

**Waterboro Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Selectman Gale moved to enter into Executive Session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) to meet with a board member for a personnel matter at 5:35 pm, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. Selectman Abbott moved to come out of Executive Session at 5:50 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

PRESENT: Chairman Girard, Selectmen Abbott, Gale and Littlefield, Town Administrator Gary Lamb, Sharon Abbott, Cory & Michelle Donovan, Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman and IT Manager David Lowe. Absent: Selectman Woodsome

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Girard shared a press release from York County EMA covering several items. Roofs are loaded with snow and the weight is quite heavy. Now is the time to remove the snow before it gets rained on and becomes more dangerous. Ice dams can cause major damage to structures and have been reported. Check outside exterior vents for monitor heaters, water heaters, dryers, etc. Snow plugged vents will put fumes back into the house. If you reside in an area where there are fire hydrants, please take the time to clean out the hydrant. Make sure you have two means of egress from your home. Selectman Littlefield reminded people to check their carbon monoxide detectors. He also cautioned that snow banks are very high and people need to be very careful turning out while driving. Selectman Littlefield asked people to make sure their house number is visible for emergency responders.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: The item under reports & staff initiatives regarding an abatement was postponed.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: Cory and Michelle Donovan addressed the Selectmen regarding a zoning problem they have. Their garage was built with a 75' setback requirement. The setback is only 69'. They live at 1234 Sokokis Trail and invited the Selectmen to drive by to view their garage. They will be seeking a letter of no action. Selectman Abbott indicated that the Selectmen no longer issue a letter of no action because it is not carried with the deed to the property. What they need is a consent decree.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Girard reviewed the following correspondence:

- a. Treasurer's Reports
- b. Massabesic Lions Club Youth Recognition nomination request
- c. Motor Vehicle Agent's January 2015 report

REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:

- a. **Assessor: Discuss/vote on a request for abatement:** This item was postponed.

b. Selectmen's reports: Selectman Abbott reported that the EcoMaine subcommittee met and they looked at executive pay.

Selectman Gale commented that on the plot plan of the town office lot it appears that there is space for a new building for the proposed food pantry. He would like to see a list of everything the Selectmen will need in order to vote on construction of a new building for a food pantry.

Chairman Girard reported that a group of residents have organized to try to reestablish the Old Home Days Committee and event again, hopefully this year. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee should submit an application. Chairman Girard also reported that the County Commissioners have sent a letter to the York County Delegation supporting having the county jails run under county government and they will be seeking support from municipalities.

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

Front office vacancy update: We have received over 80 applications to date.

Applications are due by noon Friday, Feb. 13th.

Foreclosure update: Our tax acquired property ordinance might need to be amended to allow sales below back taxes and fees owed on the property. See section 3 of the ordinance re: minimum bid required. We know that many of the unsold lots will not get any bids at or above the back taxes owed because we just tried that.

Fishing derby: Parks & Recreation Director Mike DeAngelis has had contact with the ice fishing derby organizers. Their efforts are being stymied by Mother Nature. I think they should reschedule just because of the past few weeks weather, never mind that there are more storms coming our way in the next few days. Much of the snow will have to be hauled away and organizers so far do not have anyone to do this. They need to clear a space on the lake for the weigh in station. Mike does have some no parking signs for the group to use but we do not have extra staff to distribute these around town. Fire Dept. staff have been putting in considerable hours with snow/ice removal on town buildings which is more important. I do not think we should offer Waterboro taxpayer funds to pay for snow removal for the fishing derby.

County EMS personnel bill: LD 166 was introduced to the legislature to possibly allow York County government (not the Sheriff's office) to supply EMT/Paramedic services for direct contract to five specific towns; Acton, Shapleigh, Newfield, Limerick and Parsonsfield. This would be for contracted paramedic level emergency response staff to respond to a scene, or in many cases conduct an ambulance intercept and hop into the ambulance for the ride to the hospital. This is NOT, at least at this time, a plan to have the county buy and maintain an actual ambulance. This LD came at the interest of these and possibly other towns who do not have the resources or desire to supply paramedic level service. The volunteer contract towns will pay 100% of the costs and zero county tax dollars will be used for this service, according to York County Administrator Greg Zinser today.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss plans for the Ice Fishing Derby: Mr. Lamb indicated in his report that there is a lot of snow that will have to be moved in order to hold the derby. He does not feel the town should expend funds removing snow so an outside group can hold an ice fishing derby. It should be the derby organizers that are responsible for removing the snow. Chairman Girard said it may be time to look at the Mass Gathering Ordinance. Selectman Littlefield said there are parking and traffic enforcement concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss/vote to accept board member resignations:** Selectman Gale moved to accept resignations from Tim Neill and Frank Allen from the Planning Board and thank them for the work they did, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.
- b. Discuss the Annual Town Report dedication:** Selectman Abbott moved to dedicate the Annual Town Report to Virginia (Ginny) Day, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.
- c. Discuss/vote on how to proceed with the remaining vacant foreclosed lots:** Selectman Littlefield moved to forward the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance to the Town Attorney and ask that they recommend language to allow sale of properties for less than what is owed in taxes and expenses and to ensure we are in compliance with State law, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas**. The Selectmen scheduled a public hearing to review proposed amendments to the ordinance on 2/24/15.

OTHER

a. Discuss/vote to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2015 regular meeting: Selectman Littlefield moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2015 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

PENDING DECISIONS:

a. Discuss strategies for implementing the Comprehensive Plan.

WEEK'S ACTION LIST:

- Mr. Lamb will follow up on the ice fishing derby plans.
- Mr. Lamb will forward proposed changes to the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance to the Town Attorney for review and recommendation.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- Schedule a public hearing for amending the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance.
- Receive a report from CEO re: unsightly properties.
- Discuss the food pantry in concept.
- Hold executive sessions beginning at 5 pm for board and committee applicants.
- Vote to appoint board and committee members.
- Discuss the abatement request that was carried over.

ITEMS NEEDING SIGNATURE

a. Minutes of the February 3, 2015 regular meeting

ADJOURN: Selectman Gale moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

APPROVED: Date: _____
