

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 23, 2010

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 5:35 p.m. Vote 3-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Girard to come out of Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Pam L'Heureux, Chief Bors, Bob Gobeil, Jason L'Heureux, Dick Bateman, Myron Edgerly, Mark Edgerly, Jerry Daigle, Assessor's Agent, Patti Berry, CEO, Tom Ursia, and Tony Vigue.

Meeting opened by Selectman Abbott at 6:00 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.
2. Selectman Abbott encouraged everyone to fill out their Census Form when it arrives so we are able to get an accurate count of our community.
3. Announced the passing of Ken Sanborn and extended sympathy to his mother Lena.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she has been working on the warrant and hopes to have a draft for the workshop next Tuesday.
2. The market allocations for the insurance have been awarded and notices were sent out this week.
3. Reminder that the second half taxes are due April 6th.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

1. Selectman Littlefield reported that he had spoken with the Sheriff regarding an accident on Route 202 which was responded to by Waterboro and Alfred Fire and Rescue and commended them on how well they worked together. Also wanted to commend Lisa Bennett and stated that because of her she probably saved an individual's life.
2. Selectman Gale reported on the 12 Town Group Meeting and stated that the DOT is looking to give back about 2,200 miles of road. There is a meeting on Friday which John Sylvester will attend and report back, if necessary will call an emergency meeting.
3. Selectman Gale reported that the County is developing a Charter Commission. It will be made up of nine (9) members; six (6) elected one of which will be at large and the other five (5) will be one (1) from each district. Anyone interested will need to gather fifty (50) signatures and have them in by June 1st to the Secretary of State. You can get papers from the Secretary of State's Office.
4. Selectman Gale reported that he attended a dinner at Raven Hill Orchard and was very impressed. Stated that all the food was gathered from within a 40 mile radius of Waterboro.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORT

Patti reported that she has been working with the campground owner and his purchase and sales agreement shows a total of eight (8) docks. Per DEP there is no limit to the number of docks he can have as long as it doesn't interfere with somebody else's property. It doesn't make it a marina according to our definition of a marina. Had nine (9) docks last year so needs a permit to have nine (9) docks, will he get a permit, not sure he hasn't made an application but can have eight (8) according to zoning. The purchase & sales agreement says lakefront property with eight (8) docks so believes he owns that property which would constitute giving him a permit if he applies. The last issue is grandfathered decks within 100' of

water. Still working with DEP on this issue and will report back once she hears back from DEP. Did pass on that the property owner has offered to meet with any Selectman and do a site walk, is being very cooperative. Reported that she is also working on a couple of failing septic systems and working with the Health Officer to do random health inspections but will report back when finalized. Jerry reported that the property owner has provided him with a list of thirty-six (36) that are there all year and also provided the name and address of the owners so we can excise tax those. Have had one (1) come in and pay their excise tax but suggested that the time to excise these be between April 1st and the date of commitment, failing to do that would be assessed as personal property and the bill would go out in the fall with the rest of the tax bills. Will report back around July 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pam L'Heureux reported that last weeks storm was not enough damage to declare but if there is further damage from the February storm can add it. There will be mitigation money so the road review committee needs to look at what roads need mitigation money such as Hamilton Road. Selectman Girard requested that she attend the next Road Review Committee meeting. Chief Bors reported that they were busy pumping basements last week, see report attached. Reported that they lost most of the cones they put out for the storm. Selectman Gale reported that there may be a bill in the legislature requiring a supportive structure for culverts over a certain size which will take the cost of a culvert from \$1,500 to \$12,000 - \$15,000.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept G-Dow Way as a road name. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to take the Assessor's recommendation for abatements. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to approve the Supplemental Tax Bills. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Discussed the snowplow contract and Selectman Gale questioned if they could extend the current contract beyond 2010, Selectman Girard stated that she thought they could but can't find it. Myron stated that most towns do offer 3-5 years which is important when you have to buy new equipment. Selectman Abbott stated that they need to find out what our legal options are and then need a workshop with the contractor.
5. Selectman Abbott stated that they have a letter from Selectman Moore resigning her position following town meeting. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to accept her resignation. Selectman Gale stated that it has been a pleasure working with her. Vote 4-0-0.
6. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to add Board of Selectman opening to the ballot for the balance of the term. Vote 4-0-0.
7. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to shorten the nomination period by one (1) March 24th to April 27th. Vote 4-0-0.

APPOINTMENT

Tony Vigue explained that they have asked the towns to look at the model franchise and fill in the blanks so they can negotiate as all six (6) towns together taking individual needs into consideration. Explained that Time Warner is sending a map showing where the current lines are. Stated that they want to wrap this up by June 30th. Still have to hold public hearings and not sure if they will just hold one big one or in each individual town. Would also like to speak with Dept. Heads for presentation needs. Explained that they can't do anything about the pricing or what's on the channels. Discussed line extensions and have asked Time Warner to do a ride-out in each town but they felt they should send a map indicating where the current lines are before proceeding so now waiting for the map to arrive. Selectman Abbott questioned what the bonding amount is and Tony explained that they need to compare our ordinance to the what the model franchise says for recommended bonding for new construction. Don't want a discrepancy between what the model says and what their ordinance says. Need either change the ordinance to match the state model or if we feel the ordinance will supersede can change the model to

match or ordinance. Explained that they are negotiating for 5% over revenue which is a good deal for the towns. Selectman Girard stated that the school stopped broadcasting because they aren't reaching all towns within R.S.U. 57 and Tony stated that when they were broadcasting the person doing the taping made two (2) copies and sent to the cable companies for the rest of the towns within the district so they were aired in all six (6) towns, it's just that the position of taping was eliminated. Selectman Abbott questioned if the penalty will be negotiated by the committee or by each town and Tony stated that it is boilerplate but can be by town. Acknowledged that Dick has been on this committee for about 18 years and Selectman Abbott thanked Dick and Tony for all their hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tom explained that the last meeting the Board requested to do a press release looking for people to participate in this huge endeavor and he presented what has been written and sent to the Journal Tribune and Reporter (see attached). Tom has been in touch with Patrick Bonsant at SRC-TV to do a PSA and hope to cut it in the next couple of weeks. Stated that naming the committee would be very helpful. Selectman Abbott questioned holding a reception for anyone who may be interested or recommended with a short presentation. Tom stated that they need a good cross section and a reception is a great idea. Felt that they should also do a second press release to announce the date of the reception. Will have anyone interested call, email or stop by to see Tom. Tom challenged each Selectman to bring two (2) people. Scheduled the reception for April 26th.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to go with the revised memo of understanding for the use of the poll in LAC. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Scheduled Jerry to come to the April 6th meeting to discuss the abatement request.
4. Board agreed that they are not in a position to sell the land as requested by Mr. Dagle at this time. Will send him a letter of notification.
5. Discussed the Transfer Station recommendation and Selectman Abbott stated that the recommendation was to go to a town approved bag but that position kind of changed last night. Selectman Gale stated that all trash must be bagged and in 33 gallon or less bags but felt they are pretty close to setting a referendum question. Nancy stated that April 27th is the deadline for referendum questions. Selectman Abbott stated that next week is a workshop but need to vote on where we are going with this. Selectman Gale stated that the committee is also leaning towards allowing the commercial haulers to dump at the Transfer Station but must follow whatever procedure is approved. Selectman Abbott stated that they will also have the haulers bring single stream to the Transfer Station. Scheduled to vote on April 13th.
6. Discussed employee appreciation and Selectman Littlefield explained that he would like a vote from the board authorizing him to expend \$900 for a catered meal by 199 Sokokis of Prime Rib and Haddock on Thursday April 22nd as a luncheon for all full & part-time employees to be held at Central Station. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to take Selectman Littlefield's proposal for April 22nd. Vote 4-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Selectman Abbott read reminders.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Pam to send note to Mr. Dagle regarding request to purchase lot
2. Nancy to send snowplow contract to legal for review
3. Pam to notify Kerry of vote to add the position to the ballot and to shorten the nomination period.
4. Pam to send reminder to Dept. Heads & Finance Committee of workshop next Tuesday

PENDING DECISIONS

- 1. Committee Involvement
- 2. Training Proposal
- 3. Staff training
- 4. ADA Compliance
- 5. Map 41 Lot 13
- 6. Abatement request

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Workshop with Dept. Heads & Finance Committee
- 2. Old Home Days Committee reporting

SIGNED:

- 1. Warrants for bills & payroll
- 2. Concealed weapon applications
- 3. Memo of Understanding with LAC
- 4.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
