

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 01-12-2015

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Galen Larrabee.

The minutes of December 22 and 30, 2014 meeting were accepted as written by a vote of 3-0.

2012 foreclosure notices were mailed on January 9, 2015. Foreclosure date is set for February 8, 2015. A listing of the affected accounts was given to the Board. Copies of the unpaid 2014 real estate tax total and all years' unpaid personal property taxes were given to the Board. An abatement for 2013 taxes for Account #4 was signed by the Board. An abatement for 2014 taxes for Account #106 was signed by the Board. It was noted that the taxes for 2013 were paid in full for Account #540. Acct#P26 sent a check for taxes that had already been abated. It will be returned to them. Account #45 has a computer association issue that needs to be resolved. Trio has been called to assist in this matter. An abatement for Account #43 was signed by the Board.

The town is still waiting for the electrician to return and finish the requested item on the insurance action plan. He will be given a reminder call. Carol informed the Board that the town has received notice of the 2015 MMA Unemployment Compensation Fund Contribution and the 2015 MMA Workers Compensation Fund Renewal paperwork. These documents are available for the Board to review.

David Schofield, CEO, reported on December 23rd that both problem vehicles have been moved from the roadside at the 464 Kenney Road property.

The Kelsey Cemetery fence will be finished after the tree work has been completed. All parties involved have agreed to this decision.

The website is scheduled to be finalized on Thursday, January 15.

Keel Hood, town auditor, is scheduled to be at the town office on January 19 and 20.

No action on the fire department contracts.

Preparations for the 2014 town report need to begin. The Board members were each given copies of last year's town report and a budget report of actual expenses for 2014. A short discussion was held concerning the investment and expenditure of cemetery funds. William said that another town is looking into government bonds for investment purposes and felt that avenue needs to be looked into.

The Animal Housing Contract for 2015 with the Waterville Area Humane Society was signed by Galen with agreement by all board members.

The US Census Bureau sent confirmation that Galen Larrabee is the town's contact for them. They also have a voluntary survey that they would like filled out. The Maine Resource Recovery Association information will be sent to Paul McCarrier, our UARRC representative. The Waldo County Commissioners' sent an email of their latest session. It will be posted as requested. Carol gave the Board copies of MMA's Ordinance Enactment legal note. The Planning Board is working on revisions to the town's building ordinance and has requested guidance. MMA would like a survey filled out and

returned by January 16 to prepare for potential excise tax legislation. The Maine Municipal Bond Bank has issued their 2015 Spring Bond Schedule. The DEP memo regarding E-waste will also be given to Paul McCarrier. MidCoast Maine Community Action and WCAP sent letters of appreciation to the town for their financial support. The Municipal Review Committee sent a memo regarding FY16 PERC tipping fees, cash distributions and dues assessment for the Board to use as tool in budget preparation. The Winter 2015 Triad Newsletter has been received and will be posted. It was noted that the Friendly Caller Program is featured on the front page. They also sent a listing of Health & Safety Services for Waldo County. Copies will be made for hand-outs. The Unity Area Regional Recycling Center sent a letter concerning the changes at the Center is the past year. The town has received the November 2014 Standard Specifications and Standard Details books that the Selectman requested be ordered. The Town has received by certified mail the final flood hazard determination for the Town of Knox. It will become effective on July 6, 2015. Before the effective date, FEMA will send final printed copies of the FIRM and FIS report. Certain additional requirements must be met within six months from the date of this letter. These requirements need to be reviewed by the Board and discussed at the next meeting. MMA sent the 2015 Municipal Member dues and Service Program information for the Board to review.

Carol and Dorrit raised the issue of possibly moving the Selectmen's meetings to Tuesday evenings. They are already at the office until six on Tuesdays, anyway. No action taken.

The owner of 560 Belfast Road was present to discuss the property valuation. The board agreed to revisit the property on this coming Friday or sometime next week.

Treasurer's Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Meeting was adjourned by a vote of 3-0 at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Wentworth". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with the first and last letters of each word being prominent.

Carol Wentworth, Town Clerk