

**Waterboro Board of Selectmen Meeting  
May 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Abbott, Selectmen Gale, Girard, Littlefield & Woodsome, Town Administrator Gary Lamb, Brigit McCallum, Jack Seery, Public Safety Committee members Ted Doyle, Andy Doyle & Nancy Roberge, Budget Committee member Richard Briganti, Tammy Wells, Zoning Board of Appeals member Tim Neill, Deputy Treasurer Julie Giles, Administrative Assistant Christina Silberman & IT Manager David Lowe. Chuck Gassett, Public Safety Committee member Ron Otte, Deputy Shawn Sanborn, Mark Brilliant, Michael Tinelli, Jason Rowles and Chris Binette were present during Public Hearing a.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**a.** Chairman Abbott opened the public hearing at 6:02 pm to hear public comment concerning the June 14, 2016 referendum question, "Shall the Town enter into a contract with the York County Sheriff's Office to provide a second Contract Deputy for full time Waterboro patrol at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00?". Public Safety Committee Chairman Ted Doyle reviewed the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to add one contract deputy in the coming year. They plan to discuss adding a third contract deputy within eighteen months. He outlined the work the Public Safety Committee did to arrive at their recommendation and spoke in favor of adding a second deputy. Chairman Abbott explained that there will be a referendum question on the ballot at the June 14, 2016 Election. If the referendum passes on June 14<sup>th</sup>, funding for this will need to be approved at the Annual Town Meeting on June 18, 2016. Public Safety Committee members Ron Otte, Andy Doyle and Nancy Roberge all spoke in favor of the additional deputy. IT Manager David Lowe noted that the monthly activity reports for law enforcement calls are available on the town's website. He stated that during the first three months of this year, law enforcement calls in Waterboro were over 1,300. Residents Chuck Gassett, Michael Tinelli, Richard Briganti spoke in favor of adding another deputy. Selectman Girard spoke in favor of adding a deputy and she encouraged people to vote on June 14<sup>th</sup> and attend the Annual Town Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Littlefield spoke in favor also. Selectman Gale commented that the State Police and County Sheriff's office do not do community policing, this is what our Contract Deputy Shawn Sanborn does and he spoke in favor of adding the deputy. Selectman Woodsome explained that the impact would be approximately a 15 cent increase on the tax rate and he reminded people to vote on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and to attend the Town Meeting on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Abbott remarked that for the last few years very few people have shown up at Town Meeting. There seems to be a perception that the silent majority agree with what is going on. If people are depending on the silent majority to pass this, it probably won't. He also encouraged people to vote on June 14<sup>th</sup> and attend the Town Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Abbott closed the public hearing at 6:37 pm.

**b.** Chairman Abbott opened the public hearing at 6:38 pm to receive comment regarding the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. He stated that the proposed budget covers the operations of the municipality, the town's commitment to County tax, and Waterboro's

share of the funding for the RSU #57 budget. He outlined the proposed budget and explained items with significant changes. The total proposed budget is up about \$400,000.00. Mr. Lamb added that the Assessor has done a preliminary calculation indicating that there will be a 40 to 50 cent increase on the tax rate based on the proposed budget. Chairman Abbott encouraged residents to attend the Annual Town Meeting and he closed the public hearing at 7:06 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** Selectmen Woodsome moved to add 2 items to the agenda under new business; item d to appoint a person to the Library Board of Trustees and item e to amend the Annual Town Meeting warrant to add a carry forward for the remaining Economic Development Committee funds, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**HEARING OF DELEGATION (Public Comments):** None.

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

- a. Treasurer's reports
- b. 5-24-16 Selectmen's Public Hearings notice for proposed Zoning Amendments to Article 2 -size reductions and increases, Section 2.08 with minor revisions to Sections 8.01, 9.02, 10.01, 12.01 & Section 7.03 and to Article 7 - Campground Developments, Section 7.03
- c. Waterboro Public Library April 2016 report

**REPORTS & STAFF INITIATIVES:**

**a. Selectmen's reports:** Selectman Gale reported that he attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting. This was Brigit McCallum's last meeting. She is resigning after 14 years and a lot has happened and there was a lot of love and commitment from her.

Selectman Girard reported that she attended the 12 Town Group meeting last night. The Town of Lyman has resigned from the Group. They discussed the purpose of the group and attendance. The Group will take the summer off and will next meet in September. Then they will create a punch list for legislative action and plan to host a candidate's night for State Representatives and Senators. She said that she and Dave McCubrey of Hollis will no longer be Selectmen next year so they will not be attending future 12 Town Group meetings. Another Waterboro Selectmen will have to take over attending these meetings. She recommended that the Board watch for the jail bill. There may be a big push in the next legislative session for the State not to contribute to jail funding. The jails would fall back on the counties. This would have a significant impact on property taxes.

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

1. The April 24<sup>th</sup> opiate/heroin forum at our fire station was very well attended with over 100 citizens. If you did not attend, please catch it on our website. We had strong testimony from law enforcement, drug counselors, health and EMS professionals, parents giving testimony about their addicted children and the glue that pulled it all together was a recovered addict that has been three years clean and sober from heroin use. The steering

committee continues to meet and discuss next steps we could take to reduce Waterboro and York County drug problems.

2. Georgia Hall is back from maternity leave as of today and working her Tuesday and Friday shift. She is still helping coach MHS track and will be out early a few afternoons until the season is over.

3. On Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> our Assessor will not be here at all. He is away at training.

4. Candidate's night is Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> and Bob Powers will moderate.

5. After the hundreds of man-hours of volunteer work to get our Fire Dept. rehab bus outfitted for frozen or overheated firefighters, we lost the motor recently. Hartford Heavy Equipment estimates a refurbished engine would cost upwards of \$5K in labor and materials. We will continue to look for a usable second hand engine. It would be a shame to scrap the bus now if we can avoid it.

6. York County Community Action is celebrating the retirement (after 35 years) of Betty Graffam from their Head Start program. The Waterboro Head Start facility at 55 Middle Road is hosting a party at 3pm on May 24<sup>th</sup> in honor of Betty. They are renaming the facility the Betty Graffam Children's Center. The public is invited to stop by.

7. Our Transfer Station hauling contract is going out to bid this week. We will be advertising in local papers as well as mailing bid packages to 12 or more potential haulers. Bids will be due in Town Hall by noon June 7<sup>th</sup>.

8. Some sad news, our town hall team is going to lose Christina Silberman. She will be taking a job at Cumberland town hall. This is much closer to home for her with a considerable compensation package increase. Christina has been with us for 5 years, and her talents, personality, and professionalism have been greatly appreciated and will be sorely missed. Her last regular work day here will be Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> but she will continue to work here for a few Fridays until we fill her position since Cumberland Town Hall is closed on Fridays. She will make any town hall a better place for staff and citizens alike and we wish her well in this new endeavor. Members of the Board echoed Mr. Lamb's sentiments.

Selectman Littlefield asked for an update on the damage to the Library planter. Mr. Lamb replied that the Trustees have asked Gnome Landscaping to do the repair because they originally built the planter. The insurance company for the driver who caused the damage will cover the cost of the repairs.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Discuss/vote to approve renewal of a State Malt/Spirituos/Vinous Liquor License for Asian Taste restaurant located at 1009 B Main Street:** Selectman Girard moved to approve renewal of a State Malt/Spirituos/Vinous Liquor License for Asian Taste restaurant, seconded Selectman Woodsome, voted and pass, **5 yeas**.

**b. Discuss/vote to approve renewal of a State Malt/Vinous Liquor License for Blast from the Past restaurant located at 114 Sokokis Trail:** Selectman Girard moved to approve renewal of a State Malt/Vinous Liquor License for Blast from the Past restaurant, seconded by Selectman Woodsome, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

**c. Discuss/vote to accept a board member's resignation:** Selectman Girard moved to accept, with many thanks and regret, the resignation of Brigit McCallum from the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **4 yeas, 1 nay (Littlefield)**.

**d. Discuss/vote to appoint a committee member.** Selectman Gale moved to appoint Michelle Conners to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

**e. Discuss/vote to amend the Annual Town Meeting warrant to add the Economic Development Committee to the carry forward list:** Selectman Gale moved to amend the Annual Town Meeting warrant to add the Economic Development Committee to the carry forward list, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**OTHER:**

**a. Discuss/vote to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016 regular meeting:** Selectman Girard moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016 regular meeting, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **4 yeas, 1 abstained (Woodsome-not present)**

**PENDING DECISIONS:**

**a. Review Comprehensive Plan task list:** There will be a meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> to further review the list.

**WEEK'S ACTION LIST:** None.

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Public Hearings for Zoning Ordinance amendments.

**ITEMS NEEDING SIGNATURE:**

- a. Liquor Licenses for Asian Taste and Blast from the Past
- b. Annual Town Meeting warrant approved on April 26, 2016
- c. Minutes of the April 26, 2016 regular meeting

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Selectman Littlefield moved to enter into Executive Session per Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter at 7:37 pm, seconded by Selectman Gale, voted and passed, **5 yeas**. Selectman Gale moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:55 pm, seconded by Selectman Girard, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

**ADJOURN:** Selectman Girard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm, seconded by Selectman Littlefield, voted and passed, **5 yeas**.

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

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