

Cooper Select Board's Meeting  
Dec. 6, 2012  
Held at the Grange Hall

Attending: Ann Marie Flood, Sandy Lyon, Donna Timpe, Timmy Ketchen, Karen Holmes, Joanne McMahon, John Viselli, Micah Perkins

Starting time: 6:39 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Ann Marie received a tax payment from someone other than the taxpayer, who has passed away. The property had been foreclosed on for a couple of years, and there is a question of heirs. Micah thinks we should reject the check since it does not include the total of all back taxes and accrued interest. They were offered the option a year ago to pay the back amount, and did not do it. Donna asked if we can have a letter made up that details all that is owed the Town, and mail it to them. Micah agreed. The letter will state that we intend to deed the property to them *after* the amounts are paid. Ann Marie will give Micah the total amount and he will get an attorney to do a quick claim deed, on two properties. The question was asked if we should we ask for a check or payment before we pay an attorney? We need to give them the amount, plus include the attorney fees. Micah will see an attorney. We will waive the interest and fees associated with the liens. Sandy was asked to keep a copy of the letter on the computer in case we need it again in the future. Ann Marie offered to do the letter, since she knows the amounts owed.

Agenda Item 2: Donna saw a lady from MMA, Judy Door. Micah had also talked to her. She is requesting copies of the snow plow contracts. Sandy pulled out the file; she has the Town's copies. Sandy said she can provide them, Donna said they will let Sandy know if that is needed. Sandy mentioned a concern that there was no reply from Chris McCormick on the Vining Road Contract, even though it had been two weeks. Then John produced the copies of the contract from Chris McCormick, he had them. However, Chris wants to strike the sanding of the road requirement. Sandy produced last year's contract, and it was exactly the same, just the year was changed. Select Board discussed our current options. It was decided to sign the contract, and consider options for the future. Sandy will mail one back to Chris and keep one on file.

Agenda Item 3: The status of the Loan was discussed. We are all set; Shawn Day has transferred the additional money into the checking account from the previous account. It is there now Ann Marie said. Micah went to VL Tamaro about picking up the propane, but the tanks are still there. Ann Marie has received some bills, but they have not been paid yet. A rough estimate was that about \$21,000 is already spent. Timmy asked questions about what the Select Board wants him to do next. The kitchen will be functional. Discussion of who gets keys, and to which doors, followed.

Agenda Item 4: Joann McMahon asked permission to speak to the Select Board tonight. But she changed her mind, and wants to talk about something else. She wants to know why the decision was made for the building committee not to meet? Joanne said that it was her opinion that we were given the mandate to talk about events, and we need to have the meetings. Joanne thinks it would only be 2 or 3 people attending, and there would be only 3 meetings before Town meeting anyway. Discussion continued for quite some time with Joanne and Karen both expressing their disappointment that the building committee meetings were not going to be held for December and January. Sandy apologized if

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they got the wrong impression. The reasons not meet were based on the need to focus on moving into the office once it is finished, and that there is not an immediate need to plan activities or events until construction is finished.

Agenda Item 5: John said Jim Slowe is sending a bill and a permit. Ann Marie already knows about this. Then the final bill for Lord's well drilling is \$1500, mostly for the water pump.

Agenda Item 6: Ann Marie has a couple of bills for the Select Board, one is from the Kridders. The bills were reviewed and discussed. It was decided to pay for the materials and the time. The Select Board voted on whether or not to pay for the gas: 3 voted against. Ann Marie will pay the bill as agreed upon.

Agenda Item 7: The Alexander Grange & friends of the Grange Community party has requested funding from the Town of Cooper. Our children have benefited from their parties for many years, this is the first request for a donation. It was decided to use the third party funds left over from the March Town Meeting to fund this: \$100 was voted on. All three voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next Select Board Meeting week will be Jan. 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

The next Building Committee meeting will be the Second Monday of February, for the purpose of writing a letter for the Annual Town Report about the Town office construction.