

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2010

PRESENT: Ted Poirier, Theresa Greeley, Angela Cushman, Jim Roberts, Yvonne Shaw, Michelle Boisjoly

ABSENT: Jim Trask

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gay, Millie Tuttle

Selectmen Ted Poirier declared the meeting open at 18:10.

Agenda approved by Selectmen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

OLD BUSINEES:

1. Fire Department Committee. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 4th, 6:30 pm at Dayton.
2. Fire Department Commission. Five residents have submitted an application for the commission board. Angela Cushman will schedule interviews for a Monday night.
3. RSU #23 Budget Workshop meeting. Millie Tuttle will be attending meeting on Wednesday, February 24th in OOB.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Saco Informational meeting communication. Ted Poirier and Theresa Greeley attended the meeting. Items discussed at the meeting were legislative updates, county budget, RSU and municipal budgets. Saco City Council brought up the issues of cities like Saco that have their own police department and still pay a portion of county sheriff department budget. Mike Lafortune communicated that they are looking to meet an \$866,000 cut. The RSU will be receiving a federal grant of a \$1 million in 2010. Items that have been added to the RSU are all day kindergarten in Dayton and Gifted & Talented programs in all schools. Ron Michaud felt it was important to all work together. Mike Lafortune communicated that there has been several study groups to look at ways to save money. Saco Mayor recommended that the RSU budget be completed and communicated to towns by April 30th.
2. Tax Assessor. Michelle Boisjoly communicated that it has been 8 years since our last re-evaluation. By law towns are required to conduct a re-evaluation every 10

years. There are several options: hire an outside agency to do a full re-evaluation or a split of Tax Assessor and an outside agency. The last time the town conducted a re-evaluation the cost was \$35,000. Some reasons for conducting a re-evaluation is the town is still under 100% even with the market. Some inequities are starting to develop in different types of houses. The recent work in obtaining pictures for residential properties generated an additional \$335,000 in valuation. Michelle asked direction on incorporating map changes. Last year we spent \$750. There are very few changes that need to be incorporated. Michelle could update manually, however the .pdf files would not reflect changes. A minimum of \$500 would need to be budgeted to update the few changes. If a decision is made to conduct a re-evaluation a cost manual (approx. cost \$240) would need to be obtained.

3. Office Hours. Yvonne Shaw discussed the possibility of changing the new office hours and asked about the reasoning for extending Wednesday vs. Thursday. Yvonne and Janice proposed the following window hours: Monday 12-6, Wed 8-4 & Thursday 12-6. The Selectmen asked Yvonne and Janice to continue to track activity for the week. The Selectmen will address the proposed hours in the near future.
4. Twelve Town Group. Millie Tuttle provided an update on the York County budget. The budget right now is approximately a 6% increase due to a decline in revenues for Registry of Deeds and revenues associated with the county jail. John Sylvester prepared a letter addressed to the governor proposing adding 1% to the state sales tax and adding 5 cents to the fuel tax for 18 months. Towns were asked to support the letter by signing. Millie Tuttle recommended that the Selectmen not sign the letter.

PUBLIC FORUM:

John Gay asked whether the Selectmen knew if it was required by state law for the Board of Selectmen to walk the boundaries of the town. Jim Roberts to research question.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SIGNED:

1. 02/24/10 A/P Warrant
2. 01/25/10 Selectmen minutes
3. 02/01/10 Selectmen minutes
4. 02/08/10 Selectmen minutes

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

1. Business registration
2. Photo id cards
3. Community Emergency Plan
4. Dan Cabral

ADJOURNMENT:

Ted Poirier made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) to discuss economic development at 19:03.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00

*Minutes may not be verbatim they may have been paraphrased for clarity.

_____ Ted Poirier, Chair

_____ Theresa Greeley-Payuer

_____ Jim Trask

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