

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 20, 2012

PRESENT: Chairman Abbott, Selectmen: Gale, Girard, Littlefield & Woodsome, Clint Andrews-Transfer Station Manager, Christina Silberman-Administrative Assistant & David Lowe-IT Manager.

Chairman Abbott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Abbott wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Selectman Littlefield reported that York County Sheriff's Deputy Chief Mathew Baker passed away. Chairman Abbott extended condolences on behalf of the Board to the family. Chairman Abbott announced that the new dam gates have been installed, the hole has been covered and the water level should be rising.

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

HEARING OF DELEGATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Abbott reviewed the following correspondence:

1. Treasurer's Weekly Financial Reports
2. Twelve Town Group November meeting notice
3. Board and Committee vacancies
4. Assessors' Agent's September 2012 sales report
5. OTT Communications re: toll service provider change (no rate change)
6. Copy of letter from Town Attorney to RHR Smith & Co. re: annual audit

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

1. Transfer Station / Recycling Committee: None

2. Transfer Station Manager: Clint Andrews reported that he attended the MMRA Fall Conference in Orono last month. They looked at a vessel composter that would compost 2,500 pounds per week and reduces matter to 10 %. This composter costs \$80,000. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encouraged them to take note of this because beginning in July 2014, Massachusetts has banned household waste from going into the waste stream. The Sandy River Recycling facility, a multi-town facility, gave a presentation. The State Planning Office for waste is down and they have transferred 4 people to DEP. MERC also gave a presentation and said their change will not occur as quickly as Biddeford thinks because Juniper Ridge is currently only licensed for out of state trash. A new facility in Westbrook will be up and running January 1st. They will be capable of taking 50-60 tons per hour. They discussed wood waste and what to do with the demolition wood. Another place will begin accepting this. Sappi will continue to deal with their existing customers, including Waterboro, but they do not want to take on any new customers. Mr. Andrews provided comparisons for the past 4 months over the last 3 years. Chairman Abbott explained that Ecomaine is counting bulky waste items as household waste and this is affecting the recycling rate. Mr. Andrews said that the winter maintenance has been done and everything seems to

be running well. They have received two new 40 yard containers. Selectman Gale suggested doing watching to see how many people are dropping off just trash and how many are also dropping off recycling. He suggested asking some of the people to allow their trash to be looked through to see if there is anything recyclable that was missed. Mr. Andrews said that Ecomaine did a study last year where they took a container of household waste from each town and sorted it out to determine how much was recyclable and the one from Waterboro was 50% recyclable. Recycling saves the town a lot of money. Selectman Gale said most people are willing to recycle but need to be educated on what items can be recycled. Chairman Abbott asked if Mr. Andrews knew about the Waste Zero round table discussion next week in Wells. Selectman Woodsome said he thinks there would be some resistance to Selectman Gales idea. Selectman Littlefield suggested having a recycling clinic and said that some people are making an honest effort to recycle but they may not know all of the things that can be recycled. Selectman Woodsome said there was a recorded information session from 5-6 years ago on recycling. Mr. Andrews reminded people with the holidays coming up that the Christmas paper can be recycled.

3. Ecomaine Representative: Chairman Abbott reported Ecomaine has dropped \$25,000 in the assessment. The audit has been done. Ecomaine had a tour last week of the metals mining and they have added a new section.

4. Road Commissioner: None

5. Selectmen's reports: Selectman Woodsome said he can attend the dinner on December 14th. Selectman Gale said he is planning the same menu; meatballs, spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. Selectman Girard will take care of desert. Selectman Gale said that he has seen a structure that is used in Portland for salt & sand storage. It is a rod formed structure covered with fabric that is 49' wide by 95' long and 17.5' high and sells for \$38,000. There would need to be a concrete pad with built up sides. This is something that would keep the salt dry and would cost a lot less that the proposed shed. Selectman Girard reported that they had the first meeting of the York County Budget Committee last Wednesday. The County Manager presented the budget submitted by the Commissioners. It is a somewhat flat budget. This is deceiving because it was discovered that the jail tax cap was charged in error and there is a \$288,000 decrease in the jail cap. The commissioners have absorbed this into the budget by adding some additional positions. The Budget Committee is not meeting this week. Next week they will look at the Commissioners', County Administration, Courthouse Maintenance and Treasurer's budgets. Selectman Girard also reported that the 12 Town Group met and discussed a new call sharing agreement between York County Sheriff's Department and the State Police. As of January 1st, the State Police will cover Dayton, Lyman, Hollis, Lebanon and Alfred. Currently they shift coverage zones every few months but they have found inconsistencies with this. The Legislative Policy Committee has been meeting and will support the road turnover bill. There is a great deal of support for this initiative. They also talked about the move to have the non-cop towns start paying the bill for the Sheriff's Dept. patrol units. If this were to pass, the projected cost to Waterboro would be \$426,948. Selectman Girard said we really need to watch this and suggested having an agenda item to further discuss this

next week. Chairman Abbott reported that Town Planner Tom Ursia broke his leg and he is home now but may need surgery.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss on York County tax payment options: Selectman Girard explained that York County is changing from a calendar year budget to a fiscal year budget. Currently departments within the county have fiscal year and calendar year budgets. This requires that the County conduct 2 audits per year. They anticipate a savings of \$15-\$20K per year in audit costs and tax anticipated notes (TANS) interest. The Commissioners will adopt a 6 month interim budget for 1/1/13 – 6/30/13 and a 12 month fiscal year budget for 7/1/13-6/30/14. The Town typically makes their County tax payment in October. For the transition, we will have to pay the full year budget in September 2013 and then in December 2013 we will pay the 6 month interim budget which will be roughly \$193,500. The County is offering to allow the additional 6 month payment to be spaced out over up to five years with interest. The County needs to know what the town decides to do for payment by February 15th. The Board will consider the payment options as they work on next year's budget.

2. Discuss/vote on a Committee appointment: Selectman Girard moved to appoint Dwayne Prescott to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 years**.

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 13, 2012 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, 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

- Reschedule appointment with Doug Foglio, Jr. of Foglio, Inc.
- Ask Jerry Daigle to follow up on personal property tax collections

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- Discuss Lake Arrowhead hydrants
- Discuss plan for emergency general assistance
- Review holiday dinner plans

Chairman Abbott wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and he read the reminders.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Gale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 years**.

SIGNED

Warrants for bills & payroll
Minutes of November 13, 2012

APPROVED: Date: _____
