

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 13, 2011**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Selectman Girard moved to go into Executive Session at 5:45 pm per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) to interview a committee applicant, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years**. Selectman Abbott moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:02 pm, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 years**.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Littlefield, Selectmen: Woodsome, Gale, Girard & Abbott, Tom Ursia, Dave Barker, Clint Andrews, Roger Bouffard, Roger Macomber, Dick Bateman, Christina Silberman & David Lowe

Chairman Littlefield opened the meeting at 6:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Littlefield announced that there is an Art Show tonight at 7 pm sponsored by Waterboro Parks & Recreation with work done by the kids in their art classes. Chairman Littlefield reported that the Charter Review Commission is not meeting on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> or Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the holidays and will resume their regular schedule on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**APPOINTMENTS: Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) presentation with staff and committees:** Town Planner, Tom Ursia, distributed a synopsis of CIP requests for the next 5 years. Mr. Ursia stated that each CIP includes at least one current quote. The CIP is currently done on a 5 year basis and there has been some discussion among the staff to change this to a 3 year plan because forecasting for 5 years is difficult. Mr. Ursia said that the Library did not submit any CIPs. The Librarian, Ruth Blake, is evaluating everything that needs to be done. She is trying to determine if there is a way to do an addition to the Library in the future. Mr. Ursia reviewed the CIP requests for the next fiscal year and answered questions. Mr. Ursia mentioned that there has been a lot of pro bono work done on a possible addition to the library and he and Ms. Blake would like an opportunity to share this information with the Board in the future. Roger Macomber stated that the Road Commissioner worked hand in hand with the Road Review Committee on their CIP proposal. Mr. Ursia provided a detailed packet of CIP request information to the Selectmen.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION:** Roger Bouffard, owner of 537 Sokokis Trail, said he has not heard back from Mr. Foglio or Chairman Littlefield about his concerns from last week. Chairman Littlefield indicated that he did speak with Mr. Foglio, the Road Commissioner. The town will not plow near Mr. Bouffard's fence as long as Mr. Bouffard agrees to keep that area plowed himself. Chairman Littlefield said that there are no funds in the budget for a survey this year. The Town Attorney indicated that he contacted Mr. Bouffard's attorney in July and has not had a response back. Mr. Bouffard stated that his attorney stated that he last heard that Ms. Brandt was doing some research and was going to follow up with them. Mr. Bouffard asked about putting up a "no wake" sign near the boat launch. Selectman Abbott commented that the Lake Association usually takes care of these postings. Chairman Littlefield said he will follow up on this with the Town Administrator. Selectman Girard said State Law prohibits wake zones within a certain distance from the shoreline and if there is a problem then he could contact the Warden Service. Chairman

Littlefield said that Mr. Bouffard's attorney should contact the Town Attorney and he will ask Ms. Brandt to follow up with him.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman Littlefield reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Letter from the Road Review Committee re: Chadbourne Ridge plowing request
2. Motor Vehicle report of November 2011
3. Rep. Libby's newsletter
4. Letter from York County Community Action regarding fuel assistance

**REPORTS: Selectmen's Report:** Selectman Gale stated that the Recreation Committee did not meet last night. Selectman Gale attended the RSU 57 Board's initial budget meeting last week. The school district may get a little extra money from the State but this will be offset by a loss in federal funds resulting in a net loss and income to the district will be less. Selectman Girard asked if they will be asking for an increase this year and Selectman Gale responded that they haven't reached this point yet but he feels that in order to maintain the same level they are at now, they will seek an increase. Selectman Gale reported on the spaghetti dinner for staff and volunteers last Friday. About 70 people attended. It was a good time and hopefully we can do it again. Selectman Woodsome recognized Selectman Gale for the work he did and also credited others for their contributions. Selectman Girard said she heard a lot of positive feedback on the event and it was nice to see everyone.

Selectman Girard reported that the York County Budget Committee met last Wednesday night. The Sheriff presented his budget and now all Department Heads have made their presentations. They will now begin looking at the budget as a whole and will start taking votes on their recommendations and setting up a public hearing.

Selectman Woodsome commented that the holiday lights at the Taylor House look very nice. Tomorrow night there is a special meeting of the 20/20 Committee at Central Station at 6 pm. Dave Nordstrom of the Conway School will be there to discuss their assistance to the town. Selectmen Woodsome invited any interested members of the public and other Selectmen to attend.

Chairman Littlefield reported on the new signs at the transfer station that were purchased with a State grant that show the monthly recycling rate and the amount saved. \$2,890 was saved in the month of November due to recycling. Chairman Littlefield urged citizens to recycle as much as possible. Photos of the sign and of updates made at the transfer station, salt shed and town garage were shown.

**SRCTV Board:** David Lowe reported that the station has completed an upgrade of equipment including servers and computers. We now connect with them via a Cloud based server and this is a much more stable way to connect. Mr. Lowe said that our equipment here is rather old and often requires rebooting. He is working on a proposal to upgrade much of this equipment. There will be no cost to the taxpayers, the money will be provided by franchise fees but the expenditure will need approval at Town Meeting.

**Saco River Cable TV Committee:** Dick Bateman reported that Tony Vigue is the Chairman of the Saco River Cable Television Committee. The Committee is made up of one member from each of six towns; Waterboro, Hollis, Limerick, Limington, Buxton and Standish. The Committee represents the towns in their relationship with Time Warner Cable. They have been operating under a 10 year contract from 1988 that has been extended for several years and are working to get a new contract. Maine Municipal

Association has negotiated a model franchise agreement for the State and they are working on using this as our contract renewal. Time Warner Cable wants to cut out a lot of things. The Committee submitted a 66 page agreement to Time Warner last November that has not been signed yet. They are meeting again on January 7<sup>th</sup>. There are 4 community television stations dedicated for public access including government and schools. There is the television station on Plains Road in Hollis. Some of the equipment is getting old. Selectman Girard mentioned an issue someone building a home on the discontinued portion of Thyngs Mill Road is having in getting cable installed. Time Warner wants him to pay \$6,000 to connect. Mr. Bateman said that the contract requires that a home is within 300 feet of the road and this resident must be further away than that. Selectman Woodsome commented that the Road Review Committee is researching the status of this portion of Thyngs Mill Road and if this is determined to be a public road, he thinks the cable should be provided. Chairman Littlefield said that he has heard negative comments about the fees for Time Warner Cable. Mr. Bateman said that there is some competition from Dish Network but the Committee does not have any control over the fees. Selectman Girard recommended calling Time Warner Cable and asking for a discount.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discuss/Vote on committee appointments:** Selectman Woodsome moved to appoint David Barker to the 20/20 Committee and to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

**2. Discuss boat launch area review and survey:** Chairman Littlefield said that there is not funding for a survey right now. Lake Arrowhead has invited the town to send people for milfoil inspection training at no cost. The Board agreed this would be good training for volunteers. Chairman Littlefield will follow up on the training with the Recreation Director.

**3. Discuss/Vote on Chadbourne Ridge plowing request:** Road Review Committee Chairman Roger Macomber reported that the Committee did research and found that this portion of Chadbourne Ridge Road was voted by the Selectmen to be abandoned but the required paperwork was never recorded at the Registry of Deeds. The Committee's opinion is that this is still a public road and they recommend that the town plow it. Selectman Woodsome asked if there was a statute of limitations on the Selectmen's vote. Selectman Abbott stated that he doesn't think the town is obligated to plow the road. The Selectman posed additional questions that need answers and postponed action on this item until mid-January after the Town Administrator contacts the Town Attorney for more information.

**4. Review of Budget Planning Public Night:** Selectman Abbott said that it was nice to get feedback from the public; however there were not any major revelations. There were comments about spending too much at the Fire Department. Selectman Woodsome said it was good for people to come in and talk face to face to express interests and frustrations and hopefully we can do this again with some specifics. Chairman Littlefield said he would like to be more specific in the future and would like to look forward instead of bringing up the past. Hopefully we can have more of these types of meetings and draw more people in with a more diverse group entering into the discussion. Selectman Woodsome suggested having some guidelines to go by. This meeting was meant to have an informal atmosphere where people could speak freely. Selectman Abbott had a good presentation. In the future we could add some structure with some talking points. Selectman Abbott said that as we move forward with the budget process it will give some "food" on the table for people to comment on. Selectman Gale said when you have an open forum you have to

expect that people will say whatever they want to. Selectman Girard said that other towns with success with these kinds of meetings feel it is because they allow for an open forum. If we have these meetings regularly, we can hopefully entice more people to attend. Selectman Gale said that the Board has also talked about other types of meetings such as a “fireside chat” between two selectmen to talk about particular items.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Discuss/vote on FEMA reimbursement and possible Special Town Meeting:**

Selectman Woodsome moved that this item be tabled until the Town Administrator, Treasurer and Road Commissioner have the amount of the FEMA reimbursement for next week, seconded by Selectman Abbott. **5 yeas.**

#### **OTHER:**

1. Moved by Selectman Abbott, seconded by Selectman Gale to sign warrants for bills and payroll, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

2. Moved by Selectman Woodsome, seconded by Selectman Girard to accept the minutes of the 12/06/11 regular meeting as written, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

#### **PENDING DECISIONS**

1. Public Service Announcements
2. Committee self-evaluations
3. Work with Logan Circle residents on water runoff issue: working on this
4. Review Driveway Opening Permit language: working on this
5. Transfer Station boundary: completed
6. Board & Committee status: making slow progress. If anyone is interested in serving on a town board or committee, please complete an application.
7. Water District survey: pending
8. Water District office space lease: working on this

#### **WEEK'S ACTION LIST:**

1. Town Administrator to follow up with Mr. Bouffard on attorney contact
2. Town Administrator to follow up on status of Chadbourne Ridge Rd. with Town Attorney
3. Determine FEMA reimbursement amount
4. Town Administrator to follow up on dam gate repair

#### **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Discuss options for dam gate repair

Chairman Littlefield read the reminders.

Selectman Girard moved to add an item not on the agenda to go into Executive Session to discuss a property tax abatement, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

The Selectmen took a 5 minute recess.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Selectman Girard moved to go into Executive Session Per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(F) – to discuss an application for property tax abatement, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 yeas.** Selectman Abbot moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

**SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 12/06/11
3. Concealed firearms permit

**APPROVED:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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