

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2012

5:30 pm Executive Session: Selectman Gale moved to go into executive session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel issue regarding the review process at 5:33 pm, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. Selectman Woodsome arrived at 5:37 pm. Selectman Girard moved to come out of executive session at 5:41 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed **5 yeas**. Selectman Girard moved to add an additional executive session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 yeas**. Selectman Girard moved to go into executive session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel issue at 5:43 pm, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 yeas**. Selectman Abbott moved to come out of executive session at 5:57 pm, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas**. Chairman Littlefield left after the executive session and was not present for the regular meeting.

PRESENT: Selectmen: Abbott, Gale, Girard & Woodsome, Nancy Brandt, Amy Lucarelli, Tony Lucarelli, Pete Cote & David Lowe. Jill Smith and Todd Smith were present during the Old Home Days drawing. Jerry Daigle was present during the FY2012 abatement item. Yvette Murray was present during the Election and Town Meeting review and provided a report.

Selectman Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He apologized for the late start due to an executive session prior to the meeting. Selectman Girard moved to add an item to the agenda to elect a Chairman Pro Tem, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. Selectman Woodsome moved to appoint Selectman Abbott as Chairman Pro Tem, seconded by Selectman Gale. There were no other nominations and the order was voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Old Home Days Committee drawing: Jill and Todd Smith, members of the Old Home Days Committee, asked Selectman Abbott to pick the winning number for the raffle to be the person to press the button to begin the fireworks display during Old Home Days and have VIP parking during the event. Selectman Abbott announced that he picked #242 and the winner is Cory Fredericks. Old Home Days will be held July 6th & 7th with the parade at 10 am on July 7th. The parade route is from Straw Mill Brook Road to the High School. Mrs. Smith asked people to keep the parade route in mind and seek an alternate driving route so they are not stuck in traffic. Fireworks are scheduled for July 7th at dusk with a rain date of July 8th. The Old Home Days booklets are available at the town office and on the town website.

2. Community Garden Committee project info: Amy Lucarelli explained that the Community Garden Committee was formed when she recently paid over \$3.00 for a pepper and she started thinking about how this impacts the community. Ms. Lucarelli stated that a community garden will benefit Waterboro immensely. There are currently 5 members and they have been meeting for approximately 3 months. The Committee has spoken with someone that has already set up several community gardens in Maine and he would be willing to come in and answer questions if the Selectman make this a town committee. The

Committee members have spoken with other residents and there is a lot of positive interest. They have gathered 147 signatures from people in Waterboro that are in support of this. They have also had 11 others volunteer to participate. Ms. Lucarelli outlined the benefits of having a community garden. They hope to have a community garden on town owned land. They would like to offer volunteer opportunities to people needing to conduct community service and would like to involve local greenhouses in their efforts. They plan to fund the community garden with donations and grants and do not plan to ask for any taxpayer dollars. They would like to have a children's garden, offer a farmer's market, add some raised beds at Applewood, and offer some reduced rate plots for low income families. Ms. Lucarelli provided copies of the meeting minutes for the Committee's last two meetings. Ms. Lucarelli stated that they are really excited about this project and they hope the Board will allow them to do this. Ms. Lucarelli read the Committee's mission statement "Our mission is to support and create opportunities for all the residents of Waterboro, Maine, regardless of circumstances, to have access to community allotments within their community." The Board was provided with a copy of the mission statement along with subcommittee information. Ms. Lucarelli asked that the Board make the Community Garden Committee a town committee. They would like to have the community garden set up on the land adjacent to the town hall because there is great sunlight and parking. Selectman Girard commented that the Middle School was in recently and discussed a possible composting project and suggested that they could possible partner with the school. Ms. Lucarelli said that the plot fee would be \$25.00. \$10.00 of this would be refunded if the plot owner cleared their plot at the end of the year. They would like to keep it as natural as possible and would not allow the use of pesticides or chemical fertilizer. They are looking into different sources of water. The Board agreed to add items to their next meeting agenda to consider recognizing this as a town committee and to allot them some property to use. The Board asked that they provide a plot plan by next Friday to go in the packets that shows how much land will be needed.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Pro Tem Abbott reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Treasurer's Weekly Financial Reports
2. Rep. Libby's June 8th and June 14th newsletters
3. Copies of letters from the Towns of Wells and Alfred regarding the York County Survey on to support outside agencies
4. Regional School Unit #57 assessment
5. Ecomaine recycling reports
6. **CONFIDENTIAL** Letter from Town Attorney regarding a consent judgment
7. Motor Vehicle Agent's report
8. Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center 10th Annual Golf Classic & Silent Auction info
9. Memo regarding the 12 Town Group meeting on June 25, 2012
10. Planning Board June 20, 2012 Agenda
11. Tax Collector's report

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES

1. Assessor's Agent – Discuss/vote on FY2012 year-end abatements: Selectman Girard moved to approve the Assessor's Agent's recommendations for abatements #12-34, 12-35, 12-36, 12-37, 12-38, 12-39, 12-40, 12-41, 12-42 & 12-43, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

2. Town Clerk (this report was made after New Business item #2): Yvette Murray reported that she has discussed the issue with the audio at the Town Meeting with IT Director Dave Lowe. Ms. Murray said the election went really well and she thanked all of the people that helped her with the Election and Town Meeting. She reviewed the election results and reported that over 440 voters participated. There was an issue with the machine in the evening and this was resolved. The election crew was fantastic. Ms. Murray said she is working with Animal Control Officer Wade Andrews to finish up on the dog list. There are still 372 dogs that have not been licensed in town. There are 734 dogs that are licensed. Mr. Andrews has the list of unlicensed dogs and he will start calling the owners. Selectman Woodsome asked how many absentee ballots there were and Ms. Murray answered 48. Selectman Abbott commented that the local races were uncontested so that did not bring out the voters. He was disappointed that the primary votes for U. S. Senate and U. S. Congress did not stimulate more interest. Selectman Gale commented that it seems that all the Democrats vote the same way and all the Republicans vote the same way and he finds this discouraging.

3. Tax Collector: See correspondence

4. BMV Agent: See correspondence

5. Selectmen: The Board discussed the York County survey regarding funding external agencies that was voted on last week. Selectman Girard explained that even though the York County Budget Committee included funding for external agencies in the county budget, the County Commissioners have stated that they will not cut the check to fund them. The County survey indicates that all 29 communities in York County have to agree that they do want the County to fund external agencies. If 1 community answers “No” to the survey the County will not fund the external agencies. Any community that does not respond to the survey will be considered a “No” reply. The towns of Wells and Alfred provided a written reply to the County indicating their disagreement with the County’s method of all or nothing.

Selectman Girard thanked people for coming out and voting last week and for attending Town Meeting on Saturday.

Chairman Pro Tem Abbott reported that he attended ecoMaine’s annual meeting last Thursday and it went very well. EcoMaine will have all of their debt paid by August. There is some concern about Cassella’s plan to open a transfer station a few miles from ecoMaine. The intent is that once Biddeford is shut down all rubbish will be sorted and recyclables will be separated. The remainder will be landfilled and they predict 1,000 tons a day. EcoMaine handles 500 tons a day.

6. Town Administrator: Nancy Brandt said that she has started inputting the new budget figures in Trio (the financial software). She has notified department heads that even though the budget has been approved, it does not mean that all funds will be available on July 1st. Expenses that are to be funded from taxation will not be available until the tax payments start coming in. She asked that departments prioritize their needs and submit a list of expenditures they wish to make first to the Selectmen to review at their July 10th meeting. Selectman Woodsome asked if the auditors have done what they need to do. Ms. Brandt said that the auditor will come in toward the end of June to show Christina how to process the accruals so they are put in year 12 expenses and will not show at all on year 13 reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/vote to cancel July 3rd Board of Selectmen’s meeting: Selectmen Woodsome voted to cancel the July 3, 2012 Board of Selectmen’s meeting, seconded by

Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. Ms. Brandt said that the Treasurer will run checks on July 2nd and the Selectmen will have to stop into the office to sign the warrants for bills and payroll.

2. Review results of the Election and the Annual Town Meeting: Selectman Gale commented that it went smoothly. He really liked that people showed respect for each other even with differences of opinion. Selectman Woodsome said it was nice to listen to people talk and ask questions to help understand the situation. It is interesting how different people think and to hear their thought process. This is something that you can't do if you don't have this type of assembly. Ms. Brandt said that she knows it was hard to swallow that much of an override. We will be able to take care of a lot of things that really need attention, such as our infrastructure – buildings & roads, and be able to maintain them annually. Selectman Abbott observed that it was interesting that the most discussed points were concerning department budgets that affected people and not roads, the Transfer Station or the Fire Dept. that affected public safety and infrastructure. People realize that we can't neglect roads for a number of years without some impact. Selectman Gale said that there were communications from the Road Review Committee and the Road Commissioner almost weekly with pictures of the roads and good information. Selectman Girard commented that the venue was very good, one issue was the sound. The Selectmen had trouble hearing what people were saying when they spoke into the microphone with their backs to the stage where the Board was seated. It was better when the microphone was turned sideways. We should keep this in mind for next time. Selectman Abbott suggested using a portable microphone next year so people will not have to keep walking up front to the microphone. Selectman Gale said an amplifier up on the stage would be good to help the Selectmen hear better. Selectman Girard commented that the handouts that Ms. Brandt and her staff put together were great with lots of good information. Selectman Abbott suggested that in the future we have some bigger sidewalk signs at the entrances. The small signs are difficult to notice when people drive by. Selectman Girard said that it is sad that just 1% of the population came and voted to approve the budget that will affect the entire town with a significant tax increase. Low turnout is an issue every year. Selectman Abbott indicated that more and more communities are moving toward referendum voting and are holding public discussions similar to what the RSU's are doing. As Selectman Woodsome indicated this does not allow for open discussion on each item prior to voting as is done at a town meeting. Selectman Gale said he will be sad if town meeting is replaced by referendum voting.

3. Discuss/vote to approve a request to dispose of the old roofing material from the Grange Hall at no cost: Selectman Girard moved to approve a request to dispose of the old roofing material from the Grange Hall at no cost, seconded by Selectman Gale. Selectman Gale explained that the roof has been donated and work is being done by volunteers. The Grange Hall is a valuable community asset. Selectman Abbott noted that it is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

4. Discuss/vote to close the Transfer Station on July 4, 2012: Selectman Woodsome moved to close the Transfer Station on July 4, 2012, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER:

1. Moved by Selectman Girard to sign warrants for bills and payroll, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.
2. Moved by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of the 6/5/12 Regular Meetings as written, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. Moved by Selectman Gale to accept the minutes of the 6/12/12 Regular Meetings as written, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **3 yeas, 1 abstained (Woodsome-not present)**.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. **Public Service Announcements:**
2. **Review Driveway Opening Permit language:**
3. **Board & Committee status:**
4. **Water District office space lease:**
5. **Internet and Electronic Mail Policy revisions:**
6. **Barriers to prohibit vehicles from driving on the public beach:**
7. **Sale of town owned property, Map 1 Lot 22G**

WEEK’S ACTION LIST:

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Discuss/vote to appoint the Community Garden Committee as a town committee
 Discuss/vote to allot the Community Garden Committee some property to use
 Discuss/vote on amendments to the personnel policy

Chairman Pro Tem Abbott reviewed the reminders.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Woodsome moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 6/5/12 & 6/12/12

APPROVED: Date: _____
