

Select Board Meeting

June 11, 2013

Present: Paul Hoyt, Chair, Doug Taft, Vice Chair, Woody Woodward, Bernie King, Bob McHatton
Mitchell Berkowitz, town manager and recorder

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

By Motion of Bernie Kind, Seconded by Doug Taft, the minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting were approved.

The Select Board affirmed unanimously, the revised charge for the Recycling Committee who will focus on the alternatives of MSW hauling and disposal including the status of any continued membership with Ecomaine.

Patriot Way was approved unanimously by a motion from Mr. McHatton and a second by Mr. Woodward.

The abatements were approved unanimously by a motion from Mr. King and a second by Mr. McHatton. Items #4-#8 were approved as a block unanimously by a motion from Mr. Taft and a second by Mr. Woodward.

Item #3 was moved back on the agenda until after the public hearing.

The Wastewater feasibility study was left on the table until June 25, 2013.

The award of the Public Works Truck was issued unanimously to the Freightliner and Western Star Company of Maine out of Westbrook at a bid price of \$76,289 for the Western Star truck with a motion by Mr. McHatton and a second by Mr. Taft.

There were no legal matters to report.

Under Selectman concerns Mr. Woodward indicated a level of disappointment because only a few people were running for office. Mr. McHatton clarified his motion for a standalone warrant article that would have authorized a compensation increase for the Select Board. It had failed on a 3-2 vote and therefore the Board's compensation remains at its current level for FY 2014. Mr. King wished Mr. Woodward the best of luck and thank you for serving the community as a Board member. Mr. Hoyt continued the accolades to Mr. Woodward.

Under other Matters, the Town Manager reviewed his written report; Jim Kidder reviewed the signalization at Pondicherry Square as well as the removal of the trees and the filling in of the sidewalks with concrete.

Mr. Taft reminded everyone regarding the fireworks fund raising breakfast at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 7-10 AM.

The group also reiterated the suggestion to Mr. Murphy about passing the boot at the fireworks to collect funds for the next year.

The Treasurer's warrants #'s 124-129 were approved unanimously by motion from Mr. Taft and a second by Mr. Woodward.

Under Committee Reports : The Comprehensive Plan Committee requested funding of \$300 to support the 3 hour rental of the next public information session to be held at the Magic Lantern in the Pub. This would be offset by any food and beverage sale that night. The Board approved this by motion from Mr. McHatton and a second from Mr. Taft with only Mr. Woodward being opposed.

Mr. King provided a brief summary of the MSAD #61 facilities committee meeting which focused on the future use of the Memorial School.

Under Non-Agenda Items Mr. Tarrantino talked briefly about the placement of chairs and tables on the sidewalks in the downtown and that in some cases, the sidewalk was restricted to pedestrian flows. The Board asked if Anne could develop a downtown sidewalk use policy that balances the economic development needs with the pedestrian needs.

Mr. Casimaro provided an update of the Immigration Act before Congress indicating that it has several flaws and raised concerns about the number of immigrants that could seek legal citizenship as well as the number of work visas that could be issued which could affect the level of compensation of other workers.

Mr. Vincent indicated that the E-Verify process was being expanded.

Under Old Business the Literacy request was tabled since no one was present to provide an update. The motion was made by Mr. Hoyt with and Second by Mr. Taft, all approved the motion.

The public hearing to accept written and oral comments on the Special Amusement Permit Application from the Bridgton House of Pizza was conducted at 6:00 PM. No comments were made and the hearing was closed. By motion from Mr. McHatton and a second by Mr. King, the permit was approved 5-0.

A motion by Mr. Taft and second by Mr. King with a 5-0 vote brought the Rufus Porter Museum subject off the table. The Select Board unanimously approved the award of the contract as recommended by Anne Krieg by motion from Mr. McHatton and a second by Mr. Taft.

The Cupboard Collective-CDBG MOU was unanimously approved by motion from Mr. McHatton and a second by Mr. Woodward.

By Motion from Mr. King and a second by Mr. Taft the MOU for the Memorial School was tabled until such time as the Schools make a "use" decision for that building but not later than the Select Board meeting scheduled for August 26, 2013, which would allow sufficient time for Ms. Krieg to make application for the necessary Brownfield Grant funding through The Greater Portland Council of Governments. The vote was 5-0.

Ms. Krieg summarized the slight increase in the FY 2014 CDBG funding from an original level of about \$160,000 to \$191,000 with the increase going to the Depot Street project and some administrative expenses. It was unanimously approved by motion from Mr. King with a second from Mr. Woodward.

The Board reviewed the next several meeting dates.

By motion from Mr. Woodward and a second by Mr. McHatton, the Board unanimously authorized the Chair to execute the authorization for the Town Manager to receive the same compensation increases that other non-union personnel would receive effective July 1, 2013. This was the results of the annual performance evaluation conducted by the Select Board of the Town Manager.

By motion from Mr. King and a second by Mr. Woodward, the Board went into executive session under 1 MRSA, title 13, subsection 405.6 .a, subjects related to personnel matters are permitted to be in executive session. The vote was 5-0 and the Board went into the session at approximately 6:50 PM. By motion from Mr. King and a second by Mr. Woodward, the Board came out of executive session at approximately 7:04 PM into a general session. The vote was 5-0.

There was a brief general discussion that included comments about the progress of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Plan.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Mitchell A. Berkowitz
Town Manager