

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 01-26-2015

Present: 1st Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2nd Selectman Jeffrey Stevens, 3rd Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Wentworth, Treasurer Dorrit Emerson, Planning Board Chair J. Mark Chadwick, RSU3 Board Director Garret Hubbard

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM.

The minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting were accepted as written by a vote of 3-0.

The audit has been rescheduled by the auditor for March 9 & 10.

Mark Chadwick went over the Planning Board's proposed changes to the town's Building Ordinance. Discussion was held on road frontage requirements, accessory buildings, administration wording and the hiring process for the code officer/building inspector. The proposed changes are a work in progress. Carol will let Mark know of the upcoming Public Hearing date.

An updated Floodplain Management Ordinance must be adopted by July 6, 2015. David Schofield, CEO, was designated by the Board to be the town's contact person. Carol will notify the Department of Agriculture in Augusta of this information as well as the Public Hearing and Town Meeting dates. The Board set the Public Hearing date for February 23, 2015 at 6PM at the Town Office. A notice of this must be posted in the municipal office at least 13 days before the hearing. It needs to be published in the February 5th and February 12th editions of the Republican Journal. The Board members were given copies of the proposed ordinance to review. The Maine Floodplain Management Program needs the board to review the ordinance and contact them at least two weeks prior to the public hearing if they would like to make any changes.

The Fire Department contracts have been signed by Thorndike. Freedom has said their agreement will be signed and sent to us shortly. The Board members plan on attending a Brooks Selectmen's meeting to discuss the contract with them. Dorrit will call to confirm their next meeting date. An error with the dates on the front page has been corrected. The dates on the back signature page are correct.

The pending grant for a generator should have a resolution by the end of February. It could possibly be funded through another government agency.

Garret Hubbard gave the Board an update on the search for a new school superintendent. Other school issues were discussed.

Carol called Ryan Herz, electrician, on January 23, 2015 and left a voicemail asking that he let the town know when he would be able to return and finish our remaining electrical needs.

Carol gave the Board the latest update on the 2012 unpaid taxes. Foreclosure date is set for February 8, 2015. She mailed copies of the foreclosure notice by regular mail to those parties who have not picked up their certified mailings.

Carol notified the Board that she will be out of the office for six days in February. A policy was signed by the Board concerning any office closings. January 27 was predicted to be a blizzard and the office will be closed.

The town website is almost ready and looks good. The Board gave direction that it can be completed in-house, if needed; so that it can be up and running shortly.

DOT sent their 2015 Capital Paving Operation plan. Route 220 to Montville will be done in Knox. No action taken on MRPC Nomination form. The Municipal Review Committee sent a memo with the agenda for the upcoming meeting on January 28, 2015 along with their January Newsletter. It will be filed with their other documents. PERC sent a memo with the first quarter 2015 tipping fee amounts.

The Board discussed the Dedication for the 2014 Town Report. William will contact a family member about doing a write-up for it.

Dorrit has started her on-line accounting class. She asked the Board for direction on the transferring of funds between the General fund and other accounts.

The price of cemetery lots need to be clarified for the town office staff. Galen suggested that a percentage of each plot purchase go to Perpetual Care. These matters will be discussed at the next meeting.

Dorrit said that she found that no variance fee was paid when an appeal went before the Appeals Board. Variances need to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds and this involves the expenditure of town funds. Research will be done and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

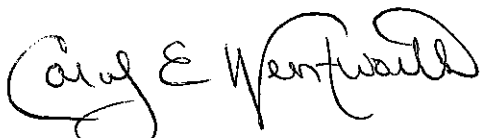
Todd Garnett, the town's snowplow contractor, stopped at the meeting and asked for the Board's input on sand usage during the potential upcoming blizzard. He was told to use his own judgment.

The Board discussed roadside tree trimming. It was decided that if the snow was of any depth, it would not be cost effective to do any at this time.

The Treasurer's Warrant was reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol E. Wentworth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carol E. Wentworth, Town Clerk