

Town of Knox

Selectmen's Meeting

August 25, 2014

Present: 1st Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2nd Selectman Jeffrey Stevens, 3rd Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Wentworth, Treasurer Dorrit Emerson, Planning Board member Jacob Bryant

Meeting called to order at 6:15PM by Galen.

Minutes of August 11, 2014 meeting accepted as written by a vote of 2-0. (Jeff Stevens arrived after minutes accepted.)

The taxpayer of Account #317 was sent a letter on August 12th by Carol with a payment arrangement offer for her 2012 taxes. We have not received any response.

Dorrit was able to resolve the motor vehicle printer issue. We have had a couple of small glitches, but overall the new computers are working well.

Galen will fill out the DOT Local road Assistance paperwork on Tuesday so that it can be mailed back.

The board has consulted with MMA Legal and with the town's attorney, Kelly & Collins, concerning the wording of the town's fire department contracts. The board decided that they would contact the Brooks selectmen and set up another meeting with them. The contracts expire February 28, 2015.

Derek Larrabee is expected to do some fire hydrant repair work by the end of the month.

Quit Claim deeds and Transfer Tax forms were signed by the Board for Accounts #466-485-553-591 for payments of back taxes. A Bill of Sale and Transfer Tax form for Account of #581 was signed by the Board. An abatement was signed for Account #581 for 2014 taxes because the town had already foreclosed on it. A payment plan was set up for Account #586 and regular payments are being made. A payment has been made on Account #464 and the Selectmen directed the office staff to set up a payment plan for them. The Board will address the non-payment on Account #523.

The 2014 tax bills were mailed.

The winter sand pile is complete. The Board still needs to meet with the contractor.

David Schofield, CEO, sent two Notices of Violation. The 121 Kenney Road property owner has until August 30, 2014 to comply. The 464 Kenney Road property owner has been issued an official warning of land use violations.

Dorrit as Treasurer was directed by the Board to redeem the funds in the Aborn Perpetual Care Fund. The WI Services Company has instituted a new policy that assesses an annual fee of \$20.00 and this would eventually deplete the account.

The board cast their ballot for the 2015 Waldo County Budget Committee.

Carol & Dorrit will be training on the EDRS website. Dorrit will be attending a Trio Budgetary class on September 11 in Bangor. The MCRPC and the MRRRA will be holding workshops.

MMA would like to have a Cemetery Survey completed. The Town received a dividend payment from MMA Risk Management Services. Carol gave the Board copies of the coverage adjustments for the renewal coverage from MMA Property & Casualty Pool. The Town received the assessment notice for July from MMA. MRC sent the notice for 2nd quarter tipping fees. The Planning Board noted that an issue had come up in issuing a permit, but Jacob Bryant said that it was resolved. The Waldo County Commissioners have changed their regular monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. They also emailed a copy of their last meeting minutes.

Accounting procedures were discussed. Excise tax revenues are up from last year at this point. The Roads and Bridges account might be over budget this year due to an oversight on the cost of roadside mowing. There also needs to be some tarring over culverts and road grading.

The Board agreed to have the office staff change the office hours on a three month trial basis.

Jack Larrabee was given permission to mow in the back of the town office.

Travis Price and Hans Schmidt are to bring in an estimate of the cost of repairs to the town office including a front door.

A few more items need to be cleaned up and put in the roll-off dumpster at the 4 Curra Road property.

Warrant signed by the Board.

Motion to Adjourn and voted 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Wentworth, Town Clerk