

Cooper Select Board's Meeting

March 2, 2012

Make-up Meeting for March 1st (canceled due to weather) Held at the Grange Hall

Attending: Sandy Lyon, Donna Timpe, Ann Marie Flood, Karen Holmes, John Viselli, Dave Timpe, Joanne McMahon, Scott Jamieson, Micah Perkins

Starting time: 6:35 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 2: The Town Report & Warrant were reviewed and finalized. While reviewing the Warrant, Joanne McMahon brought up a question about the possibility of including an article for the library. She was asked to report on how previous funds were spent. It was decided that the issue should be considered at another time.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion of the proposed addition and the drawing of the addition. Joanne wanted to re-draw it, but John said remember that we will be fine tuning. We are presenting the results of all ideas, and all points of view. It is important that we remain flexible.

Agenda Item 4: The pens that we ordered to sell for \$2 each as a fundraiser for the building are here! They have the Town web site's URL imprinted on them. The box was opened and Sandy passed out pens to those who wanted them for themselves or to sell.

Agenda Item 5: A discussion followed of the Tax Assessor's Agent, Brenda Gove, and current expectations. It is firmly believed that she should have a contract with us. It was surprising to hear that she had a contract which none of the Select Board had a copy of. Brenda will be sending a copy. It was decided to let her know that the Select Board will do the contract, and negotiate with her. Donna has been in contact with Brenda and Donna will share the discussion with Brenda. Donna did call Brenda while we were meeting and relayed answers to some of the Board's questions.

Agenda Item 6: The MMA slide show on roads deserves more time than we have, and Ronnie is not here, so we will view it another night. We will focus on one issue at a time.

Agenda Item 7: Ann Marie & Sandy were asked what they envision for a town office. They shared ideas on space and usage. The current uses of the archival storage facility in Alexander, which we paid some of the cost of construction for, were discussed. Sandy helped former Tax collector Hilda Crosby move two car-loads of materials to place in secure storage there. It is climate and humidity controlled. Some historical facts of the Town and past residents were shared.

Agenda Item 8: Micah read the letter from MMA about tax acquired property. Executive session was discussed, but it was decided that not naming names would be sufficient. Discussion of the quit-claim deed process, and we will look to MMA for more information. It was decided that Micah will contact David Fletcher to see about this being done, to get it finished quicker and to be sure we do all legally.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting next week will be with the Cathance Grange Hall/Cooper Community Center committee on Monday March 12th at 6:30 p.m. to plan for the March 15th public meeting.