

Town of Knox

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 05-11-2015

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

Meeting called to order by Galen Larrabee at 6:25PM.

The minutes of the April 27, 2015 were accepted as written by a vote of 3-0.

No action was taken on a request for an abatement on taxes for account #527.

No word from the auditor re the 2014 audit.

The selectman confirmed that any concerns about dog issues from residents are to be turned over to the Animal Control Officer.

The town's dry hydrants will be worked on when the weather warms up. Galen has talked to Clayton Larrabee about doing the needed work.

The Board will work on specifications for the work to be done on the Flat Road and get the information to the office staff. The tentative mail date to send out bid requests is May 15. The bids will be opened at a selectmen's meeting on May 30 at 11AM. Bid request letters will be mailed to Clayton Larrabee, Derek Larrabee, F.C. Work & Sons and Tom Berry.

RSU3 will be holding their 2015-16 Public Budget Meeting on May 20, 2015 at the Mount View Elementary/Middle School Gym at 7:00PM. The Clerk and/or designee needs to be at the school by 6:15PM to register in voters from Knox and to serve as a vote counter. The board members signed the Warrants and the Notice of Elections for the RSU3 Budget Validation Referendum.

The Sand Pile bid request form was approved for mailing with 4000 yards being required and a completion date of September 30, 2015. The bid request letters will be mailed to Clayton Larrabee, Derek Larrabee, F.C. Work & Sons and Tom Berry. Bids will be opened at a selectmen's meeting on May 30, 2015 at 11:00AM.

Todd Garnett submitted his written notice that he would not be plowing the town roads for the upcoming 2015/2016 winter season. The Selectmen voted to accept his notice by a vote of 3-0. The contract wording will be worked on before it is put out to bid. The pushing back of the combings on the Webb Road and the plowing of the town office will be added to the contract.

The Board held a discussion with an abutter of code issues that are ongoing on a Kenney Road property.

The town heard back from Kristin Collins, the town's attorney, concerning the 2012 foreclosures. She advised the town to send one more certified mailing of foreclosure, a copy of the notice by first-class mail and a hand delivery of the notice if possible. A current address needs to be researched on one of the accounts. A foreclosure date will be set as 30 days from the date of notice.

Ryan Herz, electrician, needs to be reminded that he needs to turn in the key to the Hearse House. Other area electricians will be contacted to see if one can finish the needed electrical work at the office.

The CEO gave a copy of a recent plumbing inspection report that he had done. CMP sent their 2015 Property Tax Declaration. Coles Land Transportation Museum sent their 25th anniversary edition magazine. David Schofield, CEO, is drafting letters to both parties concerning the fence issue on the Old County Road. He will also have a copy of the letter for the Board. First Bank sent an offer to speak to the board about money management. Two residents on Frye Mountain Road have requested repairs on a section of the road. The Board reviewed the current law on movement of mobile homes. All committed property taxes and taxes for the current tax year that are not yet committed have to be paid in full before it can be moved. Maine Revenue Services put out a property tax bulletin on training and certification. Maine Revenue Services is holding their annual Maine Property Tax School in August in Belfast. The Municipal Review Committee sent an email concerning a public hearing on the PERC issue. RSU3 sent their May 11th agenda. Dorrit will file the Unclaimed Property Report with the State Treasurer. The town received materials on Stream-Smart Road Crossings. USA Energy Group sent correspondence concerning the PERC issue.

Dorrit discussed the transferring of funds that she is undertaking between the General Fund and the Sub-Accounts. She also discussed a few changes in bookkeeping practices which included date stamping and filing of invoices.

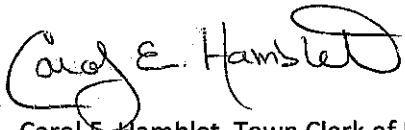
Galen has contacted F.C. Work & Sons about having the town roads graded. He has not heard back yet.

There will be no meeting on Monday, May 25 due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Treasurer's Warrant was signed by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol E. Hamblet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C".

Carol E. Hamblet, Town Clerk of Knox