

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 12-22-2014

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 6:00PM by Galen Larrabee.

The minutes of December 8, 2014 were accepted as written by a vote of 2-0. (Jeffrey Stevens arrived after the vote.)

After discussion no action was taken on the abatement request for Account #P24. Carol will notify the property owner of this. Abatements for Account #58 were given for the years of 2012, 2013 and 2014 by a vote of 3-0. Carol gave the Board a listing of the remaining 2012 unpaid tax accounts.

All items requested by the insurance company for action have been completed except for the hearse house issue. We are waiting for the electrician to return and complete the work. Carol notified the insurance company of the properties that have received quit-claim deeds from the town and need to be taken off the insurance policy.

The Board reviewed two letters that the Code Enforcement Officer had sent dealing with code issues. One is just a warning letter of concern about possible code issues at properties on the Kenney Road. The other letter was sent to the property owner of 464 Kenney Road. The owner was informed that one car and one boat that were deemed to be a public safety hazard will be moved to a secure location. He will be given a chance to reclaim them.

The Kelsey Cemetery fence still needs to be completed. Herz Tree Service is doing tree trimming at the Kelsey and East Knox cemeteries.

Roadside tree work has been done on the Bailey and Morse roads. Clayton Larrabee has been contacted to do a repair job on the Knox Station road.

The website is slated to be finished in January.

Dorrit has emailed the auditor about a date for the 2014 audit. No response as of yet.

The town has received a signed fire department contract back from the Town of Thorndike.

William attended the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency meeting on dealing with local emergencies.

The town received a G-mail from the Local Roads Center. The office staff was directed to order a new DOT Standard Specification Book. The State sent a listing of 2015 Surplus Property auction Dates. It will be posted on the inner office bulletin board. It was decided to notify the Clerk's Office that we would like to continue receiving the Weekly Legislative Report by mail. Waldo County EMA sent a g-mail concerning reporting CMP damage during a storm. No action was taken on a public works survey by Public Works magazine. New England Tree Service of Jackson, Maine faxed an information sheet for his business. CMP sent a memo concerning tree work for 2015 with their arborist's contact number. It will also be posted. Galen will look at the US Census Bureau survey. Dig Safe sent an information letter with

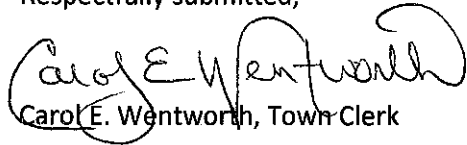
emergency phone numbers for gas companies. It will be posted also. Maine Farmland Trust sent their Winter 2014 newsletter.

Carol needed some information for the General Assistance monthly report that William will see about obtaining. A short discussion was held concerning hiring a third office staff person at some point in the future. This person would be trained with the basics of office procedures in case either of the current office staff members were unable to be in the office. BMV is reviewing the town's motor vehicle work and will consider raising our authority level at the end of February 2015. Various accounting procedures were discussed. A final 2014 meeting will be held to pay off any remaining bills. Nomination papers are available as of today, December 22, for the Second Selectman position and the School Board Director position. The filing deadline is January 31, 2015.

The Treasurer's warrant was reviewed and signed.

Motion and voted at 7:30PM to temporarily adjourn the meeting and resume it at noon on December 30, 2014 by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Carol E. Wentworth, Town Clerk