

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 3, 2010

PRESENT: Gordon Littlefield, Dennis Abbott, Dave Woodsome, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Bob Gobeil, Pam L'Heureux, Scott Ohman, Fred Fay, Chris Binette, Jim Gendron, Rep. Wagner, Roger Lauzier, Clint Andrews, Frank Allen, Jerry Daigle, Nancy Roberge and Roger Macomber.

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

Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Woodsome for Selectman Abbott to act as Chair Pro Temp this evening. Vote 3-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Rep. Wagner announced that on Thursday, 5 to 7 pm there will be an Insurance Forum at Massabesic High School, Auditorium. Also announced that the applications for the Circuit Breaker Program are now available. Can call him at 499-0104 for assistance in getting the forms.

Selectman Littlefield announced that the painting is complete next door and have just the floor left to do.

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Jerry presented the Susan Swede proposal. Reminded that in July discussed Daggett & Parker and Thomas Agency and this one was received this morning. This is mostly set up for a large city and the contract requires the basic fees, 25% contingency with no court and 35% if she goes to court. Thinks this should be back on next week to allow time to review the proposal.

HEARING OF DELEGATION

Fred discussed Mast Camp Road. Reported that water has gone under the base and what was footings and it has eroded completely. Would like to dig out and pour new footings way in underneath and then rebar this whole thing and re-pour a wall and re-pour right over the top with cross rebar across it and lengthwise. No rebar in there at all, all stone. Whole middle section has dropped down. Price to rebar and repair approximately \$11,000 and to finish, re-gravel and pave, the total would be \$15,000 - \$16,000. FEMA will be out on the 23rd so will take them out to look at it. Has also asked Tom Ursia to look into state money but received no answer from him. Selectmen Littlefield and Woodsome did look at it with the Road Commissioner.

Roger Lauzier spoke regarding the bid for the work at the Transfer Station and presented the attached letter. Requested that the Board of Selectmen reject all bids. Selectman Littlefield disclosed that Mr. Lauzier did call and want to discuss the discrepancies with him but he did not meet with him. Mr. Lauzier stated that he was not attempting to influence just wanted to explain the discrepancies and was only a meeting as a constituent. Selectman Abbott stated that State Law states that a meeting is three (3) members or more but any constituent has a right to contact an individual member you have that right but an individual board member also has the right to refuse to discuss a given subject such as a bid specification.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Tax Club Information & Application
2. Charter Commission Nomination Papers Notice

Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to move Item 1 under New Business as the next item. Vote 3-0-0. Clint stated that a lot was added to last years plan which was not at our request. Selectman Woodsome apologized to the contractors. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

seconded by Selectman Woodsome to table all bids and give bidders two (2) weeks extension. Vote 3-0-0. Selectman Woodsome stated that he would like to follow Roger's recommendation for a site walk and to extend the bid process for two (2) weeks and to hold a site walk with Charlie Brown sometime this week. Roger stated that one concern he has is no erosion control plan and questioned if DEP had been contacted. Selectman Abbott stated that we were not ready to go out to bid when we went out to bid. Chris asked that the board review specs before going out. Clint stated that if you include all this detail it will increase the price by thousands. Selectman Woodsome stated that they should discuss with Charlie why the changes. Roger offered to help improve the bid process.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Economic Development Committee – Chris reported that the last two (2) meetings they had not had a quorum. They have initiated the first Purchase Order for the new signs and RSD Graphics has officially started the three (3) large signs. Next meeting organizing the logistics to get the signs up, DOT & placement, post & brackets for the signs, excavation, gardens and brick base for signs. Last meeting had Rep. Wagner discuss some of the business climate in the area. Ended with a response to a comment made at a Selectmen's Meeting that Form Based Code is ten (10) years out. Stated that we can't wait 10 years to change our codes and doesn't want them to give up on form based code.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the resignation of Dianne Holden from the 20/20 Comprehensive Plan Committee with regret. Vote 3-0-0.
2. Discussed what is being shown on the monitors in the lobby

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to table the discussion on the collection of personal property taxes for one more week. Vote 3-0-0.
2. Scott explained in detail the proposal from the Road Review Committee after their meeting with Doug Foglio to correct the problem with draining on Hemlock and Oak. Stated that it is not a fool proof plan and they can not get rid of the source but this will help with the ponding. The price they have given is not bidding the project out but keeping it in house. The committee feels they should act on this quickly. Fred will bring this up to FEMA on the 23rd. Pam L'Heureux stated that there will be a meeting on Tuesday at 1 pm in her office to work on Waterboro Annex to the County Mitigation Plan and can add this to it if the plans are complete by the end of August. Paul Tebbetts stated that the only solution is a retention pond behind Oak St. & Hemlock otherwise it is not going to run off fast enough. Scott explained that they did discuss retention ponds but don't own the land, this is the best solution with what we have to work with. Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to accept the Road Review proposal as it's a good first step. Vote 3-0-0.
3. Selectman Littlefield explained the reason for the fence on Mr. Grimes property and that 75' from the center of the dam is all that's owned by the town. There is no public right of way through Mr. Grimes property. Stated that the pin is located 75' from the center of the dam and the fence is within Mr. Grimes property. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Woodsome that this matter be closed, that no further action is necessary by the board, that Mr. Grimes owns what he says he owns and the town owns what we own. Vote 3-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Woodsome to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 3-0-0.
2. Discussed the Transfer Station Committee sitting down with the R.S.U. 57 Directors to discuss recycling and cost.

3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.
4. Selectman Littlefield stated that there have been several articles chastising the Selectmen for holding a technical illegal meeting. Explained that the sole purpose of the meeting was so that the board could convey to the employees here, as a courtesy to the employees, some impending decisions that were going to be affecting them. There were no votes taken at that particular meeting. It was purely informational and a courtesy to the Town Hall employees. On the following Tuesday at a regular Selectmen's Meeting that was adequately posted and on the agenda, we presented the exact same display for members of the public so they would have the opportunity, if they wished at that time, to make any comment, suggestions or whatever. Was also an opportunity for the news media to ask questions and the news media was present. It was never an intent to hold an illegal or secret meeting, merely a courtesy to the employees of the town hall and would hope people would understand that but will make every effort possible in the future to avoid even the appearance of another technical violation.

Action Items

1. Clint to work on the bid specs and bring to the Town Administrator first of next week and to sit down with Charlie Brown and a couple of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

Agenda

1. Property Tax discussion

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Woodsome and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
