

**Waterboro Board of Selectmen Meeting  
May 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Girard, Selectmen Abbott, Gale and Littlefield, Town Administrator Gary Lamb, Sharon Abbott, Mike Hayes, Tammy Wells, Ted Doyle, Parks and Recreation Director Mike DeAngelis, Keith Gerry, Maggie Hernandez, Public Works Director Doug Foglio and IT Manager David Lowe.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Girard gave a reminder that Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is Candidates Night for the Selectmen and School Board here at 7 pm.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

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

- a. Waterboro Public Library 4/30/15 report
- b. Notice re: Senator King's office constituent hours on 5/13/15, 10 am to noon

**REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:**

**Selectmen's reports:** Selectman Abbott reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting and they need two more members for a full board.

Selectman Gale reported that he attended the 20/20 Master Planning Committee meeting last night. They reviewed materials for the informational meeting to be held tomorrow night. He asked that the informational meetings tomorrow night and Saturday be recorded. He also attended the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. They discussed field readiness. A child got stuck in a piece of playground equipment (at Friendship Park) but was not hurt. This has been closed to use until repairs can be made. He attended the Cemetery Committee meeting which had 9 people in attendance. Three people have applied for the Cemetery Committee. They discussed placing the flags on the Veterans graves for Memorial Day.

Selectman Littlefield said that he will contact Deputy Solomon, Massabesic High School Resource Officer, who is involved with the law enforcement cadet program to see if they can assist with placing the Veterans gravesite flags.

Chairman Girard reported that the York County Budget Committee met last Wednesday for their organizational session. She was unable to attend and was voted to be the Secretary. The 12 Town Group met last night with 6 attendees. They continued discussion of the high speed broadband. The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission has created a handout about high speed broadband and a survey. These should be available for Town Meeting. They will collect the surveys in August and review them to see what the interest is in pursuing the broadband service.

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

- Informational meetings for the Comprehensive Plan Update proposal will be held on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Central Station and on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Grange Hall on West Road. Executive summaries of the proposed plan are available.
- We have two vacancies on our Planning Board if folks are interested in serving there.
- Project updates:
  - Transfer station: A new compactor container has been ordered. The roof over the recycling compactor has not been started and we are discussing whether or not to do this job with in-house labor or not.
  - Straw Mill Brook Road drainage project should be completed by May 18<sup>th</sup>. 2,000 linear feet of grinding and paving will follow after July 1<sup>st</sup> as will another 1,000 linear feet of paving only. One section of road will be raised with one foot of gravel before base paving.
  - Deering Ridge Road drainage work will be done by June 1<sup>st</sup> with some ditching before the end of June then more paving after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - New Dam Road finish paving is scheduled to start later this week.
  - Friendship Park water line excavation is underway to replace lines that are broken underground. New water lines will be deeper with three frost protected barn style hydrants.
  - The Fire Department cooling/warmup bus is nearly complete and looks great. It still needs a roof air conditioner and rear steps into the bathroom. Stop on by if you have not taken a walk through.
  - Replacing road signs is a constant headache and expense to taxpayers. If you know of anyone who has stolen a road sign, please call me.
- Town hall staff meetings have begun again and will continue with more regularity.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discuss football field availability for non-school youth teams:** Selectman Littlefield said that the peewee football group is not trying to take over the utility field at Friendship Park which has been rumored around town. He brought up the topic of field space after a co-worker mentioned an issue with availability in town. Keith Gerry of MAYFAC (Massabesic Area Youth Football and Cheering) and Coach Mike Hayes were invited to the meeting tonight to discuss the issue. Mr. Gerry outlined the structure of MAYFAC that covers area towns and explained that Waterboro is a central location for practices. The High School has been supportive of the group for practice and games but the availability is getting tighter and tighter. They are looking for a central place for practice. There are about 250-300 kids in the program with more than half of them from Waterboro. Chairman Girard asked where the group gets their funding. Mr. Gerry said they are a non-profit group and their funds come from registration fees and fundraisers. Chairman Girard asked if the Town found some space, would MAYFAC have volunteers and funding to create a field. Mr. Gerry said they have volunteers but funding is limited. Parks & Recreation Director Mike DeAngelis explained the budget process. The next fiscal year budget has already been prepared and changes cannot be made at this late date. He would not be able to assist with any funding until the 2017 budget, pending town meeting approval, unless the Selectmen want to have a Special Town Meeting. He outlined current field use and challenges with the fields that are in town. Mike Hayes commented that Mr. DeAngelis is always very accommodating. There are a lot of soccer and baseball fields

and only one football field. He wants to put the idea out front and talk about the future. Selectman Littlefield said that he and Mr. Lamb discussed some land options earlier that could possibly be made into athletic park. Cost is a factor and more dialogue is needed. Chairman Girard mentioned that there was a proposal for a football field to be constructed on donated land but this was voted down at Town Meeting. She suggested that groups work together with the towns on funding. Selectman Gale asked how much space is needed. Mr. Hayes responded that they need the equivalent of 2 football fields with parking. Mr. Hayes acknowledged that this is not something that can be addressed this year but maybe in the next year or two. Selectman Abbott asked if the RSU #57 athletic improvements proposal passes, would it improve their situation. Mr. Gerry replied that it would not improve the situation for them because they are proposing a multi-purpose field that will be used by other sports teams. Public Works Director Doug Foglio said that the piece of property that was donated for the proposed football field (that was voted down at Town Meeting) is 5.3 acres. The property has a significant amount of gravel that could perhaps be sold to generate funds to create a field. Permits would be needed for this. Chairman Girard asked Mr. Lamb to confirm that this parcel is owned by the Town and to check if there are any restrictions. Mr. Hayes said that there are a lot of grant funds available. Chairman Girard commented that there is a good network of parents that may be able to assist with the work needed to construct a field. Selectmen Abbott asked if the rising concern over concussions will affect the number of participants in football programs. Mr. Gerry replied that they are aware of the concerns but they are seeing an increase in participation and he does not think there will be a decline. Maggie Hernandez, MAYFAC Concession Manager, said that she envisions their teams growing bigger and bigger. The board will further discuss this after Mr. Lamb completes his investigation.

**b. Discuss/vote on a committee appointment:** Selectman Littlefield moved to appoint Lisa Crocker to the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**c. Discuss/vote to approve renewal of a Malt/Spirituos/Vinous Liquor License for Asian Taste restaurant:** Selectman Gale moved to approve renewal of a Liquor License for Asian Taste restaurant, seconded by Selectman Abbott, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**d. Discuss/vote to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant:** Selectman Gale moved to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**e. Discuss/vote to sign the RSU #57 Referendum Warrant:** Selectman Gale moved to sign the RSU #57 Referendum Warrant, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**f. Discuss/vote to sign the RSU #57 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant:** Selectman Gale moved to sign the RSU #57 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas**.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

## **OTHER**

**a. Discuss/vote to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 regular meeting.**

Selectman Littlefield moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 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:**

- Follow up on committee appointment.
- Follow up on liquor license renewal.

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

- Public hearing on the municipal budget.
- Public hearing on driveway ordinance (This will be postponed until after an additional workshop on May 26<sup>th</sup>).
- Discuss land availability for athletic facilities at first June meeting.

**ITEMS NEEDING SIGNATURE**

- a. Minutes of the April 28, 2015 Regular Meeting
- b. Liquor License renewal for Asian Taste restaurant
- c. Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- d. RSU #57 Referendum Warrant
- e. RSU #57 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned to a workshop at 7:10 pm.

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

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