

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

5:45 pm Executive Session: Selectman Girard moved to go into executive session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) to discuss a poverty abatement application at 5:46 pm, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 years**. Selectman Woodsome arrived at 5:58 pm. Selectman Gale moved to come out of executive session at 6:07 pm, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 years**.

PRESENT: Chairman Abbott, Selectmen: Gale, Girard, Littlefield & Woodsome, Nancy Brandt-Town Administrator, York Cty. Sheriffs' Sgt. Chevette, York Cty. Sheriffs' Dep. Shawn Sanborn, Brad Bohon, Doug Foglio, Sr.-Road Commissioner, Tammy Wells, Capt. Dan Roy-Waterboro Fire Dept., Linda Morin & Mr. Morin, Brad Littlefield & Mrs. Littlefield, Christina Silberman-Administrative Assistant & David Lowe-IT Manager.

Chairman Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:10 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Abbott made the following announcements:

- The public boat launch is closed for repairs
- The first half of property tax payments is due Oct. 5th
- The Road Review Committee is looking for a used metal detector if anyone has one that they would like to donate.
- This Sunday at 2 pm at the Waterboro Library there will be a dedication of the Barbara R. Lord Memorial Gardens.

Selectman Gale announced that the Waterboro Community Garden Committee is looking for volunteers to help clear rocks from the land to be used for the Community Garden this Saturday, Sept. 29th, from 8 am – 11 am.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Deputy Shawn Sanborn & President Linda Morin of Blast From the Past, Inc. to discuss safety and traffic issues with car shows held at Blast from the Past:

Selectman Littlefield explained that this discussion is due to concerns with safety issues due to car shows being held at Blast From the Past. Selectman Littlefield said it is not the intent of the town to do away with the activity. There are concerns regarding the parking situation inhibiting access for emergency vehicles and with participants causing unnecessary noise with their vehicles when leaving the establishment. Deputy Sanborn said that the noise is a nuisance but it is a secondary concern. This is taking place on Route 5 in a 50 mph zone on a gradual curve on a Friday night and safety is the biggest concern. He has witnessed a lot of vehicles peeling out of the lot at the close of the car show. Dep. Sanborn said he approached the owner's about making an announcement to notify participants not to peel out but the problem continues. He does have a plan in mind to address the issue but he is looking for voluntary compliance. Sgt. Chevette said he addressed the Manager there a year or two ago and was told it was not their problem what was occurring out on the road. Selectman Littlefield mentioned parking issues along Route 5 and he has reviewed State statute and feels the vehicles could be towed. Dep. Sanborn agreed that this should be addressed as well. Selectman Woodsome said he does not understand why Dep. Sanborn is here asking for permission to do his job and that if he arrested a couple of people the problem would stop. Dep. Sanborn said he feels that

sitting across from a diner on a Friday night is not a good use of his time. Selectman Girard suggested that the owner's meet with Dep. Sanborn and Sgt. Chevette to work on a plan. Chairman Abbott suggested that the proprietors set the tone for the show and clarify that people should not be parking on the street. Fire Dept. Capt. Roy suggested restricting parking to one side of Route 5 and said that he and the Fire Chief will work with the owners on this. Selectman Littlefield commented that it is good to have these kinds of open debates to get all the issues out on the table. He commended Dep. Sanborn for seeking assistance from the elected officials. Sgt. Chevette and Deputy Sanborn will meet with Mr. & Mrs. Morin to work on a resolution. Chairman Abbott thanked everyone for coming in to discuss this.

2. Brad Bohon of York County Community Action to review of programs and services:

Mr. Bohon provided some printed information for to the Board said that York County Community Action serves all of York County through a variety of programs and serves about 25,000 households each year. Mr. Bohon reviewed some changes to the agency and outlined the programs that are available. The WIC (women, infants & children) program provides food vouchers, breast feeding support with education & breast pumps, reading materials and check-ups for pregnant women & children. This program's funding was cut by \$70,000 last year which led to staff cuts of a part time nutritionist and two full time clerical workers. They have been able to reach out and find volunteers to help with the clerical duties. The Head Start program has 13 sites serving 252 children. There have been significant cuts, \$131,000 this year and \$500,000 in the past 5 years. This has led to a loss of 42 spaces for children and 7.5 positions. They are concerned about the future of Head Start. The Housing program provides pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling & education, help with mortgage applications and foreclosure prevention program. 35 households from Waterboro have utilized Foreclosure Prevention Counselors since January. The Transportation program has buses and vans along with volunteer drivers to take people for medical, dental and community health services. Energy services/LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is expected to have the same guidelines this year as last year. Last year this program had drastic cuts and they do not know what will happen if we have a severe winter this year. Community Outreach connects people who have needs with services that can help. They did lose one outreach counselor due to funding cuts. The Health Care program now has a community health center and can work with a larger group. This program served about 2,500 people and will expand to 6,000 people over the next two years. 55 Waterboro residents used the health center last year and they hope to increase this. Mr. Bohon asked the Board for feedback and if there is anything they are missing. He asked that the Board share information on what services are available within the community. Chairman Abbott asked what the forum is for communities to make suggestions. Mr. Bohon said there is no formal procedure. Selectman Gale said that the interaction between YCCA and General Assistance (welfare) flows in both directions and without a lot of the YCCA programs, the General Assistance costs would increase. YCCA receives their funding from State, Federal and Municipal governments. Selectman Woodsome asked about the mandated increase to the health care center and where this funding comes from and Mr. Bohon replied that it is from a federal grant. Selectman Girard said she is very familiar with YCCA and she often refers people to them for help through her job. The Board thanked Mr. Bohon for the info.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Abbott reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Rep. Libby's newsletter
2. List of Board and Committee vacancies
3. Copy of email correspondence from Peter Bishop to Assessor's Agent Jerry Daigle
4. Information from the Waterboro Water District on proposed water main extension

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

1. **Assessor's Agent:** Postponed to next week

2. **Treasurer:** None

3. **Tax Collector:** A written report was provided

4. **Motor Vehicle Agent:** A written report was provided

5. **Town Clerk:** None

6. **General Assistance:** None

7. **Road Commissioner:** Doug Foglio, Sr. reported that they put the hole in the dam and this proved to be fruitful. The water was 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches down before adding the hole and it is now 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches down. The gates have been removed and he is waiting for the repairman to pick them up. Mr. Foglio said that the dam is in need of repair and we need to get prices on this. The steel reinforcement around the top needs to be sandblasted and recoated and the concrete walls are showing signs of erosion. The bottom of the dam shows considerable wear from the large rocks that were placed in the dam to alter the water flow and over time have pushed up against the dam. Mr. Foglio said that they will begin working on the boat launch on Friday. New Dam Rd. is completely graveled and rough graded and it will be paved within 60 days. The McLucas Rd. work is coming along nicely. There has been a mix-up in the road sign order and he apologized for the error.

8. **Selectmen's reports:** Selectman Girard said that the Road Review Committee is looking for a metal detector to assist with locating the culverts. If anyone has one they could donate it would be appreciated. Chairman Abbott said that last Friday he and the Town Planner, Tom Ursia, attended the ribbon cutting of the new SIS branch in East Waterboro and it was well attended.

9. **Town Administrator report:** Ms. Brandt said that the kick off meeting for CIP's with department heads is scheduled for tomorrow. Ms. Brandt shared the staff skills matrix and asked the Board to review it and provide feedback. She is working to set up customer service training through Maine Municipal Association. She is working this week on the October 16th quarterly reports and the employee newsletter.

Chairman Abbott announced that on Thursday, Oct. 4th at 7 pm there will be a Candidates' Night here at the town office moderated by Bob Powers with the State Senate and House of Representatives candidates. This will be broadcast over the local cable channel. Selectman Girard suggested we put a link on the town website to ask people to submit questions in advance and Mr. Lowe will do this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discuss/vote and changes to the snowplow contract:** This item will be postponed and Mr. Foglio, Jr. will be asked to come in to review the proposed changes.

2. Discuss/vote on request to accept donation of a parcel of land on Otter Drive, tax map 44, lot A-507: This item will be postponed for further information and will come back next week.

3. Discuss/vote to sign the deed for the sale of property, tax map 1 lot 22G, to James Triance: This item was postponed because the deed was not ready.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Chairman Abbott introduced Brad Littlefield who is a candidate for Waterboro’s State Senate District. Mr. Littlefield said he is a Sanford resident and attended Sanford High School with his opponent John Tuttle and they are good friends. He asked that the Board contact him with any questions.

OTHER: Moved by Selectman Woodsome to sign warrants for bills and payroll, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

PENDING DECISIONS

- 1. Public Service Announcements
- 2. Review Driveway Opening Permit language
- 3. Board & Committee status - current vacancies: Old Home Days Cmte., Community Garden Cmte., Fair Hearing Cmte., Zoning Board of Appeals, Finance Cmte., Planning Board, Parks and Rec. Cmte., Conservation Commission, Transfer Station / Recycling Cmte., Hiring Panel, Economic Development Cmte., Public Safety Committee
- 4. Barriers to prohibit vehicles from driving on the public beach
- 5. Cistern maintenance

WEEK’S ACTION LIST:

Contact the person about repair of the dam gates.
Have the Road Commissioner get estimates on repairs to the dam.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Discuss issues with Old Alfred Rd.
Discuss Water District main extension proposal.
Discuss requests for reductions in property valuations.

Chairman Abbott read the reminders.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Woodsome moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

SIGNED:

- 1. Warrants for bills & payroll

APPROVED: Date: _____
