

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

5:45 pm Executive Session: Selectman Littlefield moved to go into executive session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to meet with a Committee applicant at 5:47 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. Selectman Woodsome arrived at 5:48 pm. Selectman Littlefield moved to come out of executive session at 6:00 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

PRESENT: Chairman Abbott, Selectmen: Gale, Girard, Littlefield & Woodsome, Nancy Brandt-Town Administrator, Nancy Johnson-GA Director, Clint Andrews-Transfer Station Manager, Ruth Blake-Librarian, Jerry Daigle-Assessors' Agent, Yvette Murray-Town Clerk, Dwayne Prescott, Christina Silberman-Administrative Assistant & David Lowe-IT Manager. Rep. Aaron Libby arrived during the Transfer Station Manager's report.

Chairman Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Abbott opened the public hearing to adopt the new maximum levels for General Assistance. Welfare Director Nancy Johnson outlined the proposed changes to the maximum levels of assistance and answered questions from the Board. Chairman Abbott closed the public hearing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Selectman Littlefield reported that Steve Harding passed away. He was a long-time member of the Alfred Fire Dept., a State Forest Ranger and was involved with York County EMA. Selectman Littlefield offered condolences to the family.

APPOINTMENTS - Doug Foglio, Jr. of Foglio, Inc. to discuss extending the snowplow contract: This was postponed.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Abbott reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Treasurer's Weekly Financial Reports
2. Assessors' Agent's November calendar
3. Motor Vehicle Agents' October report
4. Ecomaine Recycling October and year to date totals
5. Planning Board 11/11/12 agenda

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

1. Assessors' Agent Discuss/vote on abatements #13-22 & #13-23: Assessors' Agent Jerry Daigle explained the abatement requests. Selectman Woodsome moved to accept the Assessors' Agent's recommendation for abatements #13-22 & 13-23, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

2. Town Clerk – Election recap: Town Clerk Yvette Murray reported on the results of the local November 6, 2012 Referendum Election. There were 3,637 voters including 877 absentee voters.

3. Transfer Station Manager - Discuss holidays for the Transfer Station: Selectman Littlefield moved to grant the Transfer Station Employees the day off on Friday, November 23, 2012, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **4 yeas, 1 nay (Girard)**.

Mr. Andrews reported on recycling rates and the Board talked about ways to increase recycling.

4. Librarian: Librarian Ruth Blake reported that the Library is doing well and the outside is looking great. They are now going to focus on the inside. They are working on CIP requests and are hoping to do the bathroom this year. The Library needs more shelving, the walls need insulation, the ceiling needs to be fixed and the wiring needs to be checked. The Board of Trustees voted to increase their membership from 5 to 7 members and they currently have 6 members. Fall programming for kids started up in September with a nature craft. In October there was pumpkin painting. This Saturday they are doing harvest baskets at 10 am. On December 15th they will make ornaments and have their Christmas Open House. On Wednesdays at 10 am there is a preschool story hour. David Cousineau hosts a children's board game night the first Monday of each month at 4 pm. The Silent auction ends tomorrow. They typically raise about \$300 when they have a silent auction. Ms. Blake said that e-books are available to borrow through the library and she talked about the benefits of e-readers. They are planning a class in January to help people use e-readers. Ms. Blake said that the library is looking for a digital camera with at least 10 pixels and asked if anyone has one (to donate) to please call her. Maine Municipal Association is coming tomorrow to work with the staff on ergonomics at their workstations. Ms. Blake reviewed library usage statistics. Chairman Abbott asked if there is a way to tell how many people use the WIFI at the Library. IT Manger David Lowe said he will check on that.

5. Library Board of Trustees: None

6. Friends of Waterboro Public Library: None

7. Road Commissioner Discuss/vote on what to do with the old gates from the flow control structure (a/k/a the dam): Selectman Girard moved that the town attempt to sell the old gates, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

8. Selectmen's reports: Selectman Littlefield commented that residents of McLucas Rd. are thrilled with the work done to rebuild the road. Oak St. and Hemlock have also been repaved. The Road Department also worked on New Dam Rd. and it is almost complete. The wide lane near Chadbourne Ridge Rd. was done intentionally for turning traffic. The hole is closed now in the dam and the water level is rising. There is still some work to do on the dam. The gates will be back in very soon. Selectman Littlefield commended the Road Commissioner and his crew on the work they have done. Selectman Gale said the blacksmith shop at the Taylor House is going up. Selectman Littlefield added that once it is built, it will be operational 2 days a week. Selectman Girard reported that the York County Budget Committee meeting last week was canceled due to weather. Selectman Girard said that due to the Budget Committee meetings, she will be unable to attend the Road Review Committee meetings for the next few months and she asked if someone would attend in her place. Chairman Abbott explained that the rocks were placed along the side of New Dam Road for safety reasons and so people will stop at the stop sign there.

9. Town Administrator's report: Ms. Brandt said that she is working to schedule a workshop for Auditor Ron Smith to meet with the Selectmen to go over the audit. Ms. Brandt reported that she finished the research requested by the Town Attorney and a large packet of information is going out to them tomorrow. Ms. Brandt said that there is a possibility of a rule report for towns with police departments and towns without police

departments to reapportion the costs of County Sheriff coverage and communications services. This will mean the smaller towns like ours would be picking up a larger portion of the cost. Selectmen Girard said she thinks they sometimes forget that the jail services are utilized more by the cop towns because they are able to do more community policing so there is a wash there. Selectman Littlefield clarified that the workshop with the auditor is a routine workshop for an overview of the audit and not because of any issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/vote on a committee appointment: Selectman Gale moved to appoint Donald MacDougall to the Finance Committee, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 years**.

2. Discuss/vote to adopt the new General Assistance maximum levels of assistance: Selectman Girard moved to adopt the new maximum levels of assistance, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 years**.

3. Discuss local referendum results of the 11/6/12 Election: Chairman Abbott recognized Rep. Aaron Libby. The Board congratulated him on being reelected. Rep. Libby thanked voters for reelecting him. Rep. Libby provided his contact information, phone 247-6461 and e-mail RepAaron.Libby@legislature.maine.gov. Rep. Libby said that he does an e-newsletter that people can sign up for. The Board discussed the abundance of political advertising in general. Rep. Libby explained that a lot of political mailings are done by outside agencies and the candidates have no control over them. Selectman Woodsome asked Rep. Libby if he will serve on the same committees. Rep. Libby said that he is seeking to serve again on the Energy Utility and Technology Committee but the Speaker of the House will decide. Selectman Woodsome suggested inviting Senator-elect John Tuttle to a future meeting. The Board discussed the results of the local referendum questions. Question 1, the salt/sand shed proposal, did not pass. Chairman Abbott said it was the money although the state bond questions did pass. Chairman Littlefield said he heard concerns about the Finance Committee's recommendation listed on the ballot which stated "not enough information". Chairman Abbott said that the onus is on the Selectmen that the Finance Committee did not have enough information to make a recommendation. Ms. Brandt added that it was decided in June to go to referendum for this and it was a tight time frame. Chairman Abbott said that we have very little long term debt now. Selectman Gale suggested finding an alternative for storing the salt. Question 2 on the fire hydrants did pass. Question 3 on the changes to the Town Charter also passed. Chairman Abbott said that as complex as some of the changes were there did not seem to be confusion. Selectman Gale said that there was no organized voice against the proposed changes. Selectmen Littlefield said that having the summary published in advance so people could review it and having the information available on the website helped to get the word out.

OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER:

1. Selectman Littlefield moved to sign warrants for bills and payroll, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years**.

2. Selectman Woodsome moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2012 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years**.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Public Service Announcements

- 2. Review Driveway Opening Permit language
- 3. Board & Committee status

WEEK'S ACTION LIST

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- Foglio, Inc. snowplow contract extension
- York County additional six month budget payment

Chairman Abbott read the reminders.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Gale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 years**.

SIGNED

Warrants for bills & payroll
Minutes of November 6, 2012
Abatements
GA Ordinance Maximums approval

APPROVED: Date: _____
