

Town of Knox  
Selectmen's Meeting  
January 27, 2014

Present: 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman Jeffrey Stevens, 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectman William Johnson, Town Clerk Carol Wentworth, CEO David Schofield

Meeting called to order at 6:15PM.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting were approved 3-0.

David Schofield, CEO, was present to discuss the preliminary FEMA Floodplain maps. The town has 90 days to address any of the revisions that are proposed. A disc and paperwork was given to the Board for review. David and Board members plan on meeting at the town office on Saturday, February 1 to go over the maps.

After discussion, the Board voted to allow the Cemetery Committee to start the process of matching names to cemetery lots on the town maps. A \$1500 maximum was set for now and would continue as funds allow.

David Schofield will repair a kennel for Scott Holmes, ACO, and return it to him as soon as possible.

A discussion with David was held concerning trash issues and cleanup on properties in town. For serious action it needs to be a health issue and a court order is almost always required.

David also reported that he is working on a disclaimer issue for occupancy permits. The Board also discussed that 2015 will bring major changes in the permitting process for towns.

Kristin Collins spoke to Carol and said that January 27, 2014 would be 30 days since she wrote to a delinquent taxpayer with a proposed signed payment agreement and there has been no response. The Board voted to have Kristin Collins pursue collection. Carol will notify Kristin.

The Board signed one abatement form due to a computer error in assessment.

Carol reported that she sent out sixteen informal reminder letters to taxpayers and their mortgage holders about impending 2011 foreclosures. Certified notices will be mailed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February and foreclosure date has been set for March 22, 2014. Carol also gave the board members printouts of eight properties that taxes are unpaid for the years of 2008 to present. These have already gone through the foreclosure notice procedure by the town, but the town has not taken possession of the properties. It was noted by the Board that further action will be taken concerning these properties in the spring.

The Game Loft was given permission to collect signatures on a petition at the town meeting if they would like to do so. They may have to be outside due to space constrictions.

The Board reviewed correspondence received. Galen asked that a petition be placed on the counter for Curravale Farms to be on the town warrant as they were last year.

Carol gave board members copies of last year's warrant articles so they could start working on the 2014 budget.

William reported that the State of Maine is working toward having all towns process their General Assistance forms on line.

The Board decided to change oil companies from Maine Energy to Haskell Oil. Joyce Thompson has asked that her property assessment be reviewed. The auditor, Keel Hood, needs to return to finish the audit. The report will be available to be included in this year's town report. A discussion was held about expenses incurred for the maintenance of the winter roads this year.

Warrant reviewed and signed by the Board.

Motion and voted 3-0 to adjourn at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Wentworth  
Town Clerk of Knox