

Town of Knox
Selectmen's Meeting
July 28, 2014

Present: 1st Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2nd Selectman Jeffrey Stevens, 3rd Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Wentworth, Treasurer Dorrit Emerson and residents Todd Garnett, Derek Larrabee, Travis Price, Hans Schmidt

Meeting called to order by Galen Larrabee at 6:05PM.

The minutes of the 07-14-2014 meeting were accepted as written with a correction of the spelling of FC Work by a vote of 3-0.

Derek Larrabee gave a status report on the town road work. The road work over all was more than expected and he just wanted the board to be aware of the situation. Work was done on the Knox Station Road, a section of the Old County Road and a section of the Aborn Hill Road.

The Sand Pile bids need to be in by August 1, 2014. They will be opened at the August 11 meeting.

Travis Price reported that the office insulation work is done. The insulation to the ceiling was increased with the consent of Galen, so the costs were a little higher than expected. The board discussed some needed repairs in the furnace room, the oil tank addition, the damaged corner of the office building and the front door. Travis agreed to take care of them. Hans Schmidt had suggestions for cost savings for hot water consumption which included an On Demand Hot Water Heater. Shelving concerns are being addressed by Carol and Dorrit. Dorrit will track fuel use and savings for comparison later. Dorrit has pictures for documentation to be sent to the Grantor of the monies.

Travis Price was appointed to the Appeals Board by a vote of 3-0. Sandra Hayden has decided to not join the Planning Board. The Board appointed Robert Wlodyka to the Planning Board by a vote of 3-0.

Dale Rowley, County EMA Director, emailed the town that the projected end of the appeal period for the FEMA flood maps will be approximately November 5.

The fire department contracts are on hold at this time until wording has been resolved with all parties.

George Russell, Fire Chief of Thorndike, reported that the fire hydrant on Route 220 is broken. Derek Larrabee has agreed to repair the hydrant. The other hydrants in need of repair will be addressed one at a time. George also expressed interest in the ACO position.

A discussion was held on the status of foreclosed properties. Some monies are coming in and decisions need to be made on each individual property shortly.

The oldest citizen is Knox is now Marjorie Larrabee. The Boston Post Cane will be presented to her on August 3, 2014 by town officials.

The DEP annual report is still pending. The Maine Revenue Services Report will be filled out with Homestead information at the time of tax billing for 2014. Carol was directed to send the LRAP certification. The County Tax Property Growth Factor report is due 10-17-2014.

Belfast Computers will be here August 4 to set up the new computer system. We will hold a work session the evening of July 31st to prepare for the changeover. The town web site will be set up after the computers are all set. Minutes of the selectmen's meeting minutes will be on the website. An email system notifying residents of town events, etc. will also be instituted in the future.

The 30-Day notices for 2013 taxes will be mailed by July 31, 2014.

Correspondence was reviewed by the board. It was discussed that a training session needs to be held for the Planning and Appeals board. The Waldo County Humane Society will be holding a rabies clinic here on December 6 from 9-11AM. This will be free to all county residents. Information from MRC and PERC about the changes coming for 2018 needs to be reviewed by the board members.

Dan Whittier of MMA Risk Management Services was here to do a site visit. A report will be sent to the office.

The board cast the MMA ballot for election of vice president and executive committee members.

Dorrit and Carol did attend the BMV Truck Training classes. The town is on probation until November and then authorization for truck registrations will be reviewed.

Dorrit received permission to set up a Gmail account so that all office computers have access to all emails.

Selectmen reviewed the Treasurer's report and signed the warrant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Wentworth
Town Clerk of Knox