

**Waterboro Board of Selectmen  
January 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Girard, Selectmen Abbott, Gale, Littlefield & Woodsome, Town Administrator Gary Lamb, Sharon Abbott, Leo Binette, R. Edgar Dolbec - Mike Ward & Bob Sisson of the American Legion, John & Patricia Cloonan, Chris Backman of RHR Smith & Co., Linwood Pooler and IT Manager David Lowe. Treasurer Julie Giles was present during appointments and Assessors' Agent Jerry Daigle was present through reports.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Girard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Girard reported that the Maine Open Water/Ice Fishing law books are now available at the town office.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**a. General Assistance:** Director Nancy Johnson reported on General Assistance activities from 7/1/13-12/31/13. Ms. Johnson expressed appreciation to everyone that helped with holiday assistance for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many families in the community were helped thanks to the generosity of people and businesses in town. Mr. Lamb commented that he was impressed with the holiday assistance program and the number of people that volunteered to help.

**b. American Legion:** Chairman Girard said that the American Legion approached the town about holding an ice fishing derby in Waterboro. Edgar Dolbec, Mike Ward & Bob Sisson of the American Legions in Alfred and Limerick were present to discuss the derby to be held on Little Ossipee Lake. The derby will be a fund raiser for heating fuel for veterans in need, a scholarship for NJROTC and for the Maine Dirigo Boys and Girls State. This will be their first derby in Waterboro. They do not anticipate more than 500 people. The American Legion has arranged to have a Deputy Sheriff present during the event and the Fire Chief is looking into the cost to have extra people on duty. Members of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be present. The American Legion will have workers with radios to manage parking and will provide a port-a-potty and dumpster. They will pick up all of the trash. The derby will be held on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 3 pm. John Cloonan of Hush Puppies Rd. expressed concern with people parking along private roads and said this has been an issue with other derbies. The American Legion representatives will further discuss the parking concerns with Mr. Cloonan.

**c. RHR Smith, Inc.:** Chris Backman of RHR Smith reported on the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Town Audit. Mr. Backman answered questions from the Board. Selectman Abbott moved to accept the audit as presented with the changes discussed with the Town Administrator, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman Girard reviewed the following correspondence;

- a. Treasurer's Reports
- b. Senator Tuttle's Newsletter
- c. Rep. Libby's Newsletter
- d. York County Community Action 12/17/13 letter re: the transportation program
- e. 12 Town Group 1/13/14 agenda
- f. EcoMaine recycling reports
- g. EcoMaine eco-Excellence award nomination info
- h. Motor Vehicle Agent's December 2013 report
- i. Assessors' Agent's January calendar
- j. Assessors' Agent's reports
- k. Planning Board January 15, 2014 agenda

## REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES

**a. Assessors' Agent:** Assessors' Agent Jerry Daigle provided information on abatement requests. Selectman Gale moved to approve abatements #14-59 & #14-61, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **5 yeas**. Selectman Gale moved to approve abatement #14-60, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas, 1 abstained (Girard)**. Selectman Gale moved to approve abatement #14-62, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 yeas**. Mr. Daigle updated the Board about corrected tax bills and said there will be a certificate of assessment for the supplemental bills for the Board to approve at their next meeting. A list of the trailers & mobile homes at the campground has been received. Mr. Daigle will send notices to the owners to notify them that property tax will be due in the coming year for the trailers & mobile homes if excise tax has not been paid. Selectman Abbott moved to deny the abatement request from Brian Kivel as recommended by the Assessors' Agent, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**. Selectman Abbott asked Mr. Daigle to check on assessments for gravel pits relating to land use.

**b. Selectmen's reports:** Selectman Littlefield extended condolences on behalf of the Board on the passing of Dorothy Thyng. He congratulated Mike Risti for his son's achievement of 100 wrestling wins. He also reported that there are two young men from Waterboro who are going to a history competition.

Selectman Abbott reported that the Executive Board of EcoMaine voted to eliminate assessments to municipalities beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that the Economic Development Committee meeting last Wednesday was good and there may be another person interested in being a member.

Chairman Girard said she attended the 12 Town Group meeting last night. Mr. Lamb was there also. She shared information about State revenue sharing and explained that the State is considering cutting this. A public hearing will be held Wednesday, January 22 at 9 am at the State House in Augusta to look at preserving revenue sharing. The Group discussed asking elected officials to participate in the hearing and/or to send letters to the Appropriations Committee and our Senators and Representatives to let them know what impact this will have on municipalities. The Group had discussed hosting a gubernatorial debate. They are now looking to have the candidates attend a meeting one at a time for a discussion. Mike Michaud will come on Wednesday, March

19<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 pm. They hope to have this at the High School. They will also invite Governor LePage and Elliot Cutler to a meeting. Mr. Michaud's office has asked for any questions that will be asked of him to be submitted to them two weeks in advance.

**c. Town Administrator Gary Lamb's report:** Mr. Lamb reported the following;

1. The January 10<sup>th</sup> storm was a challenge for the town's crew. The Town helped DOT when their Route 5 truck was in a ditch. They put out a full truck of salt for DOT because traveling was so dangerous and DOT will replace it. One of our trucks had to back up West Road from Federal St. all the way to Ross Corner laying sand along the way and this was repeated with salt. Over 100 tons of salt was used for this storm alone. The sand and salt piles are being replenished this week.
2. Deputy Treasurer Julie Giles will be out for 2-4 weeks. He will do the daily cash bags and approve bills and time sheets. Christina will process the A/P and payroll. Bank reconciliations are done through November.
3. After some recurring complaints, he met with the Transfer Station personnel and addressed how he expects them to interact and communicate with the public. If any citizen has any problem during their visit to our Transfer Station, please call him directly.
4. Ecomaine assessment charges to member towns will cease as of July 1, 2014 due to successful management. This will be \$126,000 or so that the Town will not have to pay in Fiscal Year 14-15.
5. Calls continue to come in asking for private roads to be sanded by the Town. The public needs to know that the Town no longer sands private roads. Residents need to organize with their neighbors and hire local contractors to sand and salt private roads. It is against state law for the Town to spend public dollars on private property. The only exception, as authorized by town meeting, is for emergency vehicle passage at the discretion of the Road Commissioner/Public Works Director.
6. D & E Rubbish Removal owner Dean Waterhouse is open to a contract extension if the present contract allows for it.
7. The Town backhoe motor is gone but should be covered by warranty.
8. Our Planning Board and CEO Secretary Tina Smith is leaving us as of this Friday. We thank her for nearly 9 years of service to Waterboro and wish her well.
9. The Transfer Station and Town Garage water service has been restored with a new pump at no new charge.
10. At the last meeting, the Board voted to allow him to sell sand/salt to a small road association. We will not need to do this because F. R. Carroll sells it for \$15 per yard.
11. The Economic Development Committee has resumed meeting and now has 3 members and another person has applied.
12. Budget preparation continues and a draft should be ready next week.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Discuss private entities plowing public roads:** Chairman Girard said that in December AT&T had trouble with their tower and they hired someone to plow McLucas Road so they could bring a crane up there. The Town and the Road Commissioner were not contacted about this. The Road Commissioner just did \$40,000 in work to this road and now there may be damage. The snowmobile trail there was also ruined which will impact snowmobile traffic to local businesses. Chairman Girard said a policy may

be in order to address this. Selectman Abbott agreed that something should be on file so the tower owners know they can't do this. He added that there are other seasonal roads in town that are being plowed by someone else. The only way to prevent this is to put up a barrier. This may not be allowed. Selectman Gale suggested contacting the tower companies to ask them not to do this in the future. Selectman Littlefield agreed that the town should do any required plowing. Chairman Girard said that when the Road Commissioner is back, he would like to come in and speak with the Board about this.

**b. Discuss/vote to accept a resignation from a member of the Old Home Days**

**Committee:** Selectman Gale moved to accept the resignation of Todd Smith from the Old Home Days Committee with thanks for the time he has put in, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **5 years**. Chairman Girard pointed out that the Old Home Days Committee sorely needs assistance.

**c. Discuss/vote on sale of former Mackey parcel, Map 048 Lot 017:** Mr. Lamb explained that there is a tax foreclosed property on Blueberry Rd and someone is interested in purchasing it. Mr. Lamb shared pictures of the property and said that there are a couple of sheds and a lot of trash on the property. There is no power or utilities to the property. Selectman Abbott moved to authorize Mr. Lamb to move forward with a request for proposals to sell the property at Map 48 Lot 17 with the authority to reject all bids, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 years**.

**d. Discuss/vote to schedule budget workshops:** A Selectmen's budget workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Discuss/vote on LADA auto sales:** Chairman Girard explained the issue regarding an unsafe trailer located on the property that the Code Enforcement Officer asked to have removed. The trailer was to be removed by November 15<sup>th</sup> and this has not been done. Selectman Abbott moved that the Code Enforcement Officer, in conjunction with the Town Administrator, take whatever legal action is recommended to resolve this issue, seconded by Selectman Littlefield. Leo Binette commented that there are other eyesores and unsafe structures in Town that need to be addressed. The motion was then voted, **5 years**. Selectman Littlefield moved that the Town Administrator ask the Code Enforcement Officer to compile a list of properties in Town that are at the point of being condemned, are a public nuisance or a safety hazard in the community to create a working document to go by, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years**.

**OTHER:**

**a. Minutes of the December 17, 2013 regular meeting:** Selectman Abbott moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2013 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 years**.

**PENDING DECISIONS:**

**a. Discuss making policy changes regarding the use of social media:** A revised draft is ready for legal review.

**b. Town Charter revision to add a Public Works Department:** This is ongoing.

**WEEK'S ACTION LIST:**

- The Assessors' Agent will review Sherburne Lake values and gravel pit assessments.
- Schedule the Selectmen's Budget Workshop for February 4, 2014.
- Ask Ms. Silberman to find the State Statute on the closing of seasonal roads.
- Ask the CEO to prepare a list of properties that are dangerous and follow up with Lada Auto Sales.

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Social Media Policy
- EDC appointment
- Schedule a goal workshop
- Code Enforcement Officer annual appointments

Chairman Girard read the reminders. She noted that Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> the Ossipee Mountaineers Snowmobile Club is having a 40 year anniversary celebration at the clubhouse. More information is available on the website.

**ADJOURN:** Selectman Gale moved to adjourn the meeting 7:56 pm, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **5 years**.

**SIGNED:**

- Minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting
- Abatements

**APPROVED:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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