

Cooper Select Board Meeting  
Nov. 6, 2014  
Held at the Cooper Town Office

Attending: Daniel Ackley, Dan Ackley, Amanda Donaghy, Sandy Lyon, Karen Holmes, Joanne McMahon

Starting time: 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: The treasurer's warrant was reviewed and signed.

Agenda Item 2: Friends of the Cooper Community Center are bringing refreshments to the Veteran's Day Flag Raising. Sandy gave a sample agenda to the Select Board: it was approved.

Agenda Item 3: The Nov. 17 Special Town meeting on proposed subdivision ordinance was discussed. There are Florissant orange signs put up that were observed and talked about on Election Day. Many copies of the ordinance were passed out to residents. Dan asked Sandy to have it put in the Calais Advertiser. Karen will put in the Quoddy Tides and Arline will also put it in the Calais Advertiser.

Agenda Item 4: The Audit visit was today with Wanese . There are some carry-overs that we put into the general fund. There were also categories that we can't or don't want to, that would be better rolled over to the next year. The categories the Select Board does not wish to touch or cannot touch were: highways, schools, Forest fire protection, Community Center/Grange/town Office and supplies. These will not roll into the general fund.

Dan made a motion that the Select Board do that: Daniel seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 5: Karen gave a school board update. William Braum is now our new superintendent, and he is working now. In AOS 77, Jim Underwood announced he is retiring in 2015, so they will be searching for a replacement. Karen asked who will be plowing the store? Terry Lynn needs to be sure the store is plowed, she turns the bus there. Karen said she had asked Ronnie to do it. Dan said he would prefer to do it himself. There have been issues in the past with someone who plowed it, not Ronnie, leaving ruts. Karen asked if there was a conversation with the superintendent about that? She thinks there should be a conversation when issues arise. The recent storm and bus driver concerns were discussed next. Dan said he knew from his years as a bus driver that the bus driver has the last say when roads are slippery, to decide whether the bus should go out or not.

Agenda Item 6: Marion transfer station sent bills from former years, they said that two months were not paid. They are on today's warrant. It will be paid today.

Dan made a motion to pay them: Daniel seconded. All in favor: the motion passed.

Agenda Item 7: The snow plow payment for McCormick was not paid for the 2012-2013 year. He will be paid as an employee.

Dan made a motion to make the payment: Daniel seconded. All in favor: the motion passed.

Agenda Item 8: There is a meeting in East Sangerville on the proposed East-West Highway tonight. Karen gets the information and she is sharing. Karen will continue to keep us updated, Stuart will probably attend and he will share information also.

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Agenda Item 9: John has talked to a relative of the tax acquired property and they want to resolve this. We will ask Laurie to give a current report on this situation on Nov. 20.

Agenda Item 10: A request came in from WIC, they would like \$120. They serve women and children in our town. Everyone agrees it is a good program. It will leave \$330 in the third party account.

Dan made a motion to give \$120 to WIC. Daniel seconded. All in favor: the motion passed.

Agenda Item 11: General Assistance guidelines were reviewed, Sandy received them from Augusta. There was time for discussion, but no one had any questions.

Dan made a motion to approve the State guidelines for Appendixes B & C. Daniel seconded. All in favor: the motion passed.

Agenda Item 12: Sandy gave an update on the website progress. Erica will give any information needed to help with the new website. She gave Sandy her cell phone number to give to James associates.

Agenda Item 13: Dan asked for an updated bill from the Road Commissioner to be brought to the next Select Board meeting, and right now we are over the budgeted amount for roads. Not sure how much is out in bills, Dan is worried about it and they are already about \$500 over budget. That is way the paper work needs to come in. Dan will call Ronnie again to let him know that they need the bill and that they are already over budget.

John said there was message on his machine about a notice needed for the State. The State needs the form filled out and returned to them. DOT generally addresses this form to the Road Commissioner. John will call to discuss with Ronnie.

Agenda Item 14: The next issue has to do with sign usage, and regards Joanne. Dan asked Joanne to stop, after reminding her of freedom of the press.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Select Board meeting will be Thursday Nov. 20, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.