

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2011

PRESENT: Ted Poirier, Scott Littlefield, Mike Polakewich, Angela Cushman, Jim Roberts, Mike Souliere

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Polly Plourde, Dan Gay, Woody Brown, Dana Robinson, Wilma Harris, Margie Lord, Sharon LeBlanc, Sue Sydnor, Skip Cushman, Mike LaFortune, Dave Galli

Selectmen Ted Poirier declared the meeting open at 18:00.
Agenda approved by Selectmen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action required at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

OLD BUSINEES:

1. Roads. Mike Souliere - Road Commissioner and Dana Robinson – Dayton Sand & Gravel, discussed the possible work on Anderson Rd. After some discussion Mike and Dana agreed to look at the road together and make a recommendation to the Selectmen. The Selectmen want to make sure that all work is completed on a road including ditching and culvert work before any paving is done. Mike is looking to do Maple Drive, Bittersweet and Anderson Rd. with the remaining budget for this year.
2. LD803 workshop. Skip Cushman, RSU23 board member, communicated that the education committee opted not ought to pass on LD803. The committee did leave 2 bills; 1) an emergency bill and 2) LD1466 that would allow a 2 year provision with no penalties and majority vote to opt out. If the town is able to opt out, the Selectmen foresee that things would go back to the way things were before the RSU. The town would have contracts for both Saco Middle School and Thornton Academy.
3. Waste Management Bid contract. BBI will be at the May 2nd Selectmen's meeting to finalize details of the contract.
4. Time Warner. Mike Polakewich communicated that the town will need to enact a cable TV ordinance. So a public hearing will be held on May 2nd at 7 pm. There are six communities that are serviced by Time Warner. These communities have all different renewal dates, but they are looking to renew all together now in hopes to have some leverage with negotiating a contract with several towns.

Currently, there are 3 channels for 6 communities. The communities are looking to each get their own channel with some funding from the cable company to pay for some of the equipment.

5. **Municipal Budget.** The municipal budget first draft was presented to the budget committee for feedback. There are still some unanswered questions on the salary, roads, waste management and education budgets. Once the budget is finalized the Selectmen will invite the budget committee back in to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Saco River Corridor.** A representative from the commission would like to attend a future Selectmen's meeting to provide information on the Water Quality Program. The Selectmen are interested in hearing about the program. Angela Cushman to schedule.
2. **RSU23.** Mike LaFortune and Dave Galli communicated that the board voted unanimously to change the cost sharing formula. Dick Spencer, RSU lawyer, reviewed the formula and noted that in the first two years the formula seems to be okay, but going forward the percent for the local share gets out of line for Dayton and OOB. At the Regional Budget Meeting a majority vote will need to be obtained to implement the changes to the cost sharing formula. The date of the regional meeting has not been scheduled yet but will probably be held at the Saco Middle School. Also, the RSU has been able to eliminate 7 administrative positions; 4 positions were eliminated and 3 individuals were placed in other positions at a lower pay. Mike Polakewich asked about the policy of housing buses in Saco. With the cost of gas and the wear on the buses wouldn't it make more sense to house buses in Dayton. Mike LaFortune communicated that with the recent incident of a bus driver being intoxicated the school board implement a new policy of housing all buses in Saco. There is a RSU23 budget meeting tomorrow at 5 pm in Saco. Some of the items for the budget are increased health costs, teacher contracts and 3% increase in T.A. tuition.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Sharon LeBlanc voiced that she is in favor of repairing Anderson Rd. There are several new homes and more kids in the neighborhood.

Sue Syndor asked that when communication goes out to residents that if possible a basic outline be given in the event that the town is able to opt out of the RSU. Where would Dayton students be? Selectmen agreed to provide information in future communications.

Margie Lord asked why wasn't OOB forced to close their high school when we formed the RSU? In order to keep their private school status, TA must have a certain percent of tuition paying students. Lisa Morse, a former school board member, voiced that her understanding is that if there is a public high in the mix, then the public high school must stay.

Skip Cushman asked whether there was any way to have the RSU23 School Board Meetings broadcast on the Dayton channel if Dayton were able to get their own channel.

Polly Plourde asked the Selectmen and Mike LaFortune and Dave Galli to consider holding the Regional Budget Meeting in OOB. Her reasoning is that residents of Saco could vote it down to keep their taxes down even though the formula is not fair. And having the meeting in Saco would make it more convenient for Saco residents to attend the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SIGNED:

1. 04/18/11 A/P Warrant
2. Time off request

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Littlefield made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A subsection 405(6)(A) to discuss salaries for the office staff at 20:18

Scott Littlefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:40.

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

_____ Ted Poirier, Chair

_____ Mike Polakewich

_____ Scott Littlefield

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