

Cooper Select Board Meeting
April 17, 2014
Held at the Cooper Town Office

Attending: Dan Ackley, Daniel Ackley, John Viselli, Ann Marie Flood, Ronnie Flood, Karen Holmes, Laurie Pike, Amanda Donaghy, Sandy Lyon, Robert Smith, Scott Jamieson, Lenny Dodge

Starting time: 6:45 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Public Comment guidelines were adopted, we are using MMA guidelines. See separate copy attached.

Agenda Item 1A: Public Comments

- Scott needs a new mop. Sandy will send him a letter he can use at Johnson's where we have an account.
- Bob Smith asked about what goes on with the plowing of his road. Bob said that it was not done this year. Bob felt the contract was reneged on, and he asked for \$1,500 for plowing himself out. Ronnie was asked by Select Board if he plowed. Ronnie answered that he tried, but it became impossible to plow. An amount for that section of road was not itemized in the general contract. Bob still wants to know if he can be paid for plowing his own road. Dan asked if Bob called any Select Board members? Bob said yes, he called Dan. Dan said he did not talk to Bob about the road. Ann Marie asked if she could speak, and was recognized. She said the first step for the town to hire a contractor is for the contractor to provide the contractor's liability insurance which we send to MMA. Bob feels that as a disabled veteran, he is allowed. Ann Marie stated that we are required to follow this process to provide proof of insurance. Bob then spoke about an event that happened several years ago. He has video tape and threatened a lawsuit. Dan said for Bob to do what he needs to do. Bob said he thought Dan hired his son. He would like to be "hired" on the board. John said the board will take Bob's comments under advisement. Dan made a second. All agreed. The motion passed.
- Lenny asked if others were being paid for the plowing their own roads this winter. Dan answered. He knew David Lee had a bulldozer and had insurance. Dan said Bob needed to call the Select Board if the road was ever blocked again. Brown will be paid this time, but not again, the next time Bob needs to call the Select Board.

Agenda Item 2: Friends of Community Center asked to speak – Because they want to ask for the 3rd party request for their insurance. They also want to talk about insulation. Some of their members have ideas. The Easter party will be on Saturday. Not sure about outdoor activities, depends on the weather. Probably the ground is still going to be too wet? Scott said he thought it would be wet.

Agenda Item 3: Joanne requests that the wood on the area by the stairs be delayed until the Select Board look her floor plans. Joanne wants to have the stairs enclosed closer to the steps, making an area for an elevator. Dan and John told Joanne that they thought it would be years down the road before there would be a need for an elevator. Also the wall could be moved at some future point. Further discussion was that a stair-chair would be more cost effective. Not at this time, however.

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Agenda Item 4: School Board – Karen Holmes said she felt it a good way to start off, for the new members of the School Board to be introduced: Mary Dunn, Karen & Michelle McVicar. Karen brought the paperwork that they receive every two weeks. The School Board sees it as the Select Board signs it. Karen will bring it in so that the Select Board can see it. They will be meeting with Supt. here on April 28. They will continue to periodically meet here. Karen explained all the schools that we have students going to and where the Cooper bus goes.

Agenda Item 5: Paperwork for Machias Savings Bank has been done; Town clerk Sandy will be put on with the Treasurer Amanda to be able to sign checks. Discussion also included the logistics of how to set office hours and how to schedule appointments.

Agenda Item 6: All third party requests were approved for the amounts listed in the Town report. The amount totaled \$2150. Alice asked if there was any money left over; could they (Friends of Community Center) request some other funds later in the year? Dan told her the Select Board uses those funds for other third party requests throughout the year.

- Catholic Charities, Calais, ME branch \$150
- Washington Hancock Community Agency, \$500
- American Red Cross, \$200
- Cathance Lake Association \$100
- Friends of the Cooper Community Center \$500
- Community Health & Counseling Services \$50
- Washington Co. Children's Program \$400
- Lifeflight Foundation, no amount listed \$150
- MPBN \$100

Agenda Item 7: Town website – Ann Marie has received notice that Erica renewed the website. John will talk to Micah about it being turned over to the Town.

Agenda Item 8: Planning Board needed a new member and John Viselli agreed to re-join. ACO – Heron Weston said they are still interested in working with Cooper. Larry Colarusso has again requested back pay: Ann Marie will investigate.

Agenda Item 9: Ann Marie asked John to review the FOAA request. Refusal is not an option.

Agenda Item 10: General Assistance reimbursement forms were filled out after the public left.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Select Board meeting will be Thursday May 1, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.