

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 2012

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen: Ted Poirier, Scott Littlefield, Gerry Taylor;
Treasurer/Selectmen Clerk Angela Cushman, CEO Jim Roberts

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: John & Carol Gay, Heather Lavoie, Tom & Joanne McKenney, Peter Warren, Millie Tuttle, Skip Cushman, Mark Murray, Diane Bartlett, Nancy Harriman, Steve Hennessey, Denis Elie, Linda Keene, Bill Baynes, James Waterhouse, Roger Bowens, David Durkee, Karen & Douglas Nielsen, Ben Harris, Sam Swan, Richard Sullivan, Stacey Stubinski, Susan Bellerose, Linda Hooper, Lisa Morse, Judy & John Gay, Amos Gay, Pat & Cindi Sweeney, Gloria Gregoire

*Selectmen Ted Poirier declared the meeting open at 18:05.
Agenda approved by Selectmen.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

OLD BUSINEES:

1. Fire Commission. The warrants for the Fire Commission by law will need to be signed by both Lyman and Dayton Board of Selectmen until a Policy for Employee Wages and Benefits and an amendment to the Interlocal agreement for Accounts Payable Warrants are approved and signed by both Boards. The Fire Commission will provide a policy and an amendment for the Selectmen in the near future. The Fire Commission is also researching the option of purchasing a server computer for just the Fire Department TRIO software. Currently, the software resides on the Lyman server with the Fire Station and the Town of Dayton having remote access.
2. Road Update. The Road Commissioner is still working on completing Bittersweet Lane. The speed and weight limit signs have been ordered for Hollis Rd.
3. Shooting Range. Gerry Taylor provided the other Selectmen with a Report of Findings. Jim Roberts, CEO, communicated that he has drafted a letter to the Fish & Game asking the group to attend the next Planning Board meeting. David Ordway, Town Attorney, is reviewing the letter prior to mailing out.

4. Snowplow contract. The Selectmen have reviewed the draft snowplow contract and have one remaining question regarding wording in one section. Angela Cushman will follow up with Town Attorney regarding meaning of wording and to provide a draft of the contract to the snowplow contractor.
5. Culvert Bids. The bids are due back by August 13th at 6PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing for RSU23 Withdrawal. Ted Poirier communicated that the purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the process and the question to be voted on Monday, August, 13th at 7PM. The Selectmen received a citizen initiated petition to withdraw from RSU23. As a result the Town is required to follow several steps which are spelled out in the State of Maine Statutes. Step 1: Petition for Withdrawal. Statute requires that at least 10% of the number of voters in the municipality who voted at the last gubernatorial election must sign the petition to withdraw from the RSU. For Dayton that 10% was 91. The Town received and verified signatures on the petition submitted. This action necessitates the Town to begin the process. Step 2: Municipal Officers will hold a Special Town Meeting and vote by secret ballot on the following question: “Do you favor filing a petition for with the Board of Directors of RSU23 and with the Commissioner of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to expend up to \$30,000 and authorizing the Municipal Officers to transfer the amount not to exceed \$30,000 from the Town of Dayton’s undesignated fund for this purpose?” Note: The town’s undesignated is approximately \$296000. The petition must be approved by secret ballot by a majority vote of the voters present.

The Board of Selectmen heard comment from the public. Peter Warren asked what will be the costs if the Town was to get out of the RSU. Scott Littlefield communicated that that would be part of the process; researching the various options and costs. Millie Tuttle gave an overview of the process which would include having forums to hear from residents, a 10 year study of the population and a 10 year budget. Skip Cushman stated that the town should consider going back to a similar structure before the RSU. Now that structure is called an AOS (Alternative Organizational Structure) basically where two or more towns share central office administration including transportation and special education services. An AOS would give more control over local costs. Ben Harris asked whether a public high school is required for a RSU or for an AOS. This is something that will need to be researched. Lisa Morse stated that we should be proactive if Saco is getting out because we could be facing a lot of debt with the condition of the OOB schools. Ben Harris also communicated it is just not the OOB schools, the Dayton modular and the Young School modular will need to be replaced. Skip Cushman communicated that he has been a member of the Facility Committee and stated that the consulting firm hired by the RSU has said that OOB Elementary school has no structure left, the OOB Middle school has structure but has issues and that it is probably cheaper to demolish and rebuild than to fix. Tom McKenney asked who will make up the committee. The Procedures

to Withdraw state that the committee shall include four members: one member from the municipal officers, one member from the general public, one member from the group filing the petition and one member of the regional school unit board who represents that municipality. A resident asked the Selectmen for a recommendation on how to vote at the Special Town Meeting. The Selectmen recommend a yes vote if Saco votes to withdraw. Sue Bellerose asked should it matter if Saco votes to get out or not for the Town of Dayton and shouldn't we take the opportunity to research other possible options. The Selectmen recommend a yes vote. A resident asked what will be the costs associated with the withdrawal process – is the \$30,000 enough? To date Arundel has used \$16,000 of the \$35,000 approved by the voters and they have submitted their withdrawal agreement to the Department of Education. Denis Elie stated that he has attended several RSU Board meetings and budget meetings and did not agree with the RSU using one time stimulus money to fund ongoing teaching positions. Skip Cushman also mentioned that the Town lost about \$60,000 in state subsidy when it entered into the RSU related to small school funding and wondered if that would still be available if the Town was able to withdraw from the RSU. The Selectmen encouraged those in attendance to attend the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

2. Policies for Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for State Fees & Employee Wages & Benefits. The policies were updated to reflect the current Selectmen in office and were approved and signed by the Selectmen.
3. Time Warner. Negotiations with Time Warner have stalled for several months. Many towns participating in these negotiations have decided to end negotiations at this time as their contract with Time Warner does not expire for several years. Angela Cushman to follow up on status of negotiations.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from the York County Sheriff. The Sheriff was inquiring whether the Town would be interested in the possibility of having a deputy assigned to Dayton. The Selectmen are not interested at this time. Angela Cushman will send a letter to the Sheriff.

Sign Request. A resident on New County Rd has requested signs be installed for deaf child around the intersection of Rt. 5 & Hight Rd. Scott Littlefield also inquired about getting a blind curve or blind driveway sign on Hight Rd. **Scott Littlefield made a motion to install deaf child signs and blind curve/driveway; 2nd Gerry Taylor. Passed 3/0.**

SIGNED:

1. 08/02/12 A/P Warrant
2. 08/02/12 P/Y Warrant

3. 07/30/12 GMFR A/P Warrant
4. 07/30/12 GMFR P/Y Warrant
5. Request for time off
6. Training request

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Littlefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 21:00.

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

_____ Ted Poirier, Chair

_____ Scott Littlefield

_____ Gerry Taylor

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