

**Waterboro Board of Selectmen
February 26, 2013**

PRESENT: Chairman Abbott, Selectmen Gale, Girard, Littlefield and Woodsome, Town Administrator Nancy Brandt, Dwayne Prescott, Dianne Holden, Doug Foglio, Sr., Steve Ross, Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman and IT Manager David Lowe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Abbott opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Abbott announced that the Old Home Days Committee meeting for Thursday night has been canceled. The Planning Board workshop for Wednesday night has been postponed. Chairman Abbott recommended that people check to see if the Town Office and/or Transfer Station are closed due to inclement weather. Selectman Woodsome announced that the Historical Society meeting for Thursday has also been canceled.

APPOINTMENTS: None

HEARING OF DELEGATION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Abbott reviewed the following;

1. Treasurer's Weekly Financial Reports
2. Weekly newsletter from Rep. Aaron Libby
3. Ecomaine newsletter
4. Legislative Bulletin
5. Steve Ross Finance Committee proposed report on creating Budget Committee
6. Dianne Holden & Jim Carll from Charter Commission version of Budget Committee Report

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES

1. Selectmen's reports: Selectman Littlefield said that he stopped at the Lake Arrowhead office this afternoon. A man there recognized him and said he was very pleased with how the town is being run and with how the Selectmen interact. Selectman Littlefield said he attended the York County Advocacy meeting with Selectman Gale on Saturday.

Selectman Gale reported that the York County Advocacy meeting focused on municipal government and revenue sharing. Most people were talking about increasing revenues rather than cutting expenditures. Senator John Tuttle had a list of the towns and what the cuts would mean for them. Based on the proposed loss of revenue sharing, a person with a home worth \$160,000 would have an increase to their property taxes of approximately \$88 per household.

Chairman Abbott reported that Waterboro will receive an Ecomaine award to recognize Middle School teacher David Pope and his class for the Zero Waste project they participated in through the Chewonki Foundation. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday March 12, 2013 from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Chairman Abbott thanked Nancy Roberge for submitting the nomination application. There were 22 winners of eco-Excellence awards.

2. Town Administrator's report: Ms. Brandt reported that Road Commissioner Doug Foglio, Sr. spoke at the public hearing in Augusta last week on LD67, the road turnback bill. Ms. Brandt watched this hearing and said Mr. Foglio did a very good job. Ms. Brandt said that the Maine Emergency Management Agency is urging everyone to make sure their roofs are clear of snow due to the forecasted storm. There will be a presentation to the Appropriations Committee in Augusta on the municipal revenue sharing program at 10 am tomorrow morning and there is a link available to view this.

3. Road Commissioner's report: Doug Foglio, Sr. reported on the proposed bill regarding road turnbacks and the hearing he attended. Mr. Foglio outlined the issues with the turnback of Old Alfred Road and urged the Board to view the deterioration of the pavement on Old Alfred Rd. from Oak St. to the power lines. Mr. Foglio will work with David Lowe to create a video showing the issues with Old Alfred Road to provide to the Transportation Committee in Augusta to review. Selectman Girard said she will bring up the road turnback issue at the next 12 Town Group meeting. Selectman Gale said this was also discussed at the York County Advocacy meeting on Saturday. Mr. Foglio reported that road postings (for weight limits) will be going up soon as it gets warmer. He will speak with Deputy Sanborn about enforcing the limits. He is especially concerned with Star Hill and this will be the first road he posts. Mr. Foglio said that someone reported that the snow at the Transfer Station had not been touched on Sunday and he takes exception to this. He wants the Board to know that he and Tom Blackburn spent about 4 hours clearing the snow there Sunday morning and finished around noon prior to the 1 pm opening time. Mr. Foglio added another issue with the road turnbacks has to do with the spacing of residential driveways. He has urged the Planning Board not to allow subdivision driveways on the main roads and to require an internal road for these driveways. If the town is not careful with this, it will create urban compact areas and this could cost the town a tremendous amount of money. Selectman Littlefield asked if Old Alfred Road could be posted "no trucks". Mr. Foglio said no because Waterboro has taken management of the road but does not own the road. Mr. Foglio added that trucks have great difficulty turning at the intersection of Townhouse Rd. and Old Alfred Rd. and the intersection would need major reconstruction. Mr. Foglio said he received three complaints in the last week about the lights changing too quickly at the intersection at Hannaford's. Ms. Brandt said we will check on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Selectman Girard moved to add an item under new business to send a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection relative to the Juniper Ridge landfill, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 years**. Chairman Abbott explained that Casella Waste manages the Juniper Ridge landfill which is owned by the State. Casella is seeking an amendment to the license to allow municipal waste to be buried there. This is in direct conflict with the State hierarchy that says burying waste should be the last resort. The letter outlines issues with the request and expresses opposition to the change. Selectman Girard moved to send the letter to the Department of Environmental Protection relative to the Juniper Ridge landfill, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 years**.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review budget workshop dates: A workshop will be held this evening following the business meeting.

2. Discuss Town Charter revision implementation progress: This will be discussed further next week. Selectman Gale said he did receive some recommendations on the Budget Committee and he agrees with these. Chairman Abbott said he has provided the Selectmen with a draft job description for the Town Administrator position and he would like to review this next week. He also provided a copy of the Town of Gray Administrative Assistant's job description to the Board for review.

OTHER

1. Selectman Littlefield moved to sign the warrants for bills and payroll, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

PENDING DECISIONS

1. Public Service Announcements
2. Review Driveway Opening Permit language
3. Board & Committee status
4. Economic Development forum
5. Implementation of Town Charter changes that will be effective July 1, 2013

WEEK'S ACTION LIST

- Send the letter to DEP

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS: No agenda items were noted.

Chairman Abbott read the reminders.

ADJOURN: Selectman Gale moved to adjourn the meeting to a budget workshop at 6:45 pm, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

SIGNED:

Warrants for bills & payroll

APPROVED: Date: _____
