

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 16, 2010

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Bob Gobeil, Jack Seery, members of Massabesic Lion's Club, Jon Tufts, Dave Benton, Clint Andrews, Dean & Denise Waterhouse, Austin Gammon, Tom Ursia, Ralph & Barbara Bowley, Willis Lord, David Woodsome and Roger Macomber.

Meeting opened by Selectman Abbott at 6:05 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Selectman Abbott announced that nomination papers are available starting today for two (2) Selectman positions, one (1) Water District Trustee, Road Commissioner and one (1) R.S.U. 57 Director.

APPOINTMENTS

Selectman Gale read a letter from the Alfred Board of Selectman recognizing the Lion's Club for all the good work they do for the community and globally. Bob Hatch was recognized as the current President and was presented with the Spirit of America Award. Selectman Abbott noted that they were also recognized today at EcoMaine. The District Governor gave a short talk and explained some of the good work they day as did the 1st Vice District Governor who also thanked them for all the good work that they do. Jack thanked them for starting the original library. Selectman Girard stated that she was very pleased to see so many here this evening and it's a great testament to what a great organization they are to have so many active volunteers.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she is working on the warrant.
2. Explained what has happened with the insurance bids and that they may have to re-bid.
3. Reported that at the dept. head meeting last week they went over training policies. Fire Dept. already has a lot of them so plan to work to retrofit them to work for all depts. Dept. Heads are reviewing them and will look at them again at their next meeting.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

1. Selectman Moore stated that she will be submitting her resignation tomorrow so they can elect three (3) people this year.
2. Selectman Littlefield reported that last Thursday Dave Lowe attended a training in Augusta and part was on GIS. Found that there are many grants available to implement GIS. Selectman Girard stated that they have been working on this for over one (1) year and have looked at several grants then find the money isn't there. Dave stated that there may be some new opportunities.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORT

Jack thanked the board for the opportunity to report. Reported that the committee has a new makeup since the summer, Treasurer is Gail Nichols, Terry Lowell, Secretary and also doing all their printing. Roxie & Victor Wright, Victor will be donating the new roof, Debbie Downs is doing all their grant writing and has requested \$500,000 through Rep. Pingree, David Wright who is in charge of a pig roast this summer, Rep. Wagner who has been very helpful, Brigit McCallum, Sherry Alcock, Roberta Gallant and Jon. Met with representatives of Pingree's office both local and Washington to explain and discuss the application for federal funding. Will be approaching residents looking for pledges and donations. There will be a community pig roast on June 27th, 1 to 4 at the Taylor House rain or shine. Working on the time line for the referendum question.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tom presented proposed language for a warrant article written by Ron Epstein, attorney. Made a couple suggestions for two (2) wording changes. Stated that they are legally required to go back to town meeting to reuse these funds. Selectman Abbott questioned what the total cost would be. Tom explained that there is \$82,000 plus left from the West Road project but is waiting for the final figure from the State Treasurer. Selectman Abbott stated that they need to provide as much information as possible to the residents for them to vote and they will want to know how much the total project will cost. Selectman Girard stated that the Road Review Committee will be actively working to educate the voters prior to town meeting. Tom agreed that clarity is very important. Selectman Girard explained that towns that have seed money have a better chance of receiving a grant for the Safe Routes to Schools program. Tom stated that he just wants to make sure this meets the deadline to be included on the warrant. Selectman Abbott stated that they could move to include an article on the surplus bond money as a place holder and can fill in the details later. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield that we have an article on town warrant that addresses the bond issue with a split between Safe Routes To Schools and engineering with language to be worked on by town attorney and formalized at a later date. Vote 4-0-0. Tom asked that they think about whether the bond repayment schedule be included or not. Dave Benton questioned if there will be more opportunity to ask questions and questioned repair to the sidewalks in south Waterboro as well as how will we maintain all the sidewalks.
2. Reviewed the questions provided by cable TV committee, will ask Dick Bateman and Tony Vigue to attend next week.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tom explained that the Road Review Committee has met several times and presented the board with three dates that Dan Stewart, Program Mgr. for Safe Routes To Schools program and one of our state or regional engineers will be available to do a walk through to look at the priorities set forth by the committee. Voted to hire an engineer on a per diem basis not to exceed one day at the last meeting. The missing link is the need for some engineering services and discussed whether it could all be done in one day. Tom stated that we will also get some free services from the regional engineer. Selectman Littlefield stated that if we are going to do it then should do it thoroughly and questioned if one day is enough. Tom stated that they will not get a lot of free engineering services from the state. Selectman Abbott questioned having an engineer for a couple of days instead of one. Jon Tufts stated that they never intended to ask the town for any money, just wanted to apply for a grant. Selectman Abbott stated that the board needs to look at where we can find \$1,000. Dave Benton stated that \$1,000 won't get you anywhere close to what you need, have to do this in conjunction with the state regarding drainage, etc. Selectman Abbott stated that we are not engineering the sidewalk just completing a grant package at this point. Jon Tufts stated that the committee just wants to know if it's worthwhile going after the grant. Willis suggested York County Regional Planning. Tom will call the regional engineer tomorrow and Southern Maine Regional Planning.
2. Selectman Abbott reviewed the vote to not pay the tipping fees for anything except our own cans hauled directly and what the committee is still looking at and why. They are looking at what we are going to do for pay per bag, what the recommendation is on allowing commercial haulers to deposit at the Transfer Station or not. Dave Woodsome stated that a lot of the reason they are looking at these things is because budgets have been cut so need to reduce costs. Committee recommends that the Town of Waterboro have a mandatory recycling ordinance along with education; recommends introducing a town approved trash bag system and suggested selling bags at cost; recommends the recycling compactor approved in the past should be put in place; but could not agree on a recommendation regarding the commercial haulers. Had two different

options: 1 – Commercial haulers shall transport all waste directly to EcoMaine at own cost; 2 – Commercial haulers will be allowed to use the transfer station for residential trash, all trash must be in town approved bags and a fee to be determined at some point, could not come up with a fee that would be equitable. Stated that residential trash is the biggest expense and need to look at that, suggested charging \$.50 per bag which would generate \$50,000. Would like the time for the committee to explore flow control further. Selectman Gale stated that the most inexpensive way to Townof Waterboro taxpayers is to say no commercial hauler takes waste to the Transfer Station but that would really hurt the smaller haulers and possibly even put them out of business. Selectman Abbott stated that they need to discuss this further but also need to treat all haulers exactly the same. Dave Benton stated that it is the same amount of trash whether Dean hauls to the Transfer Station or the citizen takes it there themselves. Selectman Abbott stated that we do have a flow control ordinance which requires it all go to EcoMaine. Dean explained that he does offer recycling but will have to stop that if he has to haul everything directly. Selectman Gale suggested letting them haul recycling into the transfer station. Selectman Moore suggested that they go to a bag or sticker system and allow them to haul legal bags to the transfer station. Selectman Abbott stated that the committee is recommending a town approved bag. Dave Woodsome felt the committee needs to sit with the board and hash this all out and do have a meeting on Monday. Discussed whether should charge only cost of bag and Selectman Moore stated that if they are cheap then people can afford not to recycle. Selectman Abbott stated that the best cost savings is to convert 20-40% of trash to recycling. Selectman Girard stated that she was hoping to see those recycling rewarded and penalize those who don't, Dave stated that a reward system is a nightmare to manage. Selectman Gale will work with Dave Woodsome to do an outline and will meet Monday at 5 p.m.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the minutes of 3/9/10 as written. Vote 3-0-1 with Selectman Girard abstaining.
3. Selectman Abbott read reminders.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Committee Involvement
2. Training Proposal
3. Staff training
4. Comprehensive Plan
5. Map 41 Lot 13

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Abatement request
2. LAC agreement
3. Review/decide snowplow contract
4. Transfer Station recommendation
5. Cable TV
6. Executive Session – Personnel Issue

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 3/9/10

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
