

Cooper Select Board Meeting
May 15, 2014
Held at the Cooper Town Office

Attending: Dan Ackley, Daniel W. Ackley, Amanda Donaghy, Laurie Pike, Scott Jamieson, Danny Sullivan
Micah Perkins, Bill Kridder Sr., Karen Holmes, Sandy Lyon

Starting time: 6:45 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Treasurer's warrant was reviewed and signed.

Agenda Item 2: Bill said the cemeteries are in terrible shape this spring, especially the Perkins Cemetery; he would like them (Select Board) to come look the cemetery with him. Bill described the damage from the winter storms. There is a large maple tree down on a fence at the Perkins cemetery. Dan asked Scott if he had a full day's worth of chipping ready yet? Scott said that the chipper may be needed for at least two days. Dan asked Bill if he can get the brush ready and they will chip it when the chipper is rented. What does Bill normally do with brush? Bill said they make a neat pile in the back of the cemetery. They do pick up all the plastic stuff. Now there is a tree that needs to be cut. Bill and his son can handle it, most of it, for probably \$500 to get the damage cleared. At least put a dent in it. Dan agreed that he will go to look at it. The camp road is another area that needs to have chipping done. Then Danny was asked if the Camp Road residents want to share the chipper when it is in Town. Danny said he will talk to David at Johnson's about it. Bill also asked if they could get a load of gravel for one of the roads going to the cemetery. Dan will get together with Bill, before Wednesday, to go look at the road.

Motion: to pay Bill Kridder and Bill Jr. up to \$500 for the clean up the cemeteries. Motion passed

Agenda Item 3: Danny Sullivan wants to give us an update: Fair Point wants to run DSL in Cooper. They are the 4th ones interested. Micah was also contacted by Fair Point. Danny said Fair Point would need to run fiber optic up to the DSL boxes, and then run DSL down to the homes. It would give us a fiber optic backbone. Laurie asked Danny some questions about DSL. He said it is not the best thing, but Danny feels it is a good idea. Then he read a letter that he would like to have the Select Board sign, if we agree it is good for the Town, and print it on Town letterhead. Axiom Technologies is still having issues, we are not confident in them at this point. Discussion of our options followed. Danny feels that Susan at Axiom will fight this. Fair Point wants this to enhance their network, not because they love Cooper. Danny feels that a letter coming from the Select Board carries a lot more weight. He asked that the letter be sent return receipt requested. Dan Ackley said he would sign, in spite of how he feels about Fair Point. The Select Board members are the ones to get this going. Then Micah asked what can everyone else do? Be supportive as the project goes ahead. Danny told us about his last trip to Augusta to collect FOAA paperwork, and the results.

The Select Board will sign.

Agenda Item 4: Sandy gave a summary of the meeting with Julie Renaud Evans from Northern Forest held on May 13. Free land sounds good, but there is a chance that it may cost us later on. Sandy said that John felt it was worth a warrant article for the Summer meeting. More on the proposal will be discussed later. Dan and Daniel said that if it is a conservation area, it is open to the public whether we are involved or not. Scott pointed out it will cost in the future, and Julie will not say who is behind it.

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Agenda Item 5: Friends have painted the floor and it looks great! Dan Ackley said he called Alice to tell her it looked wonderful. Danny and Alice are willing to purchase the leftover unopened gallons of paint at cost for their basement. Scott will paint the floor at the base of the stairs with the partial can.

Motion: That we let them buy the gallons at cost. Motion passed

Agenda Item 6: There is room in the bathroom to put a cabinet 18" or so deep. Dan and Daniel will look and see what they have. It was agreed to do this to move the paint and supplies out of the kitchen and into a nice locked cabinet in the bathroom.

Agenda Item 6: FOAA – Sandy has 4 signed forms, and reminded everyone who needs to do this within 120 days of being elected.

Agenda Item 7: June 10, is a Primary Election. July 14 is the Annual Summer Meeting; Warrant needs to be posted by July 7th. We need to work on wording for the articles especially article 11. It was agreed to focus on this at the Next Select Board meeting. A list of possible articles: Trevor needs a budget for the Fire Dept., Road Commissioner article, a highway budget to include Plowing cost, road maintenance, how much is received from the state. Sandy agreed to do sample wording to help the Select Board with the Warrant. It will be ready for June 5 meeting. We short sheeted Brenda by \$1,000 because we did not add the assessing money, so we need to fix that too.

Agenda Item 8: Dan said they have been seeking estimates for some roads. Wayne Spear was asked by Cherryfield Foods to approach the town about widening the Grove Pond Road. Cherryfield Foods paid for it, and had 2 three foot culverts put in. Dan had them sign a waiver that the town would not assume responsibility for any damage. The work is already done, but from Rt. 191 to just beyond Vladimir's is pretty rough. Dan said we have enough work that if Ronnie wants to work there is plenty for him to do. Scott told about ditching on East Ridge road that David Lee never did to the contract specs. Dan is expecting prices from the contractors. Dan asked for a report from Amanda that shows what the warrant raised and what was actually spent. Amanda said she will try to do that. Dan thanked Scott for pulling out the brush. It looks a lot better. Scott pointed out that it is the first year a major section of that road did not let go.

Agenda Item 9: ACO (Animal Control Officer) Dan is waiting, but the UT is still figuring out how they would word a contract with us, or if it should be 3 years or 5. They provide the training, uniform, and truck.

Agenda Item 10: The Grange asked to donate a flag to the Town last year. We just need a Flag Pole. Sandy asked if she could purchase a flag pole? She was advised to just be sure to check on wind gust resistance, and we will put it away from trees. We also need to Supplies for office, and ink for Sandy and Karen.

Approved

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Agenda Item 11: Tax collector Laurie said she doesn't intend to come to Select Board meetings and stay unless they need her to. Laurie asked to discuss office hours again. The first meeting in May was extremely busy and chaotic, and now she has had a complaint. It was too much chaos. She proposes that we have different hours. It is not easy to work in that situation without making mistakes. Dan has never liked the fact that there is an overlap of office time with the meeting time. Laurie would like her hours to be 4:30 to 6:30 on the same days. Sandy's hours stay the same. Keep Select Board meeting time the same.

All Agreed

Laurie knows which things she is responsible for and she will do what she is aware of as being her responsibility. She is not interested in taking on anything extra. Dan said he is currently working on some paperwork for Judy Doore. It is important for the Select Board to be doing Worker's Ccmp, PC and all of that paperwork.

Laurie said her money will be turned over to Amanda. Laurie asked about paperwork to be done when a new tax collector is appointed. Sandy found it in the Manual, Laurie will talk to Ann Marie about doing the paperwork with her.

Agenda Item 12: Amanda spoke about the reports that she has learned to do. Spread sheets are what the Select Board is recommended to do by James Wadman's office. Sandy offered to help the Select Board get started and it was agreed to meet for a workshop on Spreadsheets on May 31, 8:00 a.m. Amanda needs a resolution in place for her to pay the bus driver. Sandy will do a letter of resolution and provide it to Amanda for next Select Board meeting.

Agenda Item 13: Dan check about Town ownership of the Website.

Agenda Item 14: Mail was discussed. MMA Mail goes to the town office address which goes to Sandy's house. We eventually need a locking mail box, but only when someone can check it regularly. If you want mail directly, use your home address.

Agenda Item 15: New business Scott would like to have the granite moved to the front of the office and arranged. Also, can he work for a couple hours on town beach?

Both were approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Select Board meeting will be Thursday June 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Karen Holmes will act as Deputy for Sandy and take the minutes at that meeting.