

Town of Knox
Selectmen's Meeting
July 14, 2014

Present: 1st Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2nd Selectman Jeffrey Stevens, 3rd Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Wentworth, Treasurer Dorrit Emerson and CEO David Schofield

Meeting called to order at 6:20PM by Galen Larrabee.

The minutes of the June 23, 2014 were accepted as written by a vote of 3-0 as amended. (Sandra Hubbard name corrected to Sandra Hayden.)

David Schofield, CEO, reported that the owner of 464 Kenney Road is not cooperating with the request for cleanup of his property. He has a letter drafted that he would like the town attorney to review. He also reported that the owner of 121 Kenney Road has been slow in the cleanup of that property. The Board voted 3-0 to support the cleanup of both properties. The Board and David also discussed the property at 120 Frye Mountain Road. A FedEx driver has notified the town that he will no longer deliver to the property. David will see a relative about the possible public health issue. A property located at 75 Shibles Road is also being monitored by David for cleanup issues.

Carol gave the board a list of foreclosed properties. The Board agreed to pursue putting them out to bid. A legal notice needs to be drawn up for each one. We also have a list of interested parties that want to be notified. An August 1st deadline for payment was set by the Board.

The Board marked their ballot for elections to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Ryan Vines of Belfast Computers will be contacted to set a date for the setup of the computers. The office insulation work is almost complete. The fireproof file cabinets were delivered and set up. Dorrit has almost completed the painting of the office area.

There is one vacancy on the Appeals Board and one on the Recycle Committee. Sandra Hayden is not confirmed for the Planning Board and this will be checked on.

Changes will be made to the 2013 letter for the sand pile bid: Galen's new cell #, the number of yards to be 4000 and the sand to be delivered anytime after August 1. Letters are to be sent to: FC Work, Todd Garnett, Derek Larrabee and Tom Berry.

The town has received a copy of the Flood Risk Datasets and Products (DVD) developed by FEMA that are for planning purposes only. The preliminary flood maps have been published in the Federal Register. The Chief Elected Official of the town will receive a notice from FEMA concerning the maps and the approximate start date of the appeals period within a few weeks.

The Waldo County Incident Management Support Agreement has been signed by the Board and will be on file here at the town office.

A list has been sent to Curravale Farms with ten individuals' names eligible to receive the free produce. A letter was also sent to the individuals and to Peter Curra.

The Brooks Selectmen (Arthur Butler and Darren Meheuren) came to the meeting to discuss renewing their contract with the Town of Knox. A four percent increase per year for three years was discussed and agreed upon. It was also discussed adding a clause that the Town of Knox would pay any additional bills that might be incurred if a non mutual aid town should respond and charge for the service. Brooks inquired if Knox was considering having its own small fire department. Our selectmen and fire committee feel it is too cost prohibitive. These agreements are needed for Thorndike and Freedom, also. The dry hydrant issue was also discussed. The Brooks Fire Department had sent a certified letter concerning the status of them. The Knox Ridge hydrant needs to be tested by the Thorndike Fire Department. The hydrant at Tom Berry's should be functioning. Mac Wentworth's, Tom Piersiak's, Bob Piersiak's and the Flat Road hydrants need to be worked on.

The 30-Day notice for the 2013 tax liens has a deadline of August 23, 2014. It was voted to start the process the week of July 22. Ninety-five accounts are presently unpaid.

Coral Furrow, our oldest citizen, has passed away. The Board members plus Dorrit and Carol signed a card of sympathy to be sent to her son, Royce Furrow, on behalf of the family. Marjorie Larrabee is now our oldest citizen. A plaque will be ordered to present to Marjorie on August 3rd.

The County Tax Property Growth Factor form has to be returned no later than October 17th.

The LRAP (Local Road Assistance) form needs to be completed and returned by August 1st in order to receive payment.

The DEP annual report on municipal solid waste and recycling (which was due 04-30-2014) still needs to be completed.

The Maine Revenue Services application for Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement was due 06-01-2014.

Galen received a call concerning the 2014 Knox Spirit of America award. The Board discussed possible nominees.

There is a Managing FOAA Requests workshop in Pittsfield on July 23. Property Tax School will be held in Belfast August 4-8. Dorrit will be attending Payroll class in Augusta on July 15. Carol and Dorrit will both be taking Truck Training at the BMV in

Augusta on July 17. Carol and Dorrit were given permission to attend a Vital Records workshop in Bangor on August 20.

Correspondence received as follows: PERC 3rd quarter tipping fee is \$77.00 per ton. The Town of Lincoln has an Electronics Communications Policy that could be revised for the Town of Knox to adopt. Memos from MMA and Governor LePage concerning General Assistance were given to William. RSU# sent out the July 14 agenda. Hans Schmidt gave the board information on tankless water heaters. DOT left emergency contact numbers for road work on 220. Dig Safe confirmation paperwork was given to Dorrit. The MMA memo re Dig Safe does not apply to Knox. QMO left information on a web based mapping service. The LPC memo was not applicable to the town. The certification paperwork has been taken care of by David Schofield, CEO.

Personnel paperwork was reviewed.

The Board reviewed the Exp/Rev Summary Report and signed the Warrant.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Wentworth
Town Clerk of Knox