

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2012

5:30 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION: Selectman Gale moved to go into executive session at 5:31 pm per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E) to meet with the Town Attorney to discuss lawsuits, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **4 years**. Selectman Woodsome arrived at 5:35 pm. Selectman Girard moved to come out of executive session at 5:58 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale voted and passed, **5 years**.

PRESENT: Chairman Littlefield, Selectmen: Woodsome, Gale, Girard & Abbott, Nancy Roberge, Pat Aureli, Dianne Holden, Tammy Wells, David Benton, Christina Silberman & David Lowe. Jerry Daigle was present during new business item #1 and Roger Macomber arrived during new business item #1.

Chairman Littlefield opened the meeting at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS: 20/20 Committee: Dianne Holden of the 20/20 Comprehensive Plan Committee reported that the Committee's focus for next fiscal year is to create a comprehensive plan infrastructure chapter. This chapter will be a 20 year strategy assessment for the infrastructure areas of the town including wastewater, water, trails and roads. The work will include the town's existing assets, needs, costs, funding sources to aid in construction and maintaining the infrastructure of the town. This will be the largest chapter that the Committee deals with and they would like the Board of Selectmen's advice on which segment of the chapter the Committee should concentrate their focus on. Chairman Littlefield asked to schedule an item on next week's agenda to discuss this.

Charter Review Commission report from Chairman Todd Abbott: Todd Abbott was unable to attend and the Board asked to reschedule this for another time.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Littlefield reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Rep. Libby's newsletters of 3/30/12 & 4/5/12
2. Letter from Maine Department of Transportation regarding areas of concern
3. Maine Municipal Association's Property & Casualty Pool Membership Report
4. Levitt's Mill Free Health Center invitation to "An Evening of Pops"
5. Treasurer's Weekly Financial Reports

REPORTS: Selectmen's Report: Selectman Woodsome reported that the Planning Board meeting date has been changed from Wednesday, April 18th to Wednesday, April 25th due to a scheduling conflict. Selectman Gale reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for last night was postponed. Selectman Gale will meet with Mike DeAngelis, Recreation Director, on Thursday. Selectman Girard reported that she attended the Road Review Committee meeting that was held last night and said that the Committee will not be meeting on Wednesday night.

Town Administrator's Report: None.

Road Review Committee Report (This report was given after New Business item #1): Road Review Committee Chairman Roger Macomber reported that the Committee met last night and discussed setting goals. Mr. Macomber said that before the Committee proceeds, they would like clarification on their mission statement. The Committee wants to make sure they are doing things the Selectmen want them to do. Mr. Macomber provided a copy of their mission statement. Selectman Gale pointed out that the Road Review Committee serves as an advisory board. Mr. Macomber explained that the Committee would also like to change the 5 year plan to a 3 year plan because it is nearly impossible to go out 5 years. Chairman Littlefield suggested that the Committee work on making changes to their mission statement and come back to the Board to review the changes. Selectman Girard stated that other committees are also looking for more guidance from the Board and sometimes what the committee's liaison thinks the Board wants may be off. She suggested that the Board schedule a workshop to meet with all of the committees to work on their mission statements and all five Selectmen can sit with each committee one on one to ensure we are all on the same page. Mr. Benton asked if the Road Review Committee should proceed with suggesting changes to their mission statement. The Board agreed. Selectman Woodsome said that if any committees want to rework their mission statements they can ask to meet with the Board. The Board thanked the Road Review Committee for their report.

Road Commissioner: The Road Commissioner was unable to attend tonight, this report will be rescheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss/vote on a property tax abatement request denied by the Assessor's Agent for map 9 lot 14-6: Assessor's Agent Jerry Daigle explained the request for the abatement and described the property. Mr. Daigle explained his recommendation to deny the request and said that the market analysis provided by Ms. Aureli is not comparable to her property in his opinion. Mr. Daigle feels that the assessed value is within the 10% range allowed by the State. Applicant Pat Aureli explained that she is a Real Estate Agent and has done a competitive market analysis for her property and feels it is overvalued. She feels the value of her home has decreased 50% and she is asking for a 30% reduction. Town zoning requires that homes in her area have a five acre lot. She said most of her land is unusable because it is wet, sloped, and wooded and she actually only has use of about 1 acre. The Selectmen responded that the current property assessments are based on 2007 values. Ms. Aureli said that she does not feel that the taxes are fair in Waterboro and that they are too high. Ms. Aureli also stated that the neighborhood is not that pretty and showed pictures to the Board. Members of the Board explained that if her request for the abatement was granted because her property is worth less today than it was in 2007 the town would also have to lower assessed values of all of the properties in town. The mil rate would have to increase in order to provide the same amount of funding to run the town and the taxes would end up being the same. Selectman Girard cited the Maine Supreme Court case of Alfred Sweet vs. City of Auburn. Selectman Woodsome stated that he feels the land is overvalued. The Board asked Mr. Daigle to research the land values. Selectman Girard moved to postpone action on this item and ask the Assessors' Agent to look at the neighborhood to ensure it is assessed fairly and compare the value of the lot with

the other lots in the area and report back to the Board, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years.**

2. Discuss/vote to schedule 3rd quarter budget review: Selectman Abbott moved to conduct the 3rd quarter budget review next week as part of the regular Selectmen's meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years.**

3. Discuss issue at the boat launch with a hole that needs to be filled in: Chairman Littlefield reviewed information from Sebago Technics. Filling the hole with rock will require a DEP permit by rule application and an Army Corp of Engineers category 1 notification. There is a \$65.00 fee for the permit and an estimated \$850 expense for the engineering work. Selectman Woodsome commented that \$850 seems high for a couple of hours of work. The Board postponed further action on this item and will ask the Town Administrator to find out if the town can submit the permit on their own and/or find someone to do it for less than \$850.00.

4. Discuss/vote on 2 committee appointments: Selectman Abbott moved to appoint Amy and Anthony Lucarelli to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years.**

5. Discuss/vote on Time Warner Cable's request to "Go Green" and receive official notices via e-mail only: Selectman Girard moved to agree to receive official notices from Time Warner Cable via e-mail only, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **5 years.**

6. Discuss/vote to sign an updated form adopting the York County Hazard Mitigation Plan previously authorized at the October 18, 2011 Selectmen's meeting: Selectman Abbott moved to sign the updated form, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 years.**

7. Discuss/vote to approve the Live-In Partners FEMA Grant Commitment: Selectman Girard moved to postpone action on this item until next week, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER:

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

2. Moved by Selectman Woodsome seconded by Selectman Abbott to accept the minutes of the 4/03/12 regular meeting as written, voted and passed, **5 years.**

PENDING DECISIONS

1. **Public Service Announcements:** Nearing completion of project #1

2. **Review Driveway Opening Permit language:** Selectman Girard was unable to meet with the Road Commissioner last week and he is not available this week.

3. **Board & Committee status:** There are still vacancies, please visit the town hall for more information.

4. **Water District survey:** This will be reviewed at the April 24th Selectmen's meeting.

5. **Water District office space lease:** Awaiting the Water District's approval.

6. **Eagle Scout Project:** No further information is available, the Board agreed to remove this from the pending list.

7. Internet and Electronic Mail Policy revisions: Selectman Girard will work with the Town Administrator on this.

WEEK'S ACTION LIST:

1. Ask the Town Administrator to find out if the town can submit the permit application on their own to fill in the hole at the boat launch and/or have this done for a lower cost
2. Reschedule a report from the Charter Review Commission
3. Reschedule a report from the Road Commissioner
4. The Assessor's Agent will conduct research on the neighborhood and land values for Ms. Aureli's abatement request.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discuss/vote to approve the Live-In Partners FEMA Grant Commitment
2. Discuss issue at the boat launch with a hole that needs to be filled in
3. Conduct the 3rd Quarter Budget Review
4. Discuss the 20/20 Committee's request for advice on where to begin work with the infrastructure chapter

Chairman Littlefield read the meeting reminders.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Gale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 4/03/12
3. Resolution of Adoption York County Hazard Mitigation Plan

APPROVED: Date: _____

