

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 11, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Bob Gobeil, Doug Foglio, Clint Andrews, Don & Dianne Holden, Lisa Faith, Chris Binette, Leo Binette and Roger Lauzier.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield at 5:34 pm to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C) for contract discussion. Voted. Passed. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to come out of Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. Voted. Passed.

Opened Council Meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Closed Council Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Opened discussion on Charter changes. Selectman Abbott reviewed a few items that have been suggested. Board is looking for a feel on where the public wants to go. Don stated that it sounds like it's more of a tuning to allow more flexibility. Discussed changing from an elected Road Commissioner to a Director of Public Works. Doug stated that a three member board is far more functional than five. Felt that people who volunteer for committees become overwhelmed which makes it difficult to find people to serve. Stated that moving to a director of public works will come with a substantial initial investment, changing the position is a lot more than just going from elected to appointed, will take a lot of thought. Selectman Gale stated that a Charter Commission goes through all those complexities. Doug questioned if the economic conditions would dictate how people might vote on changes and suggested a town government committee. Chris felt that they should look at some of the issues in town and fix them one at a time before changing the charter. Dianne stated that some of the tweaking is to allow the Board of Selectmen to do their job without having their hands tied and they should probably not wait 2 years for that. Selectman Littlefield stated that the Charter dictates every 10 years for review so it needs to be done, everything should be reviewed periodically. Doug felt that the most important question is where do we get our money. Discussed a finance director versus town treasurer as well as a full time assessor. Lisa stated that a charter commission would provide an external review and won't hurt. It just appears that the hardest part will be finding people to fill those positions.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the minutes of 8/4/09 as written. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Girard abstaining.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR 8/18/09

1. Doug Foglio for Land Trust
2. Jerry on the Tax Commitment
3. County Tax Bill
4. Recognition Program
5. Goals and objectives
6. Selectmen's task force
7. Finance Committee goals & objectives
8. Executive Session

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 8/4/09

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
