

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 10-13-2014

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

Meeting called to order at 6:15PM.

Minutes of September 22, 2014 meeting were accepted with a vote of 3-0.

Foreclosure tax issues were handled as follows: Taxpayer for account #586 needs to make a final payment on the 2011 taxes. Jeffrey has spoken to the party that payment has to be made. Taxpayer for account #464 needs to set up a payment plan for the 2011 taxes. Galen will contact the party. William spoke to the taxpayer of account #523 that action needs to be taken on his past due taxes from 2008 on.

David Schofield, CEO, met with the Board at 6:25PM. The property at 121 Kenney Road has been cleaned up to a good degree and is somewhat satisfactory for now. The property at 464 Kenney Road still has vehicles parked on the side of the road and this is a safety issue. The landowner is not willing to cooperate with the CEO. David said that the town will need an 80K ruling from the court to get permission for the town to act and move the vehicles. The Board directed the CEO to pursue the legal path to rectify the problem. The CEO also noted that there is a likely health issue at the residence.

David Schofield, CEO, also reported on the status of the FEMA Floodplain maps. There will be no changes in the appeal process. David has attended all the meetings during this process. We will be receiving updated maps around July 2015.

PP account #128 taxpayer has requested additional abatements for the years 2011, 2012 & 2013. The board will need to research this issue before finalizing the 2014 abatement granted.

Carol called Kristin Collins on September 25, 2014 concerning the status of PP account #112. The Town received a judgment in their favor on May 21, 2014. The protocol is to wait a while after the judgment to see if the party pays. The next step is a Writ of Execution which asks the judge to force the judgment. A Disclosure Hearing is then held in which the taxpayer is required to attend and the judge determines how much and when the party has to pay. The board agreed to take the next step and have Kristin Collins represent the town in pursuing the matter in court.

The taxpayer for account #540 was sent a letter on October 1, 2014 stating that the tax payment was overdue. No response from the party. The taxpayer of account #P26 has emailed the town for clarification on their assessed value and the BETE application. The Board will look into the matter. The taxpayer of account #73 was given abatements for the tax years 2012, 2013 and 2014 due to an acreage assessment error by the town. The board voted to do so by a vote of 3-0.

The 2014 Municipal Valuation Return has to be completed by November 1, 2014. The County Tax Property Growth Factor form is due by October 17, 2014. The Board will try to work on this as soon as possible. The 2014 Tree Growth Roster needs to be updated and returned as soon as possible. The due date was September 19, but we only received the email last week.

The town received an Action Plan from MMA Risk Management Services that needs to be responded to. They are requesting an estimated/actual completion date for five issues. The Board will address the issue.

The trailer at 4 Curra Road can be taken off the town's insurance policy. The properties at 289 Shibles Road (Should be 293), 1630 Bailey Road, 85 Shibles Road and 61 Shibles Road can be taken off the insurance as soon as the deeds are back from the Registry. A Quit-Claim deed was signed for the property at 7 Penney Lane. After the paperwork is filed with the Registry, it will be taken off the insurance policy. The town still owns the property at 317 Shibles Road, 1275 Bailey Road and 105 Lilac Lane due to foreclosure. The Hearse Building, Salt/Sand Shed and the Town Office are also listed. Carol called MMA and reported that the antique hearse would not be insured this year. The town will put the issue on the warrant at the annual town meeting.

Galen reported that he has spoken to Dale Rowley, County EMA Director, and consulted with MMA Legal concerning our proposed fire protection contract. The dates need to be corrected. The terms of the contract should run an April 1 to March 31 year. The board said that there would be an article on the annual town meeting warrant regarding the contract. Our current contract states that it ends February 28, 2015. The town fire hydrants still need to be repaired.

Galen spoke to Dale Rowley about the Generator grant. He said there has been an extension, but he expects that the town will eventually receive the generator. The Board, Carol and Dorrit signed the letter of appreciation to the Gibson's for the \$10,000 grant the town received.

Dorrit and Carol will be attending the Motor Vehicle Fall Workshop in Bucksport in the afternoon of October 23. Galen and Mark Chadwick plan to attend the MCRPC Fall Commission Meeting on October 23. There is a Trio web class on tax liens scheduled on Tuesday morning of November 11 that Carol & Dorrit plan to access.

It was reported that the Stop sign at the end of the Morse Road needs to be replaced.

Tom Piersiak has requested that the Kelsey Cemetery fencing be completed within two weeks or the town could face legal action. According to the wording of the deed of October 5, 2011, the town had one year to mark the cemetery.

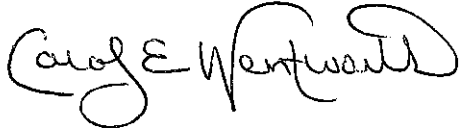
The Unity Foundation sent a letter concerning the grant funding to build new fiber to the home broadband networks in our region. They will be offering free classes and offering low or no cost devices to the local community. Maine GeoLibrary sent a letter introducing their Orthoimagery acquisition program. Maine Resource Recovery Association sent an e-mail saying they are conducting an online survey about Municipal Solid Waste. RSU 3 sent copies of the Board of Directors agendas. Maine Audubon is conducting a 2014 Stream-Smart Road Crossing Field Training Workshop November 20 in Bangor. MMA has sent its 2014-2015 Municipal Directory. Healthy Maine Partnership based at Waldo County General Hospital is conducting a statewide survey researching walkability and access to physical activity. Maine Revenue Services has set the proposed 2015 State Valuation for Knox at \$52,800,000. Documents received from the Waldo County Probate Court are connected with account #367, Map 8 Lot 73. WCAP has sent applications for food and gift baskets for the 2014 holiday season. The MRC has sent a Member Update for the board to review. The town received a distribution plan for a municipal derivative settlement that involves account #128PP. Geoff Herman from MMA sent an e-mail as a reminder of the October 16 Waldo County Candidates' Forum. The board gave the office staff permission to update and use the extra laptop in the office. The board approved the appointment of Dorrit Emerson as the election warden for the upcoming election. The Waldo County Treasurer sent a letter of thanks for the early payment of the county assessment. The board signed a letter to

Southworth Milton stating that we no longer need to be doing business with their firm. The board okayed the advertisement and sale of old miscellaneous office equipment. The town received a flyer for election aids that will be saved for future reference. Shelving is needed for storage in the old selectmen's office.

Warrant reviewed and signed by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol E. Wentworth". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Carol E. Wentworth, Town Clerk