

Town of Cooper
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Present: Select Board Members Dan Ackley, John Viselli and Brenda Gove
Also present Karen Holmes , School Board Representative & Quoddy Tides
Reporter, Amanda Donaghy, Treasurer & Laurie Pike, Tax Collector

Motion to open meeting was made by Dan Ackley at 6:37 p.m.

2nd Brenda Gove

All in favor

The select board went immediately to a discussion on jobs and issues. Sandy, town clerk had issues with Laurie, tax collector handling boat stickers. Laurie felt as she is tax collector, she should be collecting excise tax on boats and would like to be responsible for the boat excise. Sandy would like to have Amanda, the treasurer, be the responsible person. John asked if it would be okay for Laurie to collect the excise and have both Laurie and Amanda act as backup agent for the Inland Fish and Game stickers. Brenda asked Sandy would agree to have Julia Hussey, of the Inland Fish & Game come and do a class for all three to make sure all would be up-to-date on the laws involved. Sandy agreed.

Dan made the motion: To have Julia Hussey come and do a class for Sandy,

Amanda and Laurie

Motion 2nd by John

All are in favor

The warrant was approved and signed.

There was then a discussion between Karen and Dan about using the Quoddy Tides as one of the papers Coopers uses.

Karen gave a presentation on the school. She mentioned the future possibility of virtual reality schools for a topic of interest. She will stay acquainted with what will be happening with this type of educating. Also charter schools may be charged to towns.

Brenda made the motion to accept the April 16, 2015 minutes.

2nd by John

All were in favor

John made the motion to accept the May 7, 2015 minutes

2nd by Dan

All in favor

There was some discussion as to whether Ronnie Flood handout at town meeting should be added to the annual town meeting minutes. Dan will do some checking.

There was discussion on the progress of the community center upgrades and the requirements of the State Fire Marshall. Dan and John talked about how the electric should be done. Dan felt only conduit was needed on beams and the exit signs will be wired. Dan will give a hand on the front steps and will redo treads for spacing on the outside stairs. He felt they also should look into getting smoke detectors. Ten gallons of fire retardant are needed. It should be here by the 30th of May. Left to check on is the push bars that swing to the left.

The mail carrier has stopped and showed us where to put a mailbox so mail can be delivered at the town office. Brenda told the board that the mail carrier stated that they are not supposed to put mail from one address in another address's box. We need to put up our own mailbox at a location of our choice, but our own box or buy a mailbox at the post office.

Discussion of the website:

Brenda talked with Erika and she has agreed to take over the website again. Brenda said, as she understood it, Erika had built the website in the beginning so she would be a good one to take care of it and keep it going. There is a lot of interest in having it up again. She has checked on prices and has found that other towns are paying about \$300.00 to get it started and at least \$200.00 to \$400.00 throughout the year to keep it maintained or an average of \$50.00 an hour for maintenance. Sandy stated that if we were paying for it, she would like to get paid as she had worked a lot on it. Karen felt we should have a contract and consistency in the maintenance. Dan had talked with Judy Dorr and she

recommended that the town have someone do the website that is not a town official.

Dan made the motion to spend \$500.00 to Erika Perkins if she will do it.

2nd Brenda

All in favor

The board would like Brenda to contact Erika to see when she can come to a meeting or work session to talk about getting things moving. Also, passwords were discussed.

Sandy requested mileage coverage to go to a free workshop on vital records. This will be when the next workshop is available. This approval was unanimous.

There was discussion on the purchase of printers. Sandy had information from Dell and others. They are wifi compatible. They would be suitable for what Sandy and Amanda needed for their work at the office. The cost would be \$118.00 each.

Dan made the motion to purchase the two printers at \$118.00 each.

2nd by John

All in favor

There was some discussion about the cleaning of the office. Dan would like to talk to Kathy Hull about this to possibly supplement CCCF.

Other business:

Dan talked with July Dorr. She said the town doesn't need a constable as long as he doesn't carry. This will put our insurance down.

Dan discussed some pricing for road repair. David Lee gave a price of \$4800.00 to do 600' ditching and 80 yards of gravel on Lower East Ridge. To smooth and clean the Crowe Road and 3 loads of gravel. It will be \$12000.00 to fix Crowe Rd., Lower East Ridge Rd., Vining Rd., and the Grove Pond Rd. All are dirt roads. The budget is \$19,000.00. There will be plenty left for grading with some left over in the fall. He felt Alan Spear could work on one side of town and David Lee on the other. No work to be done on Grove Pond until after blueberry season as some large equipment is using it in the summer and does some damage.

Dan then showed the packet the board had approved. He keeps one in his box. Each bid has to have a copy of the packet in order for their bid to be considered.

Dan made motion to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

2nd by Brenda

All in favor