

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2012

PRESENT: Chairman Abbott, Selectmen: Gale, Girard, Littlefield & Woodsome, Tammy Wells, Shawn Shoemaker, Bob Leeman, Dwayne Prescott, Jerry Daigle-Assessors' Agent, Doug Foglio, Sr.-Road Commissioner, Rep. Aaron Libby, David Lowe-IT Manager, and two others. Mark Mitchell-Code Enforcement Officer arrived during Report item #1

Chairman Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Abbott expressed appreciation for the response in the first half property tax payment. The deadline was last Friday and reports are that the collection went well. The water level in the lake remains low. The old dam gates were removed and we are waiting for new gates. When the new gates are installed the lake level should come up 8 – 9 inches.

APPOINTMENTS: Rep. Aaron Libby to discuss issues with Old Alfred Road (This was held after Hearing of Delegation.): Rep. Libby reported that he met with John Cannel, Regional Manager of Region 1 (MDOT-Scarborough). They walked Old Alfred Road and Rep. Libby talked about concerns that he saw. Selectman Girard cited that State Statute requires that a road be expected to last 10 years at minimum before it is turned over to a municipality and MDOT is saying they expect the road to be good for 7-10 years. Selectman Girard also pointed out that the skim coat that was done is like a washboard and with frost heaves this winter it is all going to break up. Rep. Libby said that he would like to look into this transition process, it doesn't make sense. Selectman Woodsome moved that the Town go on record to state that we are not accepting the road and list the reasons why and that they (MDOT) have not followed up on what they said they were going to do, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years**. Rep. Libby indicated that he would like to follow up with the Commissioner.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: Bob Leeman of West Shore Road addressed the Board to say he has been affected by the lowering of the lake and has lost his well and he knows of two other people that lost their wells. He asked when the gates were picked up and Chairman Abbott said last week. He asked if the 18 inch hole that was put in the dam has to stay open. Chairman Abbott responded that adding the hole in the dam was to allow for an additional draw down of the lake to allow for the repairs at the boat launch and he is not sure if the hole needs to remain open in order to install the new gates. Additional work on the dam is needed and we are waiting for cost estimates. An unidentified woman asked if the lake would be brought down more than 36 inches and Chairman Abbott said that he thinks the lake is as low as it is going to get.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Abbott reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Nomination form and info from American Red Cross re: 2013 Real Heroes program
2. Letter from Supt. John Davis of RSU 57 re: *Race to the Top* program
3. Assessors' Agent report on sales for July 2012

4. Assessors' Agent info re: Maine Revenue Services York County Proposed 2013 State Valuation

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

1. Assessors' Agent: Discuss/vote on property tax abatement requests #s 13-10, 13-11, 13-12, 13-13, 13-14, 13-15, 13-16, 13-17, 13-18 & 13-19: Selectman Gale moved to approve the abatements as recommended, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **3 yeas - 2 nays (Woodsome & Littlefield)**. Selectman Gale asked Mr. Daigle about the sales chart he provided and Mr. Daigle explained the information.

2. Code Enforcement Officer: Mark Mitchell-Code Enforcement Officer reported that he has had 3 calls about dry well points and he recommended they go to the hardware store and purchase 100' length of pipe and a check valve and this worked. Mr. Mitchell said he has placed notices about doing energy audits for residents and no one has requested one yet. He urged the public to contact him if they are interested. Selectman Littlefield asked if he had heard about doing an energy audit for a person that requested an abatement from the Board and Mr. Mitchell responded that he has spoken with Nancy Johnson about this. Mr. Mitchell said that Efficiency Maine has a program where they will come and take away your old refrigerator and pay you \$50.00. Mr. Mitchell said he will soon take a tour of the lake by boat to ensure that there is nothing flowing into the lake that shouldn't be. The Town Planner, Assessors' Agent, Code Secretary and Mr. Mitchell have been meeting on Wednesday mornings to share news from their departments. The May Street property that he has discussed previously is in foreclosure. The owners told Mr. Mitchell they will send a crew over to clean it up. The Court recently reversed a decision of the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) on the issuance of a building permit issued by the former Code Enforcement Officer for a temporary garage on West Shore Rd. He issued a permit for a permanent garage at the same property. The abutters learned of this and appealed the permit to the ZBA. The ZBA ruled that the abutters did not file their appeal in a timely manner and did not hear the appeal. There have been 18 new homes built or currently under construction year to date. They are working with new businesses in town. There is a new car repair facility proposed, a 50'x100' garage on Sokokis Trail, a personal fitness training facility and the bank has relocated from Hannaford next to Dunkin Donuts. There was an inquiry for a 1,200 square foot commercial duplex but the owner decided not to pursue this because he would have to go through the Planning Board because it is over 1,000'. There is a commercial building underway on Route 202 being built by Victor Wright that will have 5 spots. Mr. Mitchell said he has put a notice on the town website for a volunteer electrician to install ceiling fans at the Library and a volunteer plumber to put in a water closet at the Public Works facility and they would get a tax right off. Please contact Mr. Mitchell if interested.

3. Saco River Corridor Commission: Saco River Corridor Commission member Shawn Shoemaker reported that they met on September 26th and there is a lot going on. They have a lot of requests for time extensions and some of them are for permits issued years ago. The Commission is considering allowing only one extension request per permit. They have had several requests for after the fact permits for construction of stairways to the water. People need to be aware that if they are in the Saco River Corridor zone, they need to apply for a permit from the Commission for this. Selectman Woodsome asked if there is a map on the internet that shows what areas are included

in the Saco River Corridor Zone and Mr. Shoemaker said he has requested one for the Waterboro area. Lake Arrowhead Community asked permission last month to put in an 8 inch water line across the lake. This would be a redundant line so that if there is a failure on their current line, they will have another way to provide water. This was approved.

4. Road Commissioner: Road Commissioner Doug Foglio, Sr. reported that the water is down in the lake. He has had someone look at cleaning up the dam and putting on an epoxy coat. There is damage to the dam and something has to be done about it. There is a boat chained to the dam and he doesn't know who it belongs to. He has heard that the boat is being used on both sides of the dam. He thinks law enforcement should have the boat removed. Mr. Foglio said the boat has been there since they began working on the dam around September 4th. He would like to get a quote on putting up a fence. He is concerned about people fishing on both sides of the dam because of the extensive amounts of milfoil at the outlet of the pipe. Ossipee Lake is the town's greatest resource and he does not want to see milfoil get into the lake. Mr. Foglio said it would be a tremendous mistake not to put up a fence to prevent the spread of milfoil. The new gates have been ordered for the dam. The company said that they have provided a quote to reinstall the gates for \$7,000 minimum. The Town Administrator said that Mr. Foglio and Tom Blackburn can reinstall the gates. Mr. Foglio said he is not sure how he became the dam repair man. He will have to hire a crane to reinstall the gates. Mr. Foglio said that someone will have to excavate the material in front of the gate opening or the gates will not drop down. Mr. Foglio further explained the issue with the gates and said now is the time to do the excavation before the new gates are put on. The Board discussed repairs to the dam and agreed to do the work now but they need to determine the total cost and where the funds will come from. Mr. Foglio said that the signs have been ordered and asked about the color of the "speed measured by radar" sign and the Board agreed they should be black and white.

5. Selectmen's reports: Selectman Girard reported that the Conservation Commission met last week and they discussed plans for Gobeil Park so that cars cannot drive on the beach. One issue they have is that they cannot expend any funds without a town meeting vote so this will be a budget item next year. They talked about Moody Pond and will check on the restrictions and to see if there is a way to change the restrictions so the property can be used. They are going to begin working on a budget. One thing they discussed is Lake Arrowhead's request for the past couple of years for funds to help deal with milfoil. The town has given them money from the Conservation Commission because the Commission was not active. The Commission is going to ask that no more funds be taken from there because they are active again. They are still looking for more members. Selectman Girard said that we are working on CIP requests now and she and Pete Cote had an idea about switching out the fluorescent lights to the LED lights and also to look at automatic lights that turn on when someone comes into a room and then shut off so that lights are not left on all the time. Pete is going to work with Tom Ursia to put something together for this. Chairman Abbott suggested that Selectmen Girard contact Steve Everett about Moody Pond.

6. Town Administrator report: Chairman Abbott reviewed the Town Administrator's report. She has provided a copy of the first quarter budget report. Superintendent Davis has offered the use of the Freshman Campus for future elections instead of using

the Middle School. There is space for storage and plenty of parking. Ms. Brandt will be in Augusta on Wednesday and Thursday attending a workshop. Selectman Woodsome asked if the Grange Hall could be adapted for handicap accessibility and used as a voting place. Selectman Gale wondered if there would be enough parking. Chairman Abbott said it would be interesting to look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/vote on request from the Waterboro Eagles for a 3 year blanket letter of approval for State Games of Chance Licenses for Poker Tournaments, Sealed Tickets, Daily Pool and Cards or to approve a State license application for Games of Chance for a tournament game: Selectman Girard moved to approve the license application for the October 18th event, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas, 1 abstained (Gale-not enough information)**

2. Discuss/vote to approve Junkyard Permit renewals for Richard & Robin Lavigne at 1190 Main Street and for Danny Laskey at Goodwins Mills Road: Selectman Woodsome moved to approve the Junkyard Permit renewals for Richard & Robin Lavigne at 1190 Main Street and for Danny Laskey at Goodwins Mills Road, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

3. Discuss/vote to schedule a Public Hearing to consider approval of a Pawnbrokers License for Waterboro Pawn & Gold at 134 Main Street: Selectman Woodsome moved to schedule a Public Hearing to consider approval of a Pawnbrokers License for Waterboro Pawn & Gold at 134 Main Street for October 30, 2012, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

4. Discuss/vote to accept a donation to the 20/20 Cmte: Selectman Gale moved to accept a donation of \$1,000 from Biddeford Savings Bank to the 20/20 Committee for the next leg of activity in the village planning process with appreciation, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

5. Discuss/vote on a Committee appointment: Selectman Gale moved to appoint Todd Smith to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 yeas.**

OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER:

1. 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
4. Barriers to prohibit vehicles from driving on the public beach
5. Cistern maintenance

WEEK'S ACTION LIST

Chairman Abbott will meet with Ms. Brandt and Mr. Foglio to draft a letter to MDOT and will copy Rep. Libby and the Transportation Committee.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

- Road Commissioner to report on costs to repair the dam.
- Conduct the quarterly budget review.
- Obtain a report on signage at the boat launch.

Chairman Abbott read the reminders.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Woodsome moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

SIGNED:

1. Warrants for bills & payroll

APPROVED: Date: _____
