

Town of Knox

Selectmen's Meeting – September 22, 2014

Present: 1st Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2nd Selectman Jeffrey Stevens (arrived mid-meeting), 3rd Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Wentworth, Treasurer Dorrit Emerson and Derek Larrabee

Meeting called to order at 6:15PM.

Minutes of September 8, 2014 meeting were accepted as written by a vote of 2-0.

Derek Larrabee was present to discuss his billing for town road work. He was also asked to do repairs on the town's fire hydrants at Tom Piersiak's on the Webb road, the Flat Road and the one on Route 220. Other hydrant repairs will be addressed at a later date.

The town has had no response from letters requesting signatures for tax transfer forms to be filed at the registry. The board directed that the original check be cancelled and individual checks be issued once the signatures are acquired. Carol also said that she does not have a current mailing address for Account #555. The Board directed Carol to notify the taxpayer of Account #586 that he needs to make the final payment on his 2011 taxes. Account #464 taxpayer had contacted Galen and will be requested again to set up a payment plan for his delinquent taxes. The Board is working on the non-payment issue with Account #523.

The Board signed the 2013 Certificate of Settlement for Tax Collector Carol Wentworth.

Taxpayer of Acct #537 has been told by William that the town does not have a current mailing address for his tax bill. Galen will research Acct #130 concerning the acreage question. After a vote of 2-0, the Board signed an abatement for PP Acct #28 due to the fact that the taxpayer did not receive an exemption that he was entitled to. Carol was directed to contact PP Acct #128 that an abatement for the 2014 taxes was approved by the Board, but the town would like payment of their past due taxes for 2011, 2012 and 2013. Dorrit will check the computer data base to complete the 2014 Municipal Valuation Return which is due by November 1, 2014.

Galen completed the Maine Revenue Sales Analysis Return and it has been mailed.

Copies of MMA's Geoff Herman's recommendations from the September 10 Planning/Appeals Board training session were given to the Board of Selectmen for review. He put forward the possibility of amending the building ordinance at town meeting along with other suggestions. It was noted that the CEO had the office staff remove the guideline pages in the building permit applications. They will be kept on file.

The Board reviewed the insurance property updates from Marshall & Swift. The hearse will not be insured this year, but a town meeting article will be included on this issue for March 2015. The tax acquired properties that have been sold or deeded back to the previous owner need to be taken off the policy.

No action taken on the 2014 Spirit of America Tribute.

No action taken on the Unity Barn Raisers Day of Service request.

The County Tax Property Growth Factor form needs to be returned to the County by October 17.

A copy of the proposed fire contract with Brooks was given to Matt Shaw, Fire Chief. Galen will also talk to Dale Rowley, County EMA director, before any further action is taken.

The FEMA Floodplain Map appeal period will be ending on approximately November 5. The Board needs to connect with the CEO on the status of this. The CEO needs to be contacted about the status of Notice of Violation matters on the Kenney Road.

Carol was directed to contact Kristin Collins on the status of the PP Accrt#112.

Galen will speak with Matt Shaw and Dale Rowley on the status of the generator grant.

Carol was directed to contact Acct #540 property owner about a final payment on the 2013 taxes.

Little River Vet has contacted the town office with a concern over the welfare of two of our citizens and their animals. They have spoken to the ACO. Dorrit said that a family member's name is on their deed and Little River Vet will be directed to them if they contact the town again.

It was noted that Travis Price still has a meeting room key due to the fact that he plans to do some repair work in the building.

The Board agreed to purchase a fax machine for the office.

No action taken on the Maine Stream Crossing and Dam Inventory 2013.

Oaths for the three new appointments to the Planning board/Appeals Board have not been taken.

Dorrit will be taking a web class for Trio Check Reconciliation. Dorrit and Carol will be attending a Motor Vehicle workshop in Bucksport in the afternoon of October 23. A Local Roads Center session will be held October 9 at the Thorndike Town Office.

Unitel sent a notice by certified mail that they would be doing tree trimming. A notice was included to be posted at the office. The Maine Forest Service Grant paperwork has been given to Matt Shaw. Account #317 has requested that the Board reassess her property. The town received the August report from the MMA Unemployment Fund. No action was taken on the MRC Nomination form. CMP sent a Dig Safe notice to the town. The Historical Society will be given the pictures sent by Katherine Gaudet. Waldo County Municipal Association will be meeting October 2, 2014 to discuss economic development. The Board signed voting credential paperwork for Galen at the MMA Business Meeting.

The Treasurer advised the Board of Selectmen that the Road and Bridges account will be over budget by paying the bills on the warrant. The Selectmen said that they would assume responsibility for the overdraft and to have such noted in the minutes of the meeting. The warrant was reviewed and signed by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Wentworth, Town Clerk