

Cooper Select Board's Meeting
February 26, 2012
Held at the Grange Hall

Attending: Donna Timpe, John Viselli, Micah Perkins, Karen Holmes, Joanne McMahon, Scott Jamieson, Sandy Lyon, Ronnie Flood, Jessie Timpe

Starting time: 6:35 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Joanne showed the building drawings she had made, with the changes added to them. John also drew some sketches, and got some quotes from Viking Lumber and others. John has gathered some good quotes, a very good quote from David Lee for installing the septic system. Discussion of the various options followed. On March 15th, from 7-9:00 p.m. will be the public meeting with the Town to show the options we have and the price tag. Sandy also showed the newest Schiavi plans, read what it included and the cost. It was emailed to the Select Board list before this meeting; Sandy said they would all be able to review it. The group consensus was to continue to work toward a stick built option that meets our needs. Sandy will let Schiavi know we are not interested. Micah will get more information on the municipal loan process, and the very low interest rate was discussed.

Ann Marie will be sending out postcards to let residents know when we are meeting at the Cathance Grange Hall/Cooper Community Center **to conduct Town business**. Residents will be required to wait until those hours, and we will not be meeting at our homes. We will carry in/carry out our materials for now.

Agenda Item 2: Micah brought his laptop to show the new Town website. Erica was the person who worked to put it up for us. The URL is <http://coopermaine.weebly.com> . Everyone thought it looked very professional, and will definitely help us to communicate better.

Agenda Item 3: Sandy ordered the pens that will have the name of the Town and our website on them. We will sell them for \$2 each as a fund raiser for the building.

Agenda Item 4: A review of the minutes of the last Cathance Grange Hall/Cooper Community Center meeting. On Monday February 13th the meeting was canceled due to illness and members not being available. The review included Sandy showing the signs we will put up and the guidelines for anyone who uses the facility to follow. They were agreed on and accepted without revision, but may be revised as needed in the future.

Agenda Item 5: Sandy explained the GA (General Assistance) survey was the Dept. of Human Services way to audit the Town of Cooper to see if we are in compliance with current law. Sandy called the office and filled out the survey with Dept. Health & Human Services input. The signs about GA were updated and are posted outside the Hall and the Fire Dept. Sandy gave folders with the new MMA's 5 page application and instruction for completing it to each of the Select Board members. A folder for Ann Marie was given to Ronnie.

Agenda Item 6: Donna and Micah discussed having the Select Board meetings once a month instead of twice a month. Micah wondered if we needed to make it an article in the town warrant, but he was told that we have the ability to set our own meeting schedule, as long as it is published to allow it to be a

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public meeting. Discussion of time commitments, schedules, and other towns that meet once a month, followed. It was agreed to change to once a month and additional meetings as needed. These can now be published on the Town Web site.

Agenda Item 7: Micah received a weapon permit request: any negative information on the resident who applied for this concealed weapon permit? There is no reason to deny permit. It was signed and Sandy will mail it with a copy of the letter requesting that the State provide this service to Cooper Town residents.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The Next Select Board meeting will be Thursday March 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday March 12th at 6:30 p.m. is the next Building Committee meeting.

Public meeting to present ideas for Town Office will be Thursday March 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.