

Town of Cooper
Select Board Meeting
Saturday, August 15, 2015
8:00 A.M.

Meeting opened at 8:03 a.m.

Dan told Sandy she can tape the minutes if she wants.

Present: Dan Ackley, Brenda Gove, Karen Holmes, Amanda Donaghy, Laurie Pike, Trevor Flood, Norm Howe

1. Treasurer's Warrant approved and signed
Accept report from tax collector

Treasurer's warrant was signed by Dan and Brenda

Tax collector's report was accepted

2. Previous meeting minutes – August 1, 2015
Method of taking Minutes

Dan made the motion to accept the minutes from the August 1, 2015 meeting.
2nd by Brenda

Sandy and Brenda discussed the method of taking minutes and it was decided that taping the minutes and putting them on the website is a good way to take minutes.

3. Office hours

Laurie wanted to know about the office hours as she was the only one that showed up the previous Thursday. Dan said the only change is the select board meetings to try to avoid the confusion of office hours. Sandy thought all had changed. Sandy wants to stay with Thursday.

4. School Board Representative

Karen announced the school bus is paid off.

5. Ordinance

There was some discussion on the beach ordinance.

Dan made the motion spend a month looking for the beach ordinance and work
on recreating if it can't be found. 2nd by Brenda

6. Fire Department

Trevor spoke on the Cooper Fire Department. The department has dropped below the required numbers and can't officially function. The department will discontinue for the town as it can't legally function. The town needs to look at alternative options. The town currently has mutual aid which is we get aid and give aid. Dan and Trevor have called MMA. They would like to meet with Alexander and talk to see what we can do. He doesn't want to say too much right now, Alexander has expressed interest and they will talk and get something going. Trevor is looking at legal options on how money and equipment gets dispersed. Dan's said Trevor's job is hard for a town our size and at a certain point it will become unmanageable. Karen would like to know about the donations. Norm said all donations in the last couple years were put away to buy a new truck. They might be donated to another organization in town and rest to fire department fund. There was discussion on forest fires and who could be responsible. Towns are required to set aside in a fund a certain amount in case there is a forest fire. Karen asked how it would affect insurance. Trevor explained that we are rated as a 10 and it would not affect that. He said we had a vision of getting to a 9. Karen asked how we could help in an effort to keep the fire department. Trevor and Norm felt it would not happen. The department was started in 1968. Dan said they had the same issue way back in 1990's. There are so many changes. Trevor feels it is in the best interest of the town right now to find other options. Topsfield had the same problem and 6 months ago signed a contract with Princeton. Dan thanked them for their service.

6. Other Business.

Brenda said that Erica would like to have a backup hard drive for the safety of another backup for the website. It will cost about \$50.00. Dan has a zip drive and will try to use it.

Scott asked about burial plots. He has gotten some requests.

Dan asked Sandy if she found her lost key. She said she did.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 a.m.