

Selectmen's Meeting

March 1, 2016

5:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen Glenn Dochtermann and George Donovan. Also present was Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant. Resident Tony Palmistry was also present for a portion of the meeting.

There was no Public Comment.

Morgan Stearns, Transfer Station Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss the previously discussed concern about the number of mattresses being brought to the Alfred Transfer Station. He reported that the mattresses fill up the demo container faster because they do not break up and compact well. This increases the hauls. After further discussion, it was moved by George Donovan to start charging \$5.00 a mattress beginning April 1, 2016 as this will help to offset the hauling costs. Glenn Dochtermann seconded the motion and all voted in favor. All were in agreement to place a notice in the upcoming newsletter and to place signs at the transfer station ahead of the April 1<sup>st</sup> start date.

Next discussed was the schedule for open hours at the transfer station on Town Meeting day, March 26<sup>th</sup>. It was moved and seconded to open from 12:00 noon to 4:00, same as last year so the employees could attend the Town Meeting and to post this ahead of time. All voted in favor.

Mr. Stearns then reported that he and Steven Dochtermann will be taking the required training on the tractor for certification on the use of forklifts.

The Selectmen minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were read. It was moved and seconded to approve as written. All voted in favor.

The Board was reminded about the notice from the Massabesic Lions annual student recognition program.

The Code Officer's end of month report for February was read.

The Planning Board agenda for the February 2, 2016 meeting was read.

A question from Judy Vasalle, RSU #57 School Board Member, made through Joyce Wood was discussed. She asked if the six Town Boards of Selectmen will be meeting again with the Superintendent prior to the June budget vote. All were in agreement to move forward with setting up a meeting if all parties were interested.

George Donovan reported that he has spoken with the volunteer who was in charge of the festival parade last year and was told that she will send along all the information prior to the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Both Selectmen agreed that they will attend this meeting to determine whether or not there will be enough volunteers to work on the Festival Committee for 2016. The meeting will be posted as a Selectmen's meeting.

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner, met with the Board to discuss several items.

Copies of e-mails from Mrs. Wood to the Sheriffs office and to the State Police were discussed. She sent the e-mails at the request of the Road Commissioner to notify them about recent vandalism and theft of town road signs. A copy of a response from Sergeant Rooney, notifying his troopers about this, was also read.

Residents Joe Cook and Tom Plummer from the older portion of Kennebunk Road met with the Road

Commissioner and the Selectmen to discuss the condition of this portion of the road. Mr. Cook had emailed pictures which were reviewed. A detailed description of the problems were given. Jon Lord said this section is about 1 ¼ mile long and is the section that was built up on a swamp and has been paved but needs a total rebuild. This, he added, should probably be done in sections, due the potential cost to dig up and grind and replace the road bed. He gave a number of \$50,000 per year over maybe a five year period as a starting recommendation. He reported that he must take care of the priority roads which are the ones most travelled and have more residents/houses but he knows that this road needs attention and is getting worse. The Board was in agreement to continue discussion on the direction to addressing this problem and agreed to keep the residents informed.

Bob Brown, resident on Saco Road, met to express his concern over a portion of Route 111 where a vehicle has gone off the road and torn up his property as well as hitting a post that was installed by the Town in an effort to slow traffic down when making the turn off of Rt. 111 onto the Saco Road. He requested that the Town fix this. Mr. Lord stated that this is a State road and he does not have the jurisdiction to spend town funds on State roads. When Mr. Brown said that the Town put the posts in originally, Mr. Lord repeated that he is not able to work on the State road and recommendation was made for Mr. Brown to contact the State Department of Transportation in Alfred and discuss the matter with them.

Amy Titcomb contacted the Board via phone as she was not going to be able to make the 7:00 p.m. meeting as scheduled. The Selectmen reported to her that they have made a motion to take off the requirement that a Selectman serve on the Comprehensive Plan. She spoke to this saying that it has been helpful to have a Board member present to answer certain procedural questions. Also discussed was the filing of vacancies on this committee.

Amy Sprague was then called and spoke with the Board via phone about the same issues. She responded that she said that it was helpful to have John on the Committee but as long as the Selectmen were willing to come in if called to speak on certain items/concerns it should be fine. As to the vacancies she spoke about the long term committee appointments after the plan was approved and said that they may need more members at that point and that it would be important to have people who were knowledgeable with municipal government, etc. She added that there was a need to have a person on the committee who had good technical skills as well.

After review of the warrants, it was moved, seconded and voted on by all to approve and sign them as submitted.

The Board then discussed the 2016 budget. Votes were retaken on several items:

- Irrigation System as proposed by Park & Recreation \$16,800 – Motion made by George Donovan “no, due to the cost and the pending LD1 amount.” Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.
- Salaries account – It was moved by George Donovan to have two separate articles, the first in the amount of \$554,252.29, a \$21,373.42 increase from last year and the second article for \$114,000 for the funding of the per diem program as recommended by the Fire and Rescue. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.
- Employee Benefits \$215,428.87 – Motion by George Donovan to approve. Glenn Dochtermann seconded. All in favor.

The Board agreed that they need to hold a workshop on the budget for several reasons. One to review the LD 1 amount and to make decisions for article reductions in preparation of Town Meeting in the event that any increase of the LD 1 that may be needed is not approved. All agreed to meet early next Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.