

Cooper Select Board Meeting
October 16, 2014
Held at the Cooper Town Office

Attending: Daniel Ackley, John Viselli, Amanda Donaghy, Laurie Pike, Sandy Lyon, Bill Kridder Sr., Karen Holmes: Alice Sullivan and Kathy Hull for part of the meeting.

Starting time: 6:40 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Treasurer's warrant was reviewed and signed. September's bank statements were reviewed. Amanda is still having problems with only one signature on a payroll slip. The Select Board decided that Scott needs to have Ronnie sign when there are hours related to road work because Ronnie is the only one who is aware of his hours when road work is done.

Agenda Item 2: Laurie spoke to the Select Board about the progress with collecting past due taxes. Laurie has spoken to MMA about some of the past due taxes: not all can be collected, we waited too long. Then she spoke about the check for past due taxes that was received on a property about a year and a half ago, which was not cashed: we should have cashed it. Now we have to include the amounts for the cost of the lien. John said he would talk to Dawn (a sister of the deceased who owned the property) about paying the past due taxes. John will also talk to our lawyer, Jade about checking on any other past due amounts on that property.

There was another property that Laurie had put a lien on, but they had actually paid on time. It was through an escrow account. The cost of the lien will need to be absorbed by the Town.

Agenda Item 3: Amanda said the snow plow contract specifies the second day after the first Select Board meeting of the month. Ann Marie said that it is usually issued on the fourth day of each month. Select Board agreed on to having it be on the fourth of each month. The contract was amended to say this.

Agenda Item 4: Amanda has contacted Wanese about coming, but she it out until the 20th. Amanda will contact us with a date. It will probably be on a week day, and Amanda will let us know as soon as she knows.

Agenda Item 5: Karen gave an update for the School board– she has a copy of the concerns people brought up during the Saturday meeting. She is aware of what they are interested in and will be looking with more scrutiny. Karen has not heard about any progress on a new superintendent. Lots of information is coming in. Daniel asked a question about the sharing of the school bus – originally Meddybemps was going to share 50% of everything. Karen said we will need to decide what we want to do when the bus is paid off – it will belong to Cooper.

Agenda Item 6: Alice Sullivan came in to ask about using the building on Oct 23, 24, and 25 for the Friends Halloween party. They would also like to use it on the 15th of November. That is for Quilting, with Sue Martell. They hope to do it monthly. Sandy will send Liz Trouant's contact information to Alice if they decide to go with anyone else in the future. There will not be quilting in the winter, since the building is not insulated.

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Agenda Item 7: Kathy Hull is applying for a \$40,000 grant with Machias Saving's bank; she is walking it in tomorrow. Karen said there was a huge amount of work that Kathy had put in to doing the grant. Kathy thanked Karen for being the proofreader. A letter of support was signed by town officials and Daniel will take it to Dan to Sign in the morning, and then get it back to Kathy. John reviewed each page of the grant. Kathy thanked us all for the support.

Kathy thinks we will organize a committee in the spring.

Agenda Item 8: John said that the Monday hearing meeting is for the planning board to present the Town with an ordinance that has to do with shore lands. Birch Point Development has approached the Town, Jay Hanes and his lawyer came to a Saturday Planning Board meeting to talk to them (planning board member). There are no disagreements, they have agreed to the Town's request for an open land area down near the bridges. It will also have Public parking for access to the lake/streams.

During the discussion of the hearing and the process that is involved to pass an ordinance, Sandy looked in the Town Meeting and Election manual: it states that we need to have absentee ballots if the vote is by secret ballot. We don't have the time to do a secret ballot before Nov. 4th Election, it looks like we should have a Special Town Meeting instead. A possibility was Nov. 17th. That can be decided on Monday Oct. 20 when we have the hearing.

Agenda Item 9: There will be an East-West Highway meeting soon, but we do not have the information on it yet. Karen is on the mailing list, she will let us know if she hears anything.

Agenda Item 10: No recent mail or other business.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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