

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 28, 2010

PRESENT: Dennis Abbott, Gordon Littlefield, TammyJo Girard, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, Bob Gobeil, Teresa Lowell, Jack Seery, Clint Andrews, Bob Powers, Kate Collins, Edie Hutchinson, Brigit McCallum, Linda Hanscom, Debby Downs, Tom Seery, Rep. Wagner, Willis Lord, Brenda Edgerly, Paul Tebbetts, Janice Young, and residents of Old Alfred Road area.

Meeting opened by Selectman Girard at 6:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Selectman Girard announced that the winter draw down for the lake starts October 1st.

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to open the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal and Control Ordinance. Selectman Girard read the amendment. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to open the Public Hearing on the Referendum question on constructing and equipping a Waterboro Public Library/Community Center. Jack spoke on behalf of the Friends and explained that the land donation expires in 2012. Should also have a \$500,000 grant which would go away September 2011. The building is being built with Federal money, municipal money and private money. This will cost the average taxpayer \$10.25 per month. Addressed the water runoff and operating costs down the road. Explained the the Middle School property is 82 acres while the library property is only 4 acres and will be leaving 2 acres of trees which will absorb a lot of water. This will not impact the Old Alfred Road residents. Based all projections on 32 hours per week. Stated that the Friends are a fundraising organization and will raise funds to assist with operating costs. Estimate \$48,500 per year to go towards operating expenses with estimated expenses of \$111,000. Paul Tebbetts stated that with this economy the citizens really can't afford this. Stated that they are asking for trouble locating there and it will be catastrophic if this passes. Rose Gaddy stated that it very hard for her family to think of coming up with one (1) more penny. David Barker stated that his taxes have gone up 100% in 12 years. He is concerned about the library and if contaminants have to be removed at a later date. Would love to see a new library but in a different area. Don Ahern stated that he can't afford it, retired and living on a fixed income. Willis stated that he and his wife both wanted to see a new library but feels we should not borrow anymore until the current bonds are paid off. The people in this town can't afford it. Donna Wyckmans stated that she feels it is overdone and we just can't afford it. Delilah Terracin stated that the water runoff won't be solved by not building a new library and the children of this town need a library. There are some things we should spend money on. Teresa stated that she doesn't use the library but it is because the current one does not fulfill the needs of the town. She sees this as a great opportunity. Doug stated that these people with the water problems should be at the school board meetings and that complaints about taxes should also be addressed with R.S.U. #57 as \$.80 every dollar goes there, should also go to the state and demand they fund the school at 55%. Shouldn't stop all development because some have a problem. Brenda Edgerly presented information on Freeport's library and the past two budgets. Asked the Board of Selectmen if we can afford to take this debt on. Jack explained that he only is using Freeport for electrical and mechanical and only at 40%. Paula Ahern stated that she and her husband are retired with limited income. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to close the hearing at 7:21 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Abbott to open the Public Hearing on the PACE Ordinance. Selectman Girard explained that this is through Efficiency ME and the town needs to have this in place so the residents receive assistance from Efficiency ME. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Have a letter from Maine Municipal Association requesting delegates to vote at the annual meeting. Questioned who would be attending and Nancy stated that probably she and the Fire Chief would be going. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to appoint Nancy as the delegate and Matt as the alternate. Vote 4-0-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Report attached.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

1. Selectman Gale reminded that the Gala and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday at Heritage Co.
2. Selectman Abbott reported that the Transfer Station Committee met last night and they still need two more members for a full committee. Last calendar year reported a 16/3% recycling rate and in the last four (4) months since implementing single sort recycling May 19%, June 21%, July 23% and August 26% so for every 1% increase in recycling saves the town \$8,000 over a year. Had a good meeting with the business manager and Mary Ross our representative to the Finance Comm. of R.S.U. 57 regarding implementing recycling at Massabesic Elementary School. Dave will be attending the next Finance Committee at R.S.U. 57 to discuss the recycling program as there will be an initial cost.
3. Selectman Girard reported that she received a call from a resident on Partridge Road regarding some erosion on Townhouse Road. She spoke with Fred about it and was told that he has received the recommendation from FEMA on Mast Cap Road so will come in next week to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to approve the amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal and Control Ordinance. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to approve the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Abbott to appoint Kelly Mayo, Donna Mayo and Chris Gionest to the Cemetery Committee. Vote 4-0-0.
4. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to approve abatements 11-01 through 11-07. Vote 4-0-0. Questioned the Veteran's Exemptions.
5. Discussed making the payment to the Water District and Selectman Abbott made the motion to pay them half or \$21,000. Seconded by Selectman Gale. Vote 4-0-0.
6. Discussed hiring RHR Smith to do the check reconciliations and reported that it will take them five (5) days to complete. Selectman Gale stated that unfortunately it is what we have to do. This is essentially what the salary of the Treasurer is is to keep updated reconciliation reports and they have gotten woefully delayed and so in doing this and getting this updated would certainly like to see our Administrator do a monthly check on this and that it becomes part of the evaluation system. Selectman Abbott noted that we did have a problem with Trio and lost the check register. Hired Trio to rewrite a program and revitalize that but not enough hours in a day to do that. Engage RHR Smith to spend the week that they need to and ask that as part of that the Administrator allow whatever hours need to be worked by the treasurer to support that and furthermore I think we need to look at other things that haven't been updated so over the next

month or so whatever hours the Treasurer needs to do those if that's an extra day a week or whatever that we need to support that so we can get the audit done in a timely manner. Selectman Girard stated that after speaking with Chris of RHR he confirmed that the Trio reconciliation program is very cumbersome and difficult to work with. Selectman Littlefield stated that they are not casting any aspersions on the employee. Vote 4-0-0.

7. Selectman Girard reported that the WAB Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 5th at 199 Sokokis. Typically they keep a light agenda so they can attend but not sure that is going to be possible this year. Need to RSVP by Friday.
8. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Abbott to appoint Nancy Brandt and Nancy Johnson as Deputy Town Clerks for the election November 2nd. Vote 4-0-0.
9. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to extend the cable franchise agreement until November 30th. Vote 4-0-0.

OTHER

1. Motion by Selectman Abbott and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Littlefield and seconded by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of 9/21/10 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Girard read the reminders.

Agenda

1. Proposal for the Finance Committee
2. Susan Swede proposal
3. Fred regarding Mast Camp Road
4. Animal Control Officer on Barking Dog Ordinance.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 9/21/10

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Littlefield to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

APPROVED:

Date: _____
