

Minutes for the Select Board Meeting on June 19, 2014

Present at the meeting: Select Board Members Dan Ackley and John Viiselli; Scott Jamieson; Karen Holmes; Kathleen Hull and Joanne McMahon present regarding Community Center Energy Grant; Peter Trouant present for WCEMSA (Downeast Ambulance); Town Treasurer Amanda Donaghy present for warrant; Ronnie Flood; Scott Jamieson; Karen Holmes; Tax Collector Laurie Pike acting as Town Clerk to document minutes of this meeting for Sandra. (Meeting began at 6:45 pm and ended at 8:30 pm).

Absent: Town Clerk, Sandra Lyon and Select Board Member, Daniel Ackley

1. The Treasurer's Warrant was completed.
2. The Tax Collector provided update of property taxes paid in June of 2014; remaining unpaid property taxes for 2013-2014 tax year; and list of 30 day notices. Notices will be mailed certified with return receipt on Saturday, 6/21/14. The postal cost to mail 39 notices at \$6.49 is \$253.11 and postage amount was provided to Tax Collector, Laurie Pike to send the notices.
3. Kathleen Hull spoke to the Select Board regarding her past request for approval to contact an energy auditor to get recommendations to reduce or improve energy usage at the Community Center. The cost to have the energy audit is \$250. The Select Board agreed that Kathleen could contact energy auditor, Matt Damon of Penobscot High Performance at 991-2100. Kathleen Hull will provide Matt Damon with contact cell number 952-1577 for Select Board Member, Daniel Ackley for any building facility questions. Once results of energy audit are received, Friends of the Community Center will utilize the information to seek a warrant article for the summer meeting to see if the Town of Cooper would be willing to commit to match funds for the energy upgrades for the Cooper Community Center.
4. At Sandra's request, Laurie Pike inquired about when the MMA Loss Management Visit would be held. Dan Ackley stated that Daniel Ackley has made contact to request the visit but no date has yet been set to his knowledge and Daniel is not present at the meeting today to provide us with any additional information.
5. Karen Holmes provided the Select Board with AOS 90 insurance information for the bus. Dan asked that Sandra scan the document and forward.
6. No additional "Freedom of Access Act" documents were turned in tonight.
7. Pete Trouant, Secretary of WCEMSA (Downeast Ambulance) spoke to the Select board about the agenda for agency board meetings on the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm at Meddybemps Community Center. Each town has a representative and an alternate on the board and the board is seeking a representative and alternate for the Town of Cooper. Dan Ackley stated that he would act as the representative and John Viselli agreed to be the alternate until other willing representatives can be identified for these positions.
8. The Select Board combined the next two agenda items: Emergency Management Director and Stipend for Fire Chief. Ronnie stated that Trevor Flood was interested in doing the Emergency Management

Director Position along with his position as Fire Chief but he would like to be paid a stipend for Fire Chief. Trevor is not present at the meeting today and there is no information available about the amount of a stipend that would be acceptable to him so the Select Board will take this matter under advisement and discuss this further with Trevor.

9. Mail was reviewed and information regarding free seminar sponsored by the Washington County Council of Governments at the University of Maine called “Brownsfield Property Transactions and Redevelopment: A focus of Downeast Maine” was provided to anyone interested in attending. The Town has a tax acquired brownfield site near the Cooper and Meddybemps town line and may benefit from obtaining this information.
10. Telephone message from Catherine of Eastern Area Agency on Aging inquiring about any approved donation to help with cost for services provided to Cooper residents was discussed with the Select Board and approval was made to provide the agency with \$150. This agency was not listed at the town meeting but funds are still available so a donation will be made in the amount of \$150.
11. Select Board reviewed the draft articles being written for the July 14 meeting. Laurie Pike documented changes made by the Select Board to the draft articles but numerous numbers pertaining to funds are still missing from the document and still need to be finalized. The updated draft will be provided to Sandra to review on Saturday, 6/21/14.
12. During discussion of warrant articles for maintenance of highways and bridges and winter maintenance, Dan Ackley requested total plowing costs including any increase from Ronnie Flood to assume responsibility for entire job. Ronnie was not prepared to give an amount today and Laurie Pike asked him to provide the amounts to Sandra ASAP to enable her to finish typing the warrant articles with approval from the select board. A disagreement ensued between Ronnie and the Select Board about the amount of funds raised to complete jobs; the actual cost of the jobs; funds being given to outside providers; funds used for emergencies for some jobs but not utilized as emergencies for other jobs. Dan stated that he has asked Ronnie to come to the Select Board meeting four times to solicit pricing from him and still there is no information with the summer meeting approaching. Ronnie stated that every time a new select board is elected, they spend a bunch of money on the roads and just make it worse. The tone of the discussion continued to be heated and Ronnie threatened to leave several times. Dan asked him to stay and continue to discuss the matter. Ronnie stated that he didn’t like the insinuations coming out of Dan’s “F**king” face and then he left the meeting and did not return. Dan stated that they have not bid out the jobs but have gotten cost estimates to complete jobs to get some numbers since Ronnie has not provided them with numbers. John state that jobs haven’t been bid out in deference to Ronnie but decision can’t be made about recommending funds to the town if Ronnie won’t provide the amounts he requires to do the jobs.
13. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Laurie Pike, as Deputy to the Clerk