

Town of Knox
Selectmen's Meeting
March 10, 2014

Present: 1st Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2nd Selectman Jeffrey Stevens (arrived at 7:00PM), Third Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Wentworth, Planning Board Chair Mark Chadwick, Planning Board Member Jacob Bryant, Thomas Berry, Travis Price, Hans Schmidt and Basil Wentworth

Meeting called to order by Galen at 6:10PM.

The minutes of the February 24, 2014 were reviewed and accepted with a vote of 2-0.

It was noted that Richard Mozeleski has resigned from the Planning Board effective March 6, 2014. Mark Chadwick is the new Chair of the Board. The Planning Board presented a Building Permit Process Proposal that they have been working on. The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Planning Board again after reviewing the proposal. It was noted that the Planning Board is down to two members from a board of five. Mark brought up the matter of a municipal officer voting if the two remaining members could not agree. This would only be in place until more members are appointed to the Planning Board. Further research will be done on the issue. It was discussed placing the Permit Process proposal on a town meeting warrant after the final review.

Tom Berry presented a complaint concerning the residents of 121 Kenney Road. He said that unsanitary practices were taking place as well as the neighborhood was unhappy with the amount of campers and other junk/debris on the property. He felt it devalued their properties. The Board said that the Health Office would be contacted and it should be reported to DHHS.

Travis Price inquired about the status of the town office renovation project and offered his assistance in the energy conservation part of the plan.

Hans Schmidt presented an alternate sketch and a list with suggested changes for the renovation of the office. He will do some work on it before submitting it.

Basil Wentworth requested the wording of the \$10,000 grant given by the Gibson's. He was given copies of the documents.

No action from Kelly & Collins on the Personal Property tax account #112. The taxpayer was present and inquired about making an agreement on the issue with the Board. He was told that the matter was being handled by Kristin Collins of Kelly & Collins now and he needed to contact her to discuss the matter.

No response as of yet from Keel Hood re the 2013 audit completion.

John Miller of Eastern Mapping has been to the office to work on the 2014 Tax Map update.

The Board has signed the agreement with the DOT re the Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay project.

Jeffrey & William attended the UARRC Directors meeting on March 6 in Thorndike. The UARRC manager has resigned and a part-time manager is to be hired with considerable savings. The Town of Brooks is in the process of withdrawal from the center. Single stream recycling and other issues are being discussed. Kip Penney, our representative, has submitted an annual report that will be given as a handout with the town reports.

The Municipal Review Committee's Resolution deadline had been extended to March 14. Galen thought it only applied to first tier Charter Municipalities and Knox is not one of them. A video about MRC and the 2018 planning process is available for the public to view.

Jacob Bryant and the Board discussed the town owned property at the bottom of Payson Hill. It was given to the town with a covenant that it be forever wild. A town meeting vote would probably be necessary to officially accept it before any action could be taken concerning it. There is also a possible issue with it being the site of a protected species.

Carol reported that seven properties still do not have their 2011 taxes paid. Foreclosure date is March 22. Two parties did not accept their certified mailings. Carol will send copies of the notice by regular mail on Tuesday the 11th.

The Board voted 3-0 to accept the Democratic Nomination List of Election Clerks that was submitted.

William will attend an advanced General Assistance workshop on March 21.

Correspondence received as follows: Corrected Class Action Settlement paperwork for Bank of America and GE was received. The DEP annual municipal solid waste and recycling report is due April 30. The MRC is holding a meeting on March 12. Notice of a Foreclosure Complaint recording was received on property located at 142 Belfast Road. The Spirit of America Foundation would like the town to pick a 2014 recipient to be honored at a Selectmen's meeting in April of 2014. A Traffic Signals Workshop is being held on March 25 by the Local Roads Center. Efficiency Maine Trust has sent a proposed PACE ordinance for interested communities. A Drug & Alcohol Testing Seminar is being held on March 21 in Bangor. Maine Revenue Services needs the Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement Application filed by June 1, 2014. Maine Revenue Services sent the Preliminary 2014 State Valuation paperwork for the Board to review. The proposed 2015 State Valuation Notice will be sent by certified mail by September 30, 2014.

The Warrant was reviewed and it was agreed by the Board members to sign it in the morning after clarification of one item by the Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM with a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Wentworth
Town Clerk