evan suggested a charter advisory committee and stated that the Town of Sanford would be a good place to get information on this. Selectman Gale recommended that if they have a committee it be a how-to committee. Selectman Abbott recommended that they bring back next week as old business.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale that they move Old Business up on the agenda. Vote 5-0-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Clint presented the recycling rates back to 2004 for review by the board. Stated that he wants to pave 400 sq. yards for \$5,300 to come from the Capital Account. This is for the stumps so that they remain clean after it was contaminated this year by dirt, plastic and metal. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept Dayton's proposal for \$5,300 for 400 sq. yds. Vote 5-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Discussed the annual town meeting and Selectman Girard felt the venue worked out great, felt it was better than the high school auditorium. Willis stated that reducing to just a few articles and putting everything together was very confusing, thought each department should have it's own article. Selectman Abbott stated that they could look at making some of them stand alone articles. Selectman Gale stated that he would like to get it up around 40 articles and see what that looks like. Discussed going to referendum. Nancy stated that there were 94 residents present and they voted for a \$3,499,792.47 municipal budget with \$1,411,287.00 coming from taxation. Selectman Moore noted that the insurance needs to go out to bid this year. Selectman Gale stated that he appreciated the Shelter providing the dinner. Stated that Town Meeting will be playing back on public access for anyone interested in watching.

## **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to add a second Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A). Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
3. There will be no meeting next week for lack of quorum
4. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to add some annual appointments to the agenda. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to appoint Patti Berry, Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector, Robert DeVilleneuve, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector, Peter Gordon, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector and Matthew Bors, Fire Chief. Vote 5-0-0.
5. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A) for Negotiations and then per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A) for a Personnel Matter at 7:45 p.m. and then will adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0-0.
6. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to add Discuss/vote Town Administrators Contract to the agenda. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to extend the Town Administrator's contract through 6/30/2010 with additions of Goals and Objectives. Vote 5-0-0. Selectmen Girard and Moore will work with the Town Administrator to finalize the document for signature on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Establish a workshop with the Economic Development Committee
2. Right To Know and Staff Research
3. Transfer Station rep from Board of Selectmen
4. Goals and objectives

## **SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Appointment Papers

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

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