

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

December 22, 2009

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Dave Lowe, Jim Gendron, Roger Macomber, Rep. Joe Wagner, Tammy Wells, Dan Bustard and Bob Gobeil.

Opened Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Abbott thanked everyone for the numerous donations to Secret Santa and Selectman Moore thanked Santa and his helpers. Selectman Girard noted that 168 children were helped and food baskets provided for 60 families. Also thanked Nancy Johnson for an excellent job again this year.

Selectman Gale reported that he went to the RSU 57 budget meeting and that six (6) teachers will be laid off just to make it through to the end of the year. With the projected cut from the state for next year they will have to lay off 10 – 20 more teachers to remain at 0% increase but that would still mean a 15% increase to the town. If they budget for no tax increase it would be a 3.5 million reduction in their budget and would mean losing 50 to 60 teachers and classroom size would go from 18 to 30 and to keep as they are now would be about a 28% increase on the tax rate.

Selectman Abbott announced that we lost a long time resident, Colin Canning and sent thoughts out to the family.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

6:00 – Jim Gendron, Chair of Road Review discussed the "Safe Routes to School Program" through MDOT. Requested permission to have the Town Planner look into this. The committee hopes to meet with DOT on January 13<sup>th</sup> on this program. Explained that they may at some point need a sidewalk ordinance to deal with clearing etc. Selectman Girard noted that this grant is 100% funded. The deadline to apply is June 2010. Selectman Abbott felt that this should be added to the agenda. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to add under new business "to turn over to Town Planner for review of sidewalk grant". Vote 5-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to add Jack's request under New Business Item #8. Vote 5-0-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to follow the CEO's recommendation on the Order to Correct Violation – Malfunctioning Septic System. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Discussed LD2389 sponsored by Rep. Melissa Innes and that she is requesting they sign a letter of support. The bill would give DEP administrative authority to designate future items to remove from our waste stream. Questioned who in DEP would make the decision. Rep. Wagner stated that the product families are not well

defined nor the authority that is also not well defined. Felt that there are definitely more questions than understanding. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Girard that we do not support the LD in its current language however if that language should be changed to prove acceptable it should be brought up for future vote. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Discussed the schedule for committee reporting as follows: January 5<sup>th</sup> – Recycling Committee; January 12<sup>th</sup> – Road Review Committee; January 19<sup>th</sup> – Planning Board; January 26<sup>th</sup> – Chief Bors, Fire Dept.; February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Finance Committee; February 9<sup>th</sup> – Economic Development Committee; February 16<sup>th</sup> – Library Trustees and February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Clint, Transfer Station. If any committee has anything to report before their scheduled week they should feel free to come in.
4. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to follow up on the grant for the sidewalks with the first step getting Tom to analyze and report back. Vote 5-0-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Moved discussion of the York County Energy Efficiency Grant to next week as Nancy is working on that.
2. Moved discussion of handicapped accessibility to next week as Nancy has been working on that.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to add committee appointments to the agenda. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to appoint Patricia Aureli to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee. Vote 4-0-1 with Selectman Girard abstaining as she wasn't present for the interview.

### **OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 5-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of 12/15/09 as written. Vote 5-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders

### **PENDING DECISIONS**

1. Personnel Policy – Should be ready by Christmas.
2. Committee Involvement – Next week will layout first quarters schedule
3. Training Proposal – Nancy and Matt working on this
4. Signing of the Land Trust Deeds
5. Parks Ordinance – Need to schedule new Public Hearing
6. Street light request – Waiting for Dep. Sanborn to return

### **WEEK'S ACTION LIST**

1. Selectman Abbott to follow up on the street light request with Pam
2. Selectman Abbott to write something to Rep. Innes on LD2389

### **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Next week only sign warrants for bills & payroll at 3:30 p.m.

January 5, 2010

1. Recycling Committee reporting
2. Discussion on Revenue Sharing as it looks like we will be losing \$40,000 out of this years budget so need to look at the impact. Also should look at Revenues and Expenditures. Selectman Girard noted that we still don't have the journal entries and have waited long enough. Perhaps the board needs to step in. Selectman Abbott to find out where Nancy is with this.
3. Tribute to military. Selectman Littlefield still looking for name and picture of anyone in town currently serving.

**SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 12/15/09

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

**APPROVED:**

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