

Town of Cooper
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 7, 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 6:38 p.m.
2nd Brenda Gove
All in favor

Laurie Pike, tax collector, asked if she could speak about something before we started working on the agenda items. She made the point that it is the tax collector's job to collect the excise tax on boats as well as vehicles. Since Sandy is pressed for time, she would like the boat excise returned to her as it part of the tax collector's responsibility. The board will do some checking and take it up at another meeting.

Dan Ackley made a motion to approve and sign the treasurer's warrant
2nd Brenda Gove
All in favor

Karen Holmes gave a report on the schools. The warrant is ready for summer meeting, but the date is wrong. Karen will contact the superintendent's office to get the date changed. There was some discussion on the possibility of a new bus fund set up. No action was taken.

Dan made the motion to approve the April 9th select board minutes.
2nd John
All in favor
April 16th minutes need some minor changes
Town meeting minutes were discussed

It was decided to take up the issue of the mailbox and the website at the next meeting. We will speak to Erika Perkins. She will maintain the town site.

The board discussed the summer meeting and a date was set. The date needed to be later than was hoped for due to final dates for accepting bids for the winter roads contract.

Dan made the motion to set the summer meeting date for **July 20th**
2nd by John

All in favor

Status of Cooper Community Center Friends (CCCF) was reported.

They have their checking account and the insurance has been requested.

Motion was made by Dan to forward \$555.91 returned by the previous group to CCCF. The treasurer was instructed to deposit the returned check and write a new one to CCCF. Amanda added this to the warrant and the board approved.

2nd by John

All in favor

The board discussed the fire retardant coating. Dan took information on this and will check with the fire marshal. He will try to order the appropriate coating so it can be applied at the center work day. Kathy Hull will stop by and see Ronnie on Saturday after CCCF to see about having the town loader brought over to do some yard work.

CCCF dates to reserve the community center:

May 9th for "Birds and Blooms"

May 30th for building and yard upgrades

June 13th for a yard sale and benefit supper

Dan presented information and a 3 year contract we hold with Washington County Territories for services of animal control officer. The contract is for 3 years, 2015 -2018. The cost is \$500.00 a year. Contacts for AOS are 271-7242, 255-8919 and 255-8308.

Dan made a motion to enter into a 3 yr. contract with Washington County Territories for animal control.

2nd Dan

All in favor.

Contract signed.

The board returned to agenda item four on winter roads.

The contract and information packet was reviewed and accepted without change.

The standard ad will be used and put in 3 papers:

Calais Advertiser

Machias Valley

Quoddy Tides

Interested bidders can contact Dan and get an informational packet.

John made the motion to enter ads in these 3 papers for their next 2 issues. Bids will be accepted until **6 p.m. on July 2, 2015**. Bids opened at **7/2/2014** select board meeting.

2nd Brenda

All in favor

Other business:

Judy Dorr will be in Cooper on **May 14 at 5p.m.** to help Amanda. Dan and Brenda would like to attend also.

Select Board will be working on their drawer in the file cabinet to set up a file.

Motion to adjourn by Dan at 8:40 p.m.

2nd by John

All in favor