

Cooper Select Board Meeting

Oct. 20, 2011

Held at the Grange Hall

Attending: Donna Timpe, Micah Perkins, John Viselli, Karen Holmes, Joanne McMahon, Danny Sullivan, Stewart Shortwell, Anne Marie Flood, Chris McCormick, Dave and Michelle McVicar

Starting Time: 6:37 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 2: Micah brought paperwork from the state on the weapon permit agreement. The selectmen looked it over and signed it. Maine State police will administer handgun permits for the Town of Cooper.

Agenda Item 3: Donna told the board and those attending that the Alexander Grange has a propane heater for sale for the amount of \$50.00. Selectmen discussed the possibility of having someone from Tamaro look at it for us. Micah said he thought the person looking at our situation from Tamaro could do this. He will look into this.

Agenda Item 4: Micah also brought a survey from the Federal Government. It was decided to do at a later date when Sandy Lyon would be at the meeting, as she would have needed information to complete the survey.

Agenda Item 5: Danny Sullivan and Stewart Shortwell spoke to the selectmen about High Speed for Cooper. Danny explained that we may have a good shot at getting fiber. He has spoken with a Pioneer Technician working in the Princeton area. Fiber is being run from Princeton to another area with fiber. Danny thinks if Cooper residents show a unified need and desire, that a survey from the town residents, sent to Connect Maine, could be possible. Pioneer needs profits within a five year window, as fiber is expensive. However it is the best way to go. Danny and Stewart have done a lot of research in this matter and with help from Connect Me. We could feasibly get this off the ground. Danny said he would have a website completed within a

week or so, with a survey and also a survey that could be mailed out to town residents. Discussion followed. We all appreciated the time and effort put into this by Danny and Stewart. They also will start a committee to continue this exploration.

Agenda Item 6: The Selectmen met in Executive Session.

Agenda Item 7: Karen Holmes went over the grant process. She explained how the process with the CDBG grant would work and what we would need to do within a time a certain time frame. Discussion followed with much interest. Karen also stated the Dan Ackley is sending the Spot Blight paper to a Code Enforcement Officer, which is part of the grant we are applying for. John Viselli said his son Anthony, is an engineer. We need one to help with plans on the building work. John said Anthony could help us. The select board decided we would meet at 5:30 on November 3rd to discuss this more in depth.

Agenda Item 8: Micah said the two month payment from the phone company, could be as soon as next month. Rojean will be attending the select board's 2nd meeting in November. Joanne McMahan said her phone has been off Since the Previous Sunday. Karen Holmes has been not working also. Micah said the box by Dead Stream is being worked on, and this was probably the problem.

Agenda Item 9: Joanne McMahan submitted a letter asking for the installation of the signs to be place under the jurisdiction of the Town. Select board thought that was a good idea. She also showed everyone a proposal that involved the signs. She had made a diagram of what could be placed on the back of both signs. It would be opened and have posters placed to show current events and activities going on at the Grange/Community Center.

Agenda Item 10: Chris McCormick came at the end to discuss the plowing contract for the Vining Road. Selectmen discussed this with Chris. He will come back on November 3rd Select board meeting, after finding further information on his insurance. Sandy Lyon will redo the contract with current date and language including Chris sanding the road when it is extremely dangerous.

The next meeting will be on November 3rd. Judy East will be attending.