

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 13, 2010

Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Girard to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E) Legal at 5:30 p.m.. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to come out of Executive Session at 5:52 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

PRESENT: TammyJo Girard, Dennis Abbott, Jon Gale, Cindy Moore, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Dave Lowe, Fred Fay, Clint Andrews, Willis Lord, Frank Allen, Tom Ursia, David Woodsome, Harry Heacock, Jack Seery, Rep. Wagner and Michael O'Toole, Attorney.

Meeting opened by Selectman Abbott at 6:04 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Selectman Abbott thanked those recycling and encouraged those who are not to do so.
2. Selectman Abbott reminded that if you have not mailed in your census form to please do so.

### APPOINTMENTS

Tom explained that two firms have looked at the sidewalk project at no cost to the town and explained that the problem with this project is that the entire area is flat making drainage a problem. The Sebago Tech proposal includes survey work and CLD only a site walk which explains the difference in the two proposals. Explained that we are rapidly approaching the deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup> and he will be happy to attend the Road Review meeting tomorrow night. Selectman Moore questioned if it is a matching grant and Tom explained that it may be more than \$100,000 now and would need to be some seed money but it would come from the West Road project and money that was left over. Discussed raised surface or not. Selectman Girard stated that she would rather do this correctly from the start. Tom felt Sebago Tech should be able to complete this in four weeks. Selectman Gale stated that we can't do until after town meeting and Selectman Girard stated that she thought we would find the money for the engineering in the current budget. Frank questioned the cost of maintenance. Selectman Abbott felt they should hear from the Road Review Committee before the board makes a decision. Discussed the width of the road and Tom will find out.

### HEARING OF DELEGATION

Jack asked that people watching add a few words to Rep. Pingree's website in support of the new community center. They have requested a \$500,000 grant and she is looking for comments. Dave is putting something on the town web-site about this also.

Fred reported that he has blocked off Mast Camp Road as the bridge has sunk about one foot. Still trying to find out if the town owns it or the state and should know tomorrow.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she has the appropriations and budget worksheets balanced out so working on the warrant.
2. Reported that you must now be certified to use pesticides including ant cups so we have three employees going to Augusta to be certified.
3. Reported that she has tried contacting the Superintendent to schedule a meeting regarding the flooding but he has not responded so sent a second request today.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT'S**

EcoMaine Rep.: Willis reported that he has been tracking the recycling and February was 27.43% and March 24.50%. Stated that the Recycling Committee of EcoMaine met last week and discussed mercury which is becoming a big problem. Felt that Clint should report on how we handle mercury because we do a great job. Reported that the Board of Director's are meeting Thursday to vote on the budget and are staying about the same as last year. Also stated that the brochure sent out was very nice and should do a lot of good to increase recycling.

Transfer Station/Recycling Committee: Dave reviewed the history of the committee. Stated that we have one of the most comprehensive facilities in Maine. The committee feels that the producers of waste have a direct responsibility for the waste disposal costs and they feel a pay as you throw program is equitable. Reported that the Finance Committee voted to support the installation of a larger recycling compactor and are waiting for a decision from the Board of Selectmen.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussed the request from Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council for a warrant article requesting \$3,000. Selectman Gale stated that it is hard to add something in now when the warrant was finished two months ago and took so much out. Selectman Girard stated that she agrees and would like to have a little more information. Selectman Abbott stated that he would like more information also. Agreed that there is not enough information so will invite Mr. Fitzpatrick in for next week.
2. Selectman Abbott stated that it's time to look at a vehicle for the highway department. Fred stated that it's about time some money goes into the Highway Dept. Selectman Abbott stated that it won't be in this year's budget but need to start looking at this. We need to open the dialogue on what we have for any municipal equipment and what the highway dept. uses on a regular basis. Discussed that we contract out all the municipal building plowing so would be some payback.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussed the Forest Development Road Cooperative Agreement and Selectman Abbott stated that the attorney has confirmed that it is still valid. Questioned if this means it will be opened back up to the public. Will write a letter in response that it is still valid and ask if it will be opened back up to the public.
2. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to appoint Justin Morrill to the Cemetery Committee. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott stated that the board has Jerry getting additional information on the abatement request and will then bring this back. Michael O'Toole addressed the board stating that he is the attorney representing both the Heacocks and Piper's. Asked that a decision be delayed for two weeks as his client will be out of town next week. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to table for at least two weeks. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Selectman Gale stated that the committee is recommending to implement an approved bag system up to 33 gallon bags with a sticker/tie-on with 52 free stickers/tie-on's and after that \$1.00 per sticker/tie-on. Selectman Gale stated that he understood the board can decide to not allow bags over 33 gallons. Explained that as long as the Transfer Station is open there will be three individuals there. Motion by Selectman Gale to go with all household waste will be deposited as of July 1, 2010 in 33 gallon bags or smaller at the Transfer Station. Motion dies from lack of second, Selectman Girard would prefer to see it part of the referendum question. Selectman Gale thinks it is too complicated for a referendum. Will vote on the referendum on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussed enforcing mandatory recycling. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by selectman Girard to offer a referendum to taxpayers that will implement a pay per bag system utilizing stickers or tags for bags of household waste and part of that program would be to offer some level of free tags

to everybody when they get their dump sticker (one set per household). Vote 4-0-0. Will bring back on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

- 5. Discussed the proposals from Sebago Tech and CLD for engineering services and Selectman Abbott stated that we need to come up with the funds out of this years budget. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard that we instruct Nancy to look at where we can come up with \$4,500 to handle the deliverable proposed by Sebago Technics come back to us with if and where it can come out of. Vote 4-0-0. Would like to hear from the Road Review Committee on this and they are meeting tomorrow evening.

**OTHER**

- 1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
- 2. Postponed minutes until next week.
- 3. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Gale to add an Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) for a Personnel Issue. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to add a second Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) also for a Personnel Issue. Vote 4-0-0. Selectman Abbott noted that following that they will adjourn.
- 4. Selectman Abbott read reminders.
- 5. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Vote 4-0-0. Motion by Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Moore to come out of the Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Vote – Passed. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Girard to deny the employees request. Voted – Passed.

**Action Items**

- 1. Pam to send letter to Forestry Dept.

**Agenda**

- 1. Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council
- 2. Engineering for Safe Routes to School/Bike Routes

**SIGNED:**

- 1. Warrants for bills & payroll

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

**APPROVED:**

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