

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 2, 2010

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Bob Gobeil, David Benton, Dean & Denise Waterhouse, Clint Andrews, John Vacari, Frank Allen, Fred Fay, Tim McCoy, David Woodsome and David Williams.

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

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Selectman Abbott explained that the board invited the water district trustees in knowing that there is a public hearing on the 18th. Dave Benton explained what led to this rate increase and noted that the hydrant rates have only had one other increase in 17 years. The Trustees have tried very hard to maintain good service without increase rates but about four (4) years ago started having problems with the main well and about two (2) years ago it became critical. According to Steve Levy of Maine Rural Water if they had increased more regularly would probably still be in the same position. Selectman Gale questioned why they didn't do this several years ago and not wait for a recession. Dave explained that you have to go through the PUC for a rate increase and can't do that until you have your total costs, couldn't do it based on projected cost. Selectman Gale suggested that for the public hearing they include a summary explaining what the new charges will be and why they are doing this now. Dave stated that the cost is going up because of what they have just done and this should stabilize costs for a while. John explained that now we use about 40,000 gallons per day, the new well gives us an additional 60,000 so should sustain us for another 17 years.

6:30 – Dave Woodsome explained that the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee discussed commercial haulers extensively at the last meeting. They are recommending to the Board of Selectmen that the tipping fees generated by commercial haulers be paid by the hauler and not by the town. Discussed enforcement. Selectman Abbott stated that the board needs to sit with D & E and see what the ramifications are to him and need to come up with one set of rules for everybody. Selectman Girard requested copies of all data gathered.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. Reported that Selectmen Abbott and Littlefield attended a meeting of all six (6) towns in R.S.U. 57 yesterday. R.S.U. 57 will be losing 2.2 million in state subsidies in the upcoming year. The school budget is increasing 1.5% which is a 17.53% increase to Waterboro residents. Even a 0% increase would amount at about a 13% increase to Waterboro. Stated that this increase does not include anything within the town, the County or the loss of revenues.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dave reported that they are meeting next week to start working on the budget but currently not much to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to sign the supplemental tax bills as presented by the Assessing Agent. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Discussed which roads to post for the ice fishing derby. Suggested one side each of Webber Road, Chadbourne Ridge and Silas Brown Road. Selectman Gale suggested they allow parking on the lake side of the road to prevent people from crossing the road to get to the lake. Selectman Girard reported that she spoke with Dep. Sanborn and he recommended making no parking signs available to residents on private roads, also no parking either side at the entrances to the sub-divisions on Webber Road. Fred noted that the most available parking is on the North side of Webber Road. Selectman Littlefield stated that he is not in favor of parking on either side of Silas Brown as it is narrow and curvy. Dave Benton felt they should post the old fire station as the airboat is stored inside and if they need to get it out it can't be blocked by vehicles. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to leave it

up to the Fire Chief and Deputy to do what is in the best interest of public safety. Vote 4-0-0.
Discussed making barriers available to residents on private roads.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to add an agenda item. Vote 4-0-0.
Discussed the boards position on the school budget increase. Selectman Girard stated that she would support somewhat of a raise in the school but that they must be fiscally responsible. Also stated that people need to get involved in the school budget. Dave Benton questioned how they can justify spending \$150,000 on new vehicles including a plow truck with sander, you can't ask teachers to take furlough days when spending money like that and they have contracts for all their plowing. Agreed to take the message to keep at the bare essentials.

OTHER

1. Selectman Gale requested that Purchase Orders be attached to invoices so if they have questions they know the Administrator approved the purchase. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Girard to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Set up meeting with D & E for February 11th at 6 pm and to include Board of Selectmen, Clint, Dave Woodsome a members of the Transfer Station Committee

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Committee Involvement
2. Training Proposal
3. Staff training

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion about taxation on campers at local campground and marina – invite Jerry & Patti
2. Invite Tom to discuss Comprehensive Plan
3. May need an executive session for a personnel issue

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____

