

Cooper Select Board Meeting  
April 9, 2015  
Held at the Cooper Town Office

Attending: Brenda Gove, Dan Ackley, John Viselli, Amanda Donaghy, Sandy Lyon, Scott Jamieson, Joanne McMahon.

Alice Sullivan and Debbie Hibbard attended until after item 2.

Meeting start time: 6:40 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: treasurer's warrant

Agenda Item 2: Alice Sullivan and Debbie Hibbard spoke to the board for the Friends Group. Alice thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the Town. They have closed the bank account and the insurance is canceled. They stated that Friends said they raised the money for the town to use on the building. They thought the town should decide where the money should go. They stated that names of people no longer connected needed to be taken off and the majority had voted to take this action. The check submitted was for \$555.91

John asked if Joanne could speak. Dan said it was not really a town issue. Alice said, yes that is true but the money came from the town. Debbie Hibbard also said the money was meant for the building.

Dan said to we could put insurance money back into third party and put the remainder into the building fund.

Joanne asked if the third party money could be reserved because five people want to start a new group.

Brenda suggested the check for \$555.91 be held for now and see what happens with the new group.

Motion by Dan Ackley: The check should be held by the treasurer until the group comes to the select board to discuss the progress of a new group. The select board will cover the insurance for the new group.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Gove

All the select board members are in favor.

Joanne McMahon stated the group will have a very businesslike organization this time.

The Select Board accepted the donation for the building fund, but as in the motion has decided to keep the check on hold. Joanne has requested the funds be released as start up for the new group, which she thinks will be called Cooper Community Center Friends. The Select Board has requested that the new group meet with them this coming Thursday April 16th to discuss further.

Agenda Item 3: Town Constable, Scott Jamieson is sworn in.

Agenda Item 4: Sandy read the previous meeting's minutes and they were amended to be read at the next meeting. Sandy will repeat the reading next time.

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Agenda Item 5: School board update was read from Karen's email. The select board decided to try for July 13<sup>th</sup> to hold the summer school budget meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Danny Sullivan made a suggestion at the annual town meeting. This was read from Karen Holmes email. This was to do with which roads should get plowed and which roads should not. Dan said yes, we can do this. Dan said, we can put an article in. John said we could

Agenda Item 7: Ads not authorized by the select board were put in the Machias Valley Observer. This was discussed. Dan will check on this and it will be discussed next time.

Agenda Item 8: Sandy explained about FOAA. The select board decided to act as the FOAA appointed officers. Sandy will send out the training soon.

Agenda Item 9: Third party requests were reviewed and approved.

American Red Cross	\$200
Community health and Counseling Services	\$100
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$100
The Life Flight Foundation	\$150
MPBN Maine Public Broadcasting Network	\$100
WHCA Washington Hancock Community Ass	\$325

Agenda Item 10: Faithful performance of duty. Amanda is collecting the forms. Dan will work on the paperwork and if he needs help, he will call Judy to come here.

Agenda Item 11: Bill for Consultation and training submitted by Ann Marie Flood. Dan asked Amanda about the number of hours she had help from Ann Marie. Amanda thought about 30-40, and Ann Marie 25-30 hours. Dan asked Amanda to divide the number of hours by the amount. The bill is 38.5 hours at \$30.00 per hour. Dan then asked Amanda is she was comfortable with training or if she needed more training. Dan stated that the select board had no problem with the bill but how should we pay it. Do we do it as a 1099 or as a town employee? Amanda will ask Ann Marie for her preference, to be paid as a contractor or a town employee. Amanda said she will get further approval from the select board before she asks for more training.

Agenda Item 12: The Select Board reviewed and signed the treasurer's warrant

Agenda Item: Sandy read recent mail. Sandy read the letter about the Veteran Fair held in East Machias on April 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brenda is interested and Sandy asked her to keep the letter.

The Governor sent a letter that was mailed after town meeting. This was too late for the town report so it will be posted.

Make a Wish Foundation is collecting scrap metal. We will share information, but cannot have a town collection site.

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Agenda Item 14: In other business, Brenda requested the other two consider a having work session. She would like to know how things are run, what is going on. They decided to meet this coming Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Scott said the planning board meets first Saturday of the month. Scott also suggested the select board consider putting an ad in the paper for the plowing contract now.

There was discussion of archival storage in Alexander and our paid contribution to the facility. Sandy will ask DeeDee to add Brenda to authorization list.

John nominated Dan as chairman of the Select Board, seconded by Brenda, all are in favor.

Joyce and Lynn have both finished their term on the planning board. Their term expired in 2015. The next planning board meeting is May 1, 2015.

Select board meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next Select Board meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.