



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2013
WINDSOR TOWN OFFICE

Note: These minutes may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Board of Selectmen Members.

Members present: Jonathan Adams, Ray Bates, Dan Gordon and Richard Gray, Jr. Ronnie Brann came in at 6:45 p.m.

Public Attending: Tom Reed, Beth Choate and Bill Appel. Allen and Sue Rogers came in a little later and were told that the Junkyard Permit had been approved, signed and was in the main office.

Employees Attending: Theresa Haskell, (*Town Manager*) came in at 6:09 p.m., Keith Hall (*Road Supervisor*), Tim Coston (*Transfer Station Attendant and Backup ACO*) and Debbie French (*Secretary to the Board*).

Ray Bates called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Allen Rogers Junkyard:

Ray called the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. Code Enforcement Officer, Arthur Strout came out and said that there were no problems with the Rogers Junkyard on Crosby Road. **Rick Gray, Jr. made a motion to approve the Junkyard Permit seconded by Jonathan Adams and approved 4-0-0.** Each selectman signed the permit and affirmed that they signed the permit of their own free will. The Hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Dan Gordon made a motion to approve the Minutes dated 1-2-13 as read seconded by Rick Gray, Jr. and approved 4-0-0.

Public Comment:

- a) Beth Choate asked about the rat problem and wanted to know if it is still active. Theresa said that the situation has been contained.
- b) Beth also wanted to know about the Town of Windsor looking into changing from the RSU to an AOS. *{An alternative organizational structure (AOS) is a combination of two or more school administrative units joined together for the purpose of providing administrative and, sometimes, educational services. Administrative services provided by the AOS are system administration (a superintendent and the superintendent's office), special education administration, transportation administration and the business functions of accounting, reporting, payroll, financial management, purchases and audit}.* Theresa asked her if she was interested in serving on an AOS Research Committee and Beth said that her mother is. Beth will put it in the Town Line Paper that anyone interested in serving on this committee should come to the next BOS meeting.

Public Works:

- a) Keith said that everything is going fine right now but he has a lot of patching to do.
- b) He said that he is well aware of the condition of the dirt roads.

- c) The worst road is the Barton Road and Keith said that he will put reclaim down there to help that corner of Barton & Jones Road.
- d) Keith said that this week the roads will freeze back up and things will be rough for plowing.
- e) The sander stands are done and make things a lot easier and safer.

Transfer Station:

- a) Tim will meet with E-Waste tomorrow morning to remove the TV's and light bulbs.
- b) The beams for the new Transfer Station are done being painted blue thanks to the volunteers – Tom Reed, Arthur Strout, Tim Coston, Ronnie Brann and Theresa Haskell.
- c) Monthly Figures show that we are down by about \$3,000 compared to last year at this time. The Selectmen would like Debbie to give them a report each month on what we pay for tipping fees.
- d) Ray had a question regarding the Bob's Tire invoice and Tim answered him.

Consideration of Payment Warrants # 30 & # 31: Rick Gray, Jr. made a motion to approve warrants #30 & #31 seconded by Jonathan Adams and approved 5-0-0.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- a) Tom Reed said that Helen Winkley would like to see flags on our poles on Route 32. There was much discussion as to whether there has to be lights shining on each pole, the lack of equipment, etc. Rick said that he believes that CMP does that at the request of the towns. Keith will check with the City of Augusta.
- b) Rick Gray said that linemen that live in town have in the past volunteered their time to place the flags on power poles and help build community power pole playgrounds.

Town Manager's Items:

- a) **6-Month Budget Figures:** Theresa went over the information with the Board. We are at 61.21% because of the total yearly cost of Major Construction being paid all at one time at the beginning of the fiscal year which if we took out the second half we would then be at 47.44%. Theresa would like the Board to take the Budget home and look it over and come back with any questions and/or comments they may have at the next meeting. She also told them the voting line is over budget because for the first time she is charging Sarah's voting work time into that cost center. Overall Theresa said that the budget is in line.
- b) **Certificate of Appointment for Corey Roberge – Animal Control Officer: Jonathan Adams made a motion to appoint Corey Roberge as Animal Control Officer seconded by Ronnie Brann and approved 5-0-0.** Each selectman affirmed that they signed the Certificate of Appointment of their own free will.
- c) **Planning Board Positions:** F. Gerard Nault, Carol Chavarie & Tom Reed have indicated that they would like to remain on the Planning Board for another term. Bill Appel's term also ends in 2013 and the Board asked Bill if he is willing to remain on the board as well and Bill said that he is.
- d) **Meeting Lockout:** Carol Chavarie, Planning Board Chairman – Theresa told the Board that the Planning Board had a meeting Monday night and due to Tom Reed's absence they were locked out of the Town Hall and conducted the meeting very quickly outside in the cold so Theresa has given Carol Chavarie a key to Town Hall since she is the Chairman of the Planning Board.
- e) **RSU #12 issues with W-2 forms from 2009:** Theresa had received a letter from the IRS saying that the Town was going to be fined \$84,844.09 due to missing W-2 forms from 2009. Theresa told the Board that she went into the IRS and they told her to make copies of everything and explain everything from the beginning of what had happened. Theresa made copies of all the forms she had sent in and all the paper work that went with them and was literally getting ready to go out the door to

deliver them to the IRS office when IRS called and said that they had found all the forms and paper work and for her to wait about 3 weeks to see if she receives another letter from them.

- f) Budget Shortfall figures: There was much discussion regarding this. Theresa read the following from a letter from the Maine Municipal Association; “The biggest injury to the towns and cities is the Governor’s proposal to completely eliminate the distribution of municipal revenue sharing beginning in July 2012. The Governor’s proposed 2-year K-12 Education Funding is “flat funding for the schools at the state’s current 45% contribution. This proposal delivers even less than flat funding in real life because it also requires the school systems for the first time in history to pay for 50% of the annual “normal cost” appropriation for the teachers’ retirement premium. The governor is also proposing to eliminate the existing Homestead Exemption and to replace it with a \$20,000 homestead exemption, but the program would only be available to “homesteaders” who are 65 years of age or older. Although the proposal would enhance tax benefits for the elderly Mainers, it will simultaneously increase property taxes for over 200,000 Maine homesteaders by approximately \$120 per year on average. Circuitbreaker Program: Similar to the reduction for the Homestead Exemption, the Governor’s proposed budget would eliminate the “circuitbreaker” property tax and rent relief program for all beneficiaries except those who are 65 years of age or older. As proposed in the Governor’s two-year budget, the personal property first installed between 1995 and 2008, which is now governed by the BETR Program, would become completely exempt under the BETE program.”
- g) Natural Gas: Theresa received an email from Ken Young, executive director of KVCOG saying that it has been proposed to them that it would consider expanding a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement. This had been discussed at previous Board of Selectmen Meetings and the Board did not want to consider a TIF as it would be of no benefit to the Town at all.

Selectmen’s Items:

- a) Ronnie Brann said that he feels that it is time for the Town to have a credit card. Ray said that he thought we had looked into this at one time. Theresa said that she will call KSB to see about having a \$1,000 credit amount and have it come right out of our checking account.

Chairman Ray Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____ with the following amendments: _____.

The next regular Board of Selectmen’s Meeting will be on January 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie French
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen