

Town of Cooper
Select Board Meeting Agenda
Saturday, March 19, 2016
8:00 A.M.

Meeting opened at 8:14 AM

Dan made the motion to open the meeting at 8:14 AM; 2nd by John All in favor

Present: John Viselli, Brenda Gove, Dan Ackley, Rae Ackley, Danny Sullivan, Karen Holmes, Joanne McMahan, Norm Howe and Sandy Lyon

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

Treasurer's warrant was approved and signed. Report was accepted on collected excise tax from the tax collector.

2. Previous meeting minutes – March 5, 2016

Dan read the agenda and the two motions made for the March 5 meeting.

Dan made the motion to accept the minutes as written; 2nd by John with all in favor

3. School Board Representative

Karen gave a report for the school board.

It was noted that Cooper presently has 16 children in various schools.

4. Danny Sullivan
Technology Conference

Danny Sullivan spoke on community broadband and internet in Cooper. He would like to attend the 2016 Technology Conference on May 5, 2016, at Augusta Civic Center in Augusta. The cost of the conference is \$75.00.

Dan made the motion to have Danny attend the conference with the town backing him in his endeavors; 2nd by John with all in favor

5. Community Center and Grange
Cleaning and storage

There was discussion on the situation with the community center and the grange upstairs and how to approach working on the related problems. Karen submitted a summation report taken from the professional air quality testing done by CES.

The town hired CES to do this report last October. It was decided to block the upstairs with plastic for now and use the downstairs and stairwell for the time being. Dan will put plastic up blocking the upstairs before Saturday. CCCF and volunteers will be cleaning next Saturday to get ready for the Special Town Meeting. The stairwell will be cleaned so it can be used for storage. John suggested possibly using spray foam around the bottom of the walls to block access for rodents and other wild animals to the inside of the building.

Dan made the motion to have John get in touch with someone who does this and get a quote; 2nd by Brenda with all in favor

Dan made a motion to find out what is in the account for building renovation and to get a new quote on having the foundation work done; 2nd by Brenda with all in favor

At this time, it looks like there is approximately \$8,500 in this account.

6. Town Office Flag
Mill Stone

John will look into getting a light for the flag. There will be an effort made to do the mill stone base for the flag pole and get the light up at the same time and complete this project.

7. Other Business

Rae would like to have a debit card for the checking account.

Dan made the motion to get a debit card for the account with the expiration date of when the treasurer's term ends; 2nd by John with all in favor

Rae is considering becoming a notary

John made the motion that Rae take the class required to become a notary; 2nd by Brenda

Dan abstained from voting

Sandy received information on unclaimed property that could be available to Cooper residents. She would like select board approval to send out postcards to people in town on her list to notify them of this unclaimed property.

Dan made the motion to let Sandy send out post cards; 2nd by John with all in favor

Sandy also spoke about the voting equipment and computers previously provided by the government which they will discontinue. The government will replace the "Help America Vote Equipment." A system needs to be in place by November.

Sandy would like the board to consider using the Alexander clerk as her backup person for DAVE. DAVE is database application of vital events. The board will consider this.

Joanne gave a report for the Cooper Community Center Friends/CCCF. She said they had cleaned up and taken away the Christmas tree. They have packed all the totes and will put them away when they have a clean spot to put them. Right now they are under tables, but there isn't room for all of them. CCCF will do refreshments for the Special Town Meeting. The CCCF will begin on the third Saturday in April having an open house and/or activities. During the third Saturday of each month from April until the building closure for winter, they plan on meeting and having an event for adults and children. A basket making workshop is being planned for May.

Dan made the motion to go into executive session (MRSA 405(6)(A); 2nd by John with all in favor

Dan made the motion to come out of executive session and return to regular session ; 2nd by John with all in favor

Dan made the motion to adjourn at 12:17; 2nd by Brenda with all in favor

Adjourned at 12:17