

Town of Cooper  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2015  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Select Board Members: John Viselli and Brenda Gove  
Also present Karen Holmes , School Board Representative & Quoddy Tides  
Reporter, Amanda Donaghy, Treasurer, Laurie Pike, Tax Collector , Scott  
Jamieson & Erica Perkins

Meeting opened at 6:40 p.m.

John acted as chair in the absence of Dan Ackley

Treasurer warrant was approved and signed

John made the motion to accept the select board minutes for May 21, 2015 as  
written. Motion seconded by Brenda.

Karen gave a school board report. Two students will be graduating this year. They  
are Kayla McVicar and Delaney Gardner. Cards will be sent on behalf of the school  
board. A packet of school warrants was given to Amanda. There was some  
discussion on testing and costs of special needs students.

Erica Perkins was present to discuss the maintenance of the website she is hired  
to manage. She will be paid \$500.00 (\$300.00 of these funds will come from  
money raised last year for this purpose). She will manage changes and additions  
for town business to the site and keep track of her time and costs for future year's  
maintenance. A contract will be signed in the near future.

A resolution for treasurer to make payment on time sensitive bills was signed by  
John and Brenda for the year 2015-16. It was also signed retroactively for the  
2014-15.

CCCF have removed the old shingles from the back of the building and cleaned up  
the demolition. Demo has been taken to Marion Landfill and a bill will be sent to  
the town for payment by Marion Transfer Station. This group reserved the

building for June 27<sup>th</sup> for a public supper. Grants are being worked on for funds to make improvements to the community center. A grant request will be written for setting up an emergency center. The board discussed with Amanda monies available in the building line (Cooper Community Center/Grange supplies and materials). There are two lines. One has \$9,000.00 in it. This money has been sitting in this line. John will check into the costs of repairing the foundation on at least one wall. The front wall first. CCCF is looking for tables to use outside for the fund raising yard sale to be held on Saturday, June 13, as the grange will not allow theirs to be used outside.

John reported that he had borrowed, (at board approval) some planks and lumber that was on the ground in the back of the building. If not being used, he would buy them from the town. Otherwise, he would return them to the location in the rear. The possibility was discussed for him to buy sheathing materials and apply it to the rear wall of the building which needs to be done this summer. He will also talk to Kathy Hull of CCCF about the possibility of coordinating improvements. Karen reminded us that the town had voted to pay \$15.00 per hour in case hired help was needed.

Other Business:

Dan has picked up materials to install the mailbox at 425 Cooper Highway.

It was brought to the town's attention that Ronnie Flood would not allow the use of the town's backhoe/loader to do ground repairs at the community center. Ronnie had worked it out with Kathy Hull of CCCF to bring the loader to the community center before the end of the month so it could be used to set some granite blocks for flower beds. Scott was to operate it for the group. When Kathy contacted Ronnie on the morning of the day the work was to be done, he told her he had cancelled the insurance and they were not getting it. He hung up. Discussion on the floor was that Ronnie was road commissioner at the time the loader and trailer was purchased and he acted as broker in buying the machine. He was to rent it from the town at \$1000.00 per winter season or some such thing. Brenda suggested that some research be done and find out what ownerships and agreements are actual. John will discuss the issue with Ronnie after we find some facts. Amanda will look in past financial records to see if she can find any information on when this equipment was purchased.

Those present discussed the need for more positivity in the Town of Cooper in order to have more community spirit and support.

Karen spoke about the continued interest in the possibility of an east/west highway. She said there is still a lot of opposition to this project moving forward. She is keeping a file on this and will keep the town informed.

Karen also reported that she had attended a meeting with Judy East and Washington County Council of Governments for area unorganized and organized towns. Karen attended for the Lake Association. The meeting was to look at community planning mostly in unorganized territories, townships and plantations. Organized towns are interested as well and can be a stake holder. The next meeting will be at the Princeton Town Office on June 15, 2015. Karen also said that this committee might like to use Cooper Community Center for a regional meeting sometime.

John made the motion to adjourn at 8:40

Seconded by Brenda