

**Waterboro Board of Selectmen
July 30, 2013**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Selectman Abbott moved to go into executive session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(F) to discuss an application for a poverty abatement at 5:30 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **3 yeas**. Selectman Littlefield arrived at 5:35 pm. Selectman Abbott moved to come out of executive session at 5:42 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

PRESENT: Selectmen Abbott, Gale, Littlefield and Woodsome, Town Administrator Gary Lamb, Paul Tebbetts, Brian Reader, Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman and IT Manager David Lowe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chairman Woodsome opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: Vice Chairman Woodsome opened the public hearing at 6:01 pm to hear comment on proposed amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance, Appendices A through E. Deputy General Assistance Administrator Nancy Johnson explained the amendments. Selectman Gale said that the rates are set by the State. Ms. Johnson explained that the Town would have to do a study if they wanted to set a different rate from what the State has proposed. Vice Chairman Woodsome closed the public hearing at 6:08 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Selectman Woodsome announced that today is Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

APPOINTMENTS: Brian Reader of Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc. to discuss a Forest Management Plan. Mr. Reader reviewed the Forest Management Plan for land around the Transfer Station that was previously provided. The lot has some fire scarred trees from the fire of 1947. New trees have grown in since the fire and the lot could benefit from a timber harvest. Mr. Reader said he outlined the property and made recommendations in the plan. Selectman Abbott asked if there is a benefit in spreading a harvest out over several years as opposed to doing it all at once. Mr. Reader said that this is a big enough lot to justify more than one operation and this could be done at the property owner's request. The yield would not be affected but the market does fluctuate. Selectman Littlefield asked about winter harvesting and Mr. Reader said the benefit in this is that the ground is frozen and there is less chance of impacting the soil with ruts. This land is mostly well drained. There is a very wet area that they would not harvest around Bartlett Brook. The plan includes an estimate of the net payout from a harvest. The rates have gone up slightly since he developed the plan. Vice Chairman Woodsome asked how long the operation would take. Mr. Reader replied it would be 3-4 weeks. Selectman Abbott said that the decision to move forward on this should be added to the pending decisions. Harvesting would benefit the remaining trees and would provide different levels of feed for forest animals. Mr. Reader said he would be willing to do a site visit with the Board if they would like to.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: Paul Tebbetts addressed the Board about the boulders that have been placed at the intersection of Chadbourne's Ridge Rd. and New Dam Rd. The Town has spent a lot of money to redo this intersection. There are three large boulders that were placed there that have been painted orange to keep traffic from going around. These are ugly and look unprofessional. A large hole has been created near the stop sign. Mr. Tebbetts said that the boulders should be removed and there is a small area that should be paved as you come from New Dam Rd. Selectman Littlefield said that he has talked with the Road Commissioner about this and he is considering putting up a guardrail there. Mr. Lowe added that the boulders do impair your vision. Vice Chairman Woodsome said the Town will look into this.

CORRESPONDENCE: Vice Chairman Woodsome reviewed the following correspondence;

1. Treasurer's reports
2. Rep. Libby's newsletters
3. Senator Tuttle's newsletter
4. **CONFIDENTIAL** Information from Atty. Cole regarding a legal matter

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES

1. General Assistance Administrator - Discuss/vote to approve amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance, Appendices A through E as proposed:

Selectman Gale moved to approve amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance, Appendices A through E as presented, seconded by Selectman Abbott. The Board discussed options to adopting these. Ms. Johnson will get some additional information and report back. The motion was then voted and failed, **1 yea (Gale), 3 nays.**

2. Selectmen's reports: Selectman Littlefield said that he recently visited the Bob Fay Memorial Park and it looks very nice. He suggested that the Contract Deputy continue to check on the park.

Selectman Gale reported that he attended the Land Trust meeting at Bob Fay Memorial Park and it does look very nice. There is some litter that has to be kept in check and the Land Trust is addressing this. The Land Trust's Annual Meeting was great.

3. Town Administrator report: Mr. Lamb said he would like some direction from the Board regarding a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile section of road that Waterboro has been plowing that is actually in the Town of Lyman. He asked if the Board wants him to contact the Town of Lyman about billing them for the plowing. Mr. Lamb held a town hall staff meeting today and it went well. He will schedule a department head meeting soon. He had a tour with Road Commissioner Doug Foglio last week. He attended CDBG training on the water main extension grant. He had a tour with Parks & Rec. Director Mike DeAngelis yesterday and with Code Enforcement Officer Mark Mitchell today. Mr. Lamb will be going to the bank tomorrow to update the town accounts. Tomorrow he will visit the Sheriff's Dept. and conduct the Fire Department utility truck bid openings here at 4:30 pm. He hopes to attend the Road Review Committee meeting tomorrow night.

Thursday he is going on a tour with the Fire Chief. There is a copy of a bill that each of the Selectmen received for legal services provided to the York County Budget Committee. A letter was received today from the Town Attorney indicating that Town ordinances cannot regulate the location of wells. These are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission. Selectman Abbott said this will need some more discussion and

he explained that there is an issue with placement of a well by the Water District and the Town then having to create a well head protection ordinance. Vice Chairman Woodsome asked if Mr. Lamb had discussed mowing and integration of this into public works. Mr. Lamb said he has not discussed this yet.

NEW BUSINESS: Selectman Abbott moved to add an item to new business to discuss/ vote on a poverty abatement request, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

1. Discuss/vote on board and committee appointments: Selectman Littlefield moved to appoint Tim Neill to the Transfer Station/Recycling Committee, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

2. Discuss/vote on a request for a poverty abatement: Selectman Abbott moved that the request for a poverty abatement be denied for the following reason: although the Town has issued tax liens for this property due to back taxes not being paid, we have not reached the point where we have 3 matured tax liens and therefor, would not take this property to auction and based on feedback that the property will likely be sold and if not sold by the time there are 3 matured tax liens we can revisit an abatement, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

OLD BUSINESS: Selectman Littlefield said that the Board voted and approved as part of an ordinance to have certain areas that fall under the purview of Parks & Rec posted as “drug free zones” so that any drug activity that occurs there is subject to enhanced penalties under State law. Gobeil Park still does not have a posting. Postings are prominently displayed at Friendship Park and in South Waterboro. He thinks the signs have been made and just need to be erected.

OTHER:

1. Minutes of the July 23, 2013 regular meeting: Selectman Abbott moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2013 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

PENDING DECISIONS:

1. Discuss making policy changes regarding the use of social media: Selectman Littlefield said he is doing some research on this and hopes to have something in the next couple of weeks. He will meet with the Town Administrator to review the information.

2. Town Charter revision to add a Public Works Department: This is in process.

WEEK’S ACTION LIST:

- Complete follow up paperwork on the poverty abatement denial.
- Nancy Johnson will follow up on General Assistance Ordinance questions.
- Check on the Town’s land holdings for potential forest management or interest from the Land Trust.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discuss the 12 Town Group’s request for legal funds.
- York County Sheriff’s Department appointment.

Vice Chairman Woodsome read the reminders.

ADJOURN: Selectman Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

SIGNED:

- Minutes of July 23, 2013
- Poverty Abatement denial

APPROVED: Date: _____
