

Town of Knox
Selectmen's Meeting
February 10, 2014

Present: 1st Selectmen Galen Larrabee, 3rd Selectmen William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Wentworth

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM.

The minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting were accepted with a vote of 2-0. Carol reported that she has had three people pay their 2011 taxes in full and two more have made partial payments. One mortgage holder has also contacted her re payment.

Carol spoke to Kristin Collins on January 31, 2014 and told her the Board voted to pursue collection of personal property taxes from the delinquent taxpayer. She will file the paperwork and said that the court now charges a \$300 to \$400 filing fee.

One abatement was given for 2013 due to a small correction in square footage. Galen will contact another taxpayer about their application which has been denied by the Board.

An information meeting will be held February 22 at 11AM or February 26 at 6:30PM, according to filing deadlines with the Republican Journal. This is to discuss the \$10,000 grant the town received for a project that would benefit all residents of the town. An expansion of the town office has been suggested for the use of the monies.

Galen said that Mike Thibodeau has agreed to moderate the town meeting. Galen will confirm it with him shortly before March 14.

The town has changed oil companies from Maine Energy to Haskell Oil.

The Board requested that the auditor be contacted for a date to finish the 2013 audit.

Galen said that he and David Schofield looked at the FEMA Floodplain maps and discovered that HalfMoon Stream is not included. David will contact the appropriate people at FEMA about this.

Dale Rowley, Waldo County EMA director, sent the town an update and said that MEMA has reduced the damage estimate from \$646,403 to \$14,846. Dale believes that the FEMA representative made some errors in his determination.

The Board reviewed that CEO disclaimer for new building codes that David Schofield, CEO, has submitted. The town received their revised schedule for GAT effective January 1, 2014 from PERC. The town has received their Radio Station Authorization that will expire on March 8, 2024. MMA sent the town their annual notice of Member Dues and Service Program. Maine Farmland Trust sent a letter of thanks for the town's

2013 contribution. Thomas Reuters has requested information for the 2014 filing of business personal property taxes.

Clean up day for Brown & White Goods needs to be scheduled with Sullivan's Waste Disposal. The Board would like to have it the last of April or first part of May.

Eastern Mapping needs to be contacted for the annual tax map update.

Carol reported that she has received from the Department of Animal Welfare copies of rabies vaccinations for dogs in Knox that we have no record of and wanted direction from the Board as to what to do with them. The Board directed her to hand them over to the ACO for further investigation. The Board also agreed to purchase the ACO new gloves and to cover medical costs due to an incident with a cat he was handling for the town.

Galen signed the 2014 contract with the Humane Society, Waterville Area.

The Bureau of Elections has asked for a report on Accessibility Compliance since a 2004 survey was done on all voting places. Galen said that the town took the corrective measures and should be in compliance.

The DEP has requested that their annual municipal solid waste management and recycling report be completed.

MMA has asked that a 2013 Local Government Finance survey be completed and returned to them by March 7, 2014.

The Board okayed the purchase of a new phone and plan for the First Selectman. His current phone and plan do not have satisfactory coverage.

The Board worked on the budget and articles for the March town meeting.

William said that the State will be issuing ID's for General Assistance clients at some time in the future.

The warrant was reviewed and signed.

Motion and voted 2-0 to adjourn at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Wentworth
Town Clerk