

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
September 15, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Rep. Wagner, Willis Lord, Jack Seery, Tom Ursia, Bob Gobeil and Frank Allen.

Meeting opened by Selectman Abbott at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Abbott announced the Chili – Chowder – Apple Dessert Cook-Off at Central Station on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Entries should arrive 3:00 – 3:30 and judging starts at 4:00. There will be no entry fee and contestants must supply a minimum 1 gallon of entry with name and phone number on crock pot and crock pots must be removed by 6:30 on Saturday. Public tasting begins at 5:00 with a charge of \$7.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children under 12 and under 5 Free. Proceeds will benefit the Waterborough Historical Society. Also announced that the Waterboro Association of Business will hold their annual membership meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 199 Sokokis. Reminded to continue to recycle.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION**

Jack Seery announced that the Friends have a Board of Directors comprised of 12 to 15 members and they are now moving forward. Their goal is for a referendum in June and to raise as much money as possible in the meantime. Also stated that there is a rumor circulating about purchasing the old Architectural Glazing building for the library but wanted to make it known that they are not considering that option. Discussed estimating operating costs of the new building and hope to be able to have some of that information before the referendum goes to vote.

Willis Lord reported on last Thursdays meeting at EcoMaine. Questioned where the new ordinance stands and Selectman Abbott stated that they will have a final draft at the next Transfer Station/Recycling meeting for review. Willis felt they should also be working towards another compactor even if done in stages. Selectman Gale stated that he will be proposing a modified system to the committee at their next meeting different from the sticker system which is currently proposed.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Reported that the town received a check from Maine Municipal Association for \$7,832 which is a refund on Worker's Comp and Unemployment
2. Reported that the bids for road salt have come in at \$67.50 per ton picked up and \$67.69 delivered which is very close to last years price and they went with International Salt again this year.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

1. Selectman Girard announced that the County has laid off 26 people one being our contract deputy Shawn Sanborn. Stated that he has done a tremendous job and thanked him for his service. Rep. Wagner announced that there will be a meeting on Thursday at the Sanford City Hall with the York County Delegation and York County Commissioners. Also he is pursuing a couple things with DEP and Dept. of Conservation trying to secure some funds for a purpose here and talking with Frank Sherburne about what's coming down the road in terms of school funding. Selectman Littlefield stated that one of those laid off was the high school resource officer. Stated that he personally feels that this was totally irresponsible to do this so abruptly

without notifying the Sheriff so that he would have had time to formulate plans to ensure that the public safety within the county had some continuity rather than basically locking the doors and shutting the computers down so that the guys who were still working couldn't even access the computers. Willis stated that the budget committee was not made aware of this either. Selectman Littlefield stated that the last anyone knew they were fine until at least the end of the year and then all of a sudden the ax dropped far premature of that date with no warning. He was quite literally given a phone call asking him to be in the office in 15 minutes at which point he was given a packet and don't feel that's very good management. Selectman Girard stated that there will now be 14 patrol officers to cover 15 municipalities that need to be covered and then you take from that two that are contracted, one that is contracted to the school and a domestic violence grant position so that leaves less than one person per municipality. Selectman Moore stated that we have the only commissioners in the state that did not see this coming. Selectman Girard stated that it is the County Manager and the Commissioners because they make all the decisions. Suggested that perhaps it's time to invite Dan Cabral who represents Waterboro to one of our meetings in the next couple of weeks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Dave Lowe reported that it appears that the mother board in the server is going. Has priced out a new server to in the \$3,500 to \$3,600 range. Has looked at repairing the mother board and beef up the ole one for less money. Currently everything is up and running again. Stated that to purchase a new server from Dell it would come with a 3 year warrantee and can lease for 4 years at \$97.00 per month or do two rebuilds for about half of that money. Recommended leasing new and replacing the mother board. Questioned if there are funds that can be used and Nancy stated that they would need to cut something else as there is no contingency fund. Board requested that Nancy and Dave put something together and have a proposal for next week. Selectman Littlefield stated that they also need a long term replacement plan. Nancy noted that the last lease payment on the computers is December.
2. Scheduled workshop with the EMA Director for November 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Discussed the draft Parks & Recreation Ordinance. Selectman Girard suggested not listing each parcel within the ordinance just state "any town owned". Selectman Gale recommended that the Parks & Rec. Committee go through this and provide input. Won't bring back until we get input from Mike and the committee. Will put back on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
4. Scheduled goal setting workshop for Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00.
5. Commissioner Richardson was scheduled to attend our meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> but not able to make that meeting. Suggested dates for rescheduling are November 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Tom will contact the Commissioners Office and suggest those two dates.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Selectman Littlefield stated that he would like a breakdown of what properties we want to sell, which ones we want to keep or what ones we might want to keep for conservation, etc. Selectman Girard felt the town should not be in the business of property owners with all these lots. Would like to see as many sold as possible. Reviewed the procedure used in 2000 to sell lots to abutters in Lake Arrowhead Community. Nancy felt we should offer stating that there is a possibility that next year the lot may go to auction. Will send letters to the abutters as done in 2000. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to get letters out to the abutters of all unbuildable lots and that in that letter it will state that the town is anxious to sell these lots to the highest bidder or the person who will cover the towns cost which may include past taxes. Vote 5-0-0.

2. Discussed the Selectmen's task force and Selectman Girard stated that she thought we were looking at a pre-Charter Commission but it has morphed into something else at this point. Selectman Littlefield questioned if this could be accomplished in survey form. Selectman Moore questioned what would be wrong with getting one member of each committee to look at the Charter and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Nancy questioned if we couldn't hand the survey out here to customers as they come in. Selectman Littlefield stated that the University of Southern Maine has a group that does survey's. Selectman Gale stated that it is much more complex than just compiling a survey and that we would have to give them specific questions to ask. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Moore to solicit one member from each committee to come together for a review of the Charter and to make recommendations to the board on whether we should move forward with a Charter Commission. Selectman Girard recommended sending a letter stating that there will be a work session on a particular day to review the charter and ask that they make recommended changes. Selectman Moore felt they should include members of the previous Charter Commission. Motion changed to solicit one member from each committee in town and the former Charter Commission members to come together for a work session to do a Charter review. Will start by generating the invitation. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Selectman Girard reported that she attended the last Road Review Committee and went with them to look at the area in question on New Dam Road. Stated that it was a very eye opening visit. There is a tremendous amount of traffic going through that area even at 7:00 p.m. and during the morning commute it must be much worse. The recommendation of the committee is that this be addressed with the Transportation Dept. and if necessary the committee will meet them at the site and explain their concerns but they do not recommend putting a crosswalk there. At this point it will be up to those making the request to contact the transportation dept. and if they need the committee to meet with them they will.

## **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale 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 9/8/09 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

## **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Computer update
2. WAB annual meeting
3. goals workshop at 5:00

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) for a Personnel Issue at 7:42 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to come out of Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion by selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to enter into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) for a personnel issue at 8:23 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

**SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 9/8/09

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

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