

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 28, 2014

Present were 1st Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2nd Selectman Jeffrey Stevens, 3rd Selectman William Ingraham, Deputy Clerk Dorrit Emerson, School Board member Garrett Hubbard.

Galen Larrabee called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

The minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting were approved as written with a vote of 3-0.

Garrett Hubbard addressed the Selectmen regarding the new school budget revision. Because of changes in the State and Local cost – sharing, the local share will be \$73,700 less than originally anticipated this year. Garrett also gave the selectmen information about the “EPS tutorial” that is being held on May 6, 2014.

The Selectmen reviewed the Quitclaim deed for account #308. The deed will now be sent to the Register of Deeds to be recorded.

The selectmen read the notice from RWC about the upcoming applications of herbicides on the railway beds. The selectmen asked the deputy clerk to post the notice at the office; either on the bulletin board or in the window

The selectmen briefly discussed the registration form for the CMA/CAT exam. They all agreed that no one would be attending this year.

Jerry Sullivan asked, by phone message, to meet with the selectmen about future clean-up days. Jerry had mentioned that things have changed we the Town of Knox had formulated the list for clean-up day and that more things can be accepted. Galen asked the deputy clerk to call Mr. Sullivan and ask if he would be available to come to the next selectmen's meeting on May 12, 2014 to go over the list.

Galen told the other 2 selectmen that Todd Garnett had been in to talk to him just before the selectmen's meeting. Todd said that he had talked to other snowplow contractors and that the other contactors had gotten extra monies from their towns because of the severity and duration of this past winter. Todd also told Galen that he was still ‘on the fence’ about renewing his contract for the upcoming year (2015 – 2016). Jeffrey made a motion to give Todd \$3,000.00 if he stays on through next year; and if he did not stay, he would not get the money. William made a motion to give Todd \$3,000.00 now and to give him the other \$1,000.00 if he stays on. Galen made the motion to give Todd \$4,000.00 now and the other \$1,000.00 later. William agreed that the \$4,000.00 would be okay. He said that Todd had done a good job and there had not been any complaints. William seconded Galen's motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote. Galen mentioned that he had talked with Derek and he said that he might still be interested. The price of putting up sand was also discussed.

The Selectmen will be meeting with The CEO David Schofield and Planning Board Chairman Mark Chadwick to clarify the process of the building permits. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29, 2014 at 6:00 pm

The selectmen went through the proposals for the grant money from Marshall and Ruth Gibson. The three selectmen went through the list and decided which items should have top priority and which would benefit the majority of the townspeople.

1. Upgrade computer systems
2. Building upgrades
3. Office design upgrades
4. Fire safe file cabinets
5. Digital sign

Galen asked Dorrit Emerson to finalize the numbers on the cost of the computer upgrade. The selectmen will try to get the final numbers together (of not more than \$10,000.00) so that they will be able to have a final proposal ready to set the date for the special town meeting.

William had questions about what cemetery work had been done. Galen suggested it be discussed with David Schofield at their meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Jeffrey asked where the Town was regarding the foreclosure list and if the selectmen needed to go visit everyone on that list. Galen said that he had seen some of the people, and that it is a hard thing to do. Right now he does not think there is any good news, although he has one person who will do some town work to help pay his back taxes. Galen has talked to five or six of those in danger of losing their property due to foreclosure. The selectmen would like to get together for a couple hours and meet with the rest of those people in danger of foreclosure.

The selectmen noticed that there was more money left in the Plowing Account than they thought there should be. Galen will ask the Treasurer about it.

The selectmen discussed the care of the town cemeteries. It was decided that David Schofield and William Ingraham would continue to mow the cemeteries that they had care for last year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeffrey Stevens and seconded by William Ingraham. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with a 3-0 vote

Respectfully submitted,

Dorrit Emerson, deputy Clerk

