

Cooper Select Board's Meeting
October 11, 2012
Held at the Grange Hall

Attending: Sandy Lyon, Timmy Ketchen, Joanne McMahon, Karen Holmes, Micah Perkins, Ronnie Flood, Trevor Flood, Scott Jamieson

Starting time: 6:45 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: There is a possibility of heat before the Nov. 6th Election. John has asked Terry if she will be an Election counter and she is checking her schedule at work.

Agenda Item 2: there is a Washington County Council of Governments is planning a dinner. John said he will go. Sandy will check with Ann Marie to see if she wants to go. John will ask Terry if she wants to go.

Agenda Item 3: Joanne McMahon asked to speak to the Select Board about garbage. Ohio Brook is discontinuing the pickup of garbage at the end of Oct. She remembered that it was discussed before. Joanne has personal knowledge of summer people abusing our neighboring town's arrangement, and using the Meddybemps dumpster. Joanne wondered if Dave Timpe was still interested in doing a garbage pick-up service. Ronnie explained the reasoning was that \$6 a load was for 1st 100 pounds, if we had some one do it, they would probably be able to do it cheaper. We could try something on a trial basis, or maybe check into roadside pick-up. Micah said we should talk to Stuart again as we look into this. Micah has crunched the numbers before, and he will take another look at those. Sandy will ask Dave to come to speak to the board in Nov. Stuart said there is a lot of stuff in flux at the MTS, so we will see what he thinks. Ronnie said we are paying about \$11,000 a year.

Agenda Item 4: Emergency Management was addressed by Trevor Flood; he is interested in being the EM Director for Cooper. IS700 is a needed course for firefighters; Trevor will set it up for a weekend in Nov. or Dec. The emergency plan has been updated. We do need to be NIMS compliant, and that includes a new ISO rating for the Town. Micah made the motion, John seconded, and Trevor is the new Emergency Management Director. Plans for how an emergency will be handled will be put together and kept in the Town office.

Agenda Item 5: Micah has been sent some mail that came to him from the State, which should have gone to Ronnie. He also has some information to be put out for the Town people. He had received a notice in August that I needed to go to training for elections; I already attended in Sept. and will mail copies of my certificates.

Agenda Item 6: We have \$3,383 not allocated in the Town Office building fund. Ronnie was asked the cost of plowing; he will plow both the school bus turnaround and here for \$50. We will have \$2,400 to put toward the building from a fund. We may have more once we have the audit back at the end of the month. We should be okay with what we have a t our disposal. The water line is in to the well casing, it is ready to go. Sandy read the State law on special town meetings, and how to word the articles.

Micah made the motion to have us start the process. John wanted to discuss going to the bank again. Sandy pointed out that either would require a special town meeting. John thinks we should go the

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Machias Bank, Shawn Day, and see what kind of options we have. So we are going to wait to see what Ann Marie finds out from the audit first.

We will have Select Board sign a warrant on the 18th and then on the 25th we will have a Special Town meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 7: Timmy relayed that Joey said as soon as we have power in that room, he can get the power out here, then come back to do heat in the office later. Micah feels we are ready to be there. Timmy said he has got his new computer going, but the labor & material bill was on the old one. He thinks materials cost will be close to what he originally submitted. We did need extra doors.

Timmy said Joey will need some money up front. John and Timmy think we are about \$25,000 short of what we need to finish. John asked Timmy how many more weeks? Timmy thinks he will be done in 4-5 more weeks. He put in an estimate for \$25,000, and it looks like we will be at 20,000 or less for his labor. Micah said we need to figure out the funding, we want to be sure we are *able* to use the space when we are done. This needs to be completed.

Discussion continued of some options.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next Select Board Meeting will be the Special Town Meeting on Oct. 25, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.