

Cooper Select Board Meeting
September 18 , 2014
Held at the Cooper Town Office

Attending: Trevor Flood, Ronnie Flood, Daniel Ackley, John Viselli, Amanda Donaghy, Laurie Pike, Karen Holmes, Scott Jamieson, Sandy Lyon

Starting time: 6:38 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 2: Snow removal contract – a statement about the Salt fund was added, and the contract was signed.

Agenda Item 3: School board report – Karen brought a MSBA school board handbook to keep here in the Town office. Karen talked to Barry McLaughlin about the report that was in last March's Town Report: it did all happen. She has gone on the state website to see the information it shows about the amount of money it costs for each school to educate a child until graduation. Karen said that WA (Washington Academy) actually does not put much of a strain on the Town budget. Trevor said he likes what they do when there is a (financial) cap. Karen asked Trevor if he knew who she should talk to with her questions. Trevor recommended that Karen call Jim Underwood. Karen will continue to check for primary residency to be sure we do not pay for students who are not our responsibility.

Agenda Item 4: The remainder of the Fire Dept. check (minus payroll expenses) was issued tonight.

Agenda Item 5: Amanda spoke about the Audit review – the Select Board will take it home to read, and we will discuss next meeting. We will send our questions to Amanda who will get answers for us.

A discussion followed of factors that affect the Town budget including FEMA money that must be spent by the Town before we can apply for reimbursement.

Amanda explained how the process works if we do not have the Audit back by August 31. Amanda and Sandy did their part last June; all we can do now is wait.

Agenda Item 6: Arline Flood came in to ask for food donations for the Supper to be held as a benefit for the Fire Dept. on Sept. 27 at 5:00 p.m. Several people signed up to bring something.

Agenda Item 7: Recent mail – The animal control officer (ACO) training is being held in October, but we don't need to worry about it because of the agreement with the Washington County Territories to share their ACO.

On the topic of cemeteries in Cooper: the need to form a cemetery committee was discussed. Sandy has information from other Towns about how they formed their Cemetery policies and ordinances. Sandy will share as soon as a committee is formed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Select Board meeting will be Thursday October 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.