Town of Knox

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 09-13-2016

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

Meeting called to order by G. Larrabee at 6:30PM.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to accept the minutes as written of August 23, August 27 & September 6, 2016 meeting and the minutes of the August 24, 2016 meeting.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to abate the taxes for Account #55 in full for the years of 2013 and 2014. No action taken abatement request for Map 3 Lot 18.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to deposit all late fees for dog licensing collected under section 3922, subsection 1 or section 3923-C, subsection 1 into the municipality's animal welfare account established in accordance with section 3945.

The owner of Account 353 has requested a breakdown of the valuation of his property located on opposite sides of the road. He also wants clarification of ownership of the corner lot as indicated on a survey done of the properties. G. Larrabee said he would research the matter and contact the owner's family member as requested.

Bessey Development Company has requested that a mapping error be corrected for Map 1 Lot 2 & Map 2 Lot 9. The Board directed that Eastern Mapping Services make this correction for the 2017 maps.

No action taken on the letter from the former CEO. The Board directed the Treasurer to pay David Schofield for 4 ½ months for his service as the CEO for 2016 for a total for \$1500.00.

The Board got copies of Eastern Maine Development Corporation's Request for Proposals for EMDC's new broadband pilot project.

The State has notified the Town that the town's General Assistance program is in compliance with the General Assistance statutes and the Dept. of Health and Human Services General Assistance policy.

The Board will consult with the town attorney on the procedure for handing a Hardship/Poverty Abatement application.

The Board directed D. Emerson to handle the InforME request at her discretion.

Press Release on Free Disposal of Banned, Unusable Pesticides Available to Maine Residents will be posted at the town office and on the town website. Participants must register by September 23, 2016.

The Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission will hold its Fall Commission Meeting on October 20, 2016. Information will be given to our MCRPC representatives William Ingraham and Walter Thompson.

The Board was given copies of the latest Municipal Review Committee mailings and Financial Statements for 2015.

The Board signed a Municipal Quitclaim Deed Without Covenants and Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration for Map 11 Lot 6. The Grantee needs to sign the Declaration also before it can be filed at the Registry of Deeds.

The resident of 375 Kenney Road sent an email letting the Board know that a repair needs to be done on the new bridge on the dirt end of Old County Road. The email also reminded the Board that the Kenney Road sign at the intersection with the Belfast Road is missing and needs to replaced.

The Board reviewed a complaint about the roadside trimming from an Old County Road resident.

The Board directed that if the town office receives any calls about drought conditions that they be referred to the town's Emergency Management Director.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to set the 2016 Mill Rate at 17.9 and to commit the 2016 taxes in the amount of \$862,960.79.

Waldo County Municipal Association held a meeting on September 7 at the Waldo Town Office.

D. Emerson gave a Volunteer Work Day report on town office improvements/repairs. She listed the projects that still need to be addressed.

W. Ingraham said that fire hydrant repairs should be dealt with now while the water levels are low. G. Larrabee will contact Toby Farrington about grading the town roads.

The Treasurer's Warrant and Authorization for Lien Filings was reviewed and signed by the Board.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 8:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol F. Hamblet

Town Clerk of Knox