

Cooper Select Board's Meeting  
July 5, 2012  
Held at the Grange Hall

Attending: Ann Marie Flood, Ronnie Flood, Sandy Lyon, Bill Kridder Sr., Billy Kridder Jr., Joanne McMahon, Scott Jamieson, John Viselli, Karen Holmes, Micah Perkins

Starting time: 6:46 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 2: Progress on building was reviewed; Scott & Ronnie are doing a fabulous job. Scott also spoke some about the progress. John and Ronnie are planning to start the next Monday or so, weather permitting. John has not seen anything from Dean yet, but John is poised to go.

Is the funding in place? Micah said all we need to do is check with Shawn Day; John will do that. Ann Marie asked about the way the money will be handled on her end: put on quick books or a separate checking account? It was agreed that a separate account would be easier. Scott asked John if he could get in touch with Timmy about the septic system. They want to have that information before they do the well.

The Monday meeting of the building committee will be on Tuesday instead of next Monday. The Tax Assessors will also be meeting that night, and the plan is to do both meetings on the same night. Micah asked about the use of labor for the Town for next week. There will be three to start: John, Ronnie & Scott. We are okay for insurance for those three. However, volunteers who are not on a payroll are not covered, so we need to be careful who does the work. We need to limit volunteers to those already covered by our insurance through MMA.

Agenda Item 3: An update on Tax assessors' issues will be given at the meeting on next Tuesday.

Agenda Item 4: The EMA Hazard Mitigation Plan requires adoption, approval and signatures from Town leaders. Sandy read the resolution. The Select Board approved Sandy taking the disc to Fundy Bay printing to have copies made up for the 3 Select Board, Road Commissioner, and Cooper's Emergency Manager. Sandy will deliver those copies to each of them, and they will stop by the Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday to sign the document, as Sandy and Ann Marie will be here to do town business. Ronnie explained how this is part of a process that affects the roads. MEMA is the Maine branch of FEMA.

Agenda Item 5: Bill Kridder asked to speak to the Select Board about a previously discussed item, \$500 gas money. John and Micah agreed to this money for gas. Ronnie spoke about putting gravel on the Green Hill road. He thinks it should not be done by the Town; it is not a town maintained road. He would donate some gravel himself, but does not recommend the Town be involved in this.

Agenda Item 6: Karen asked to speak about the "mobilize Maine" meeting that was held in Machias and she has attended. Judy East was a speaker. The goal is to not wait for Augusta, to make things happen ourselves. Karen believes we need have the actual paper copy of the comprehensive plan *here* when we have a town office. She had high praise for the comprehensive plan and will be writing for the Quoddy Tides about this event. The bottom line is to create a situation where we can apply for grants and funds using local talents and infrastructure to make us more prosperous. Karen spoke about Danny Sullivan as

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an example of the talent that we have, and shared an experience the Danny had in Augusta. GROW Washington-Aroostook consortium is the name of the event Karen attended. They are asking for volunteers to work on different components as they move forward.

Agenda Item 7: Joanne asked to speak to the Select board; however she is going to just show. She wants to speak about signs. Joanne has the backboard for the bulletin board example done. She does not know how far Timmy is on this project. Joanne had told the CLA she would put the sign up for the pancake breakfast; however that is on the 14<sup>th</sup>. It was pointed out that they do already have a sign for this event. Joanne will dig the hole for the sign if someone will help her. She feels it is not just for her, it is for the Town. She has made part of it as a changeable message board.

Micah asked her what does she want at this point? She went over her expectation that Timmy would be constructing a bulletin board. Some questions were asked and answered. Micah asked if they could dig the hole on next Tuesday, and it was agreed to do it then. So the building meeting will be at 5:00 p.m., and then the Tax Assessors meeting at 6:00 p.m. Joanne brought a poster to show, it said "yard sale", as an example. All posters will be that size. She drew lines to put 'the benefit of', or 'prices' on. She also made a storage area for the months, dates, days of the week, numbers, etc. Joanne thinks we should arrange for someone from every group to be in charge of changing the sign.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.