

Town of Knox

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 09-12-2017

Present: 1st Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2nd Selectman Jeffrey Stevens, 3rd Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Hamblet, Treasurer Dorrit Emerson, Planning Board Chair Walter Thompson, Thomas Berry, Jacob Bryant, Sandra Hayden and Hans Schmidt

Meeting called to order by G. Larrabee at 6:32PM.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting.

The Board signed the deed and transfer tax form for the property located at 121 Kenney Road.

The Board received one quote for repair of the hearse house roof. It was submitted by Justin Morton in the amount of \$800 for labor and \$1557.60 for materials purchased from the Amish in Unity. Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to accept J. Morton's proposal to repair the hearse house roof.

MMA Risk Management Services wants an Action Plan submitted within 30 days (letter received August 25, 2017) for the electrical outlet issue at the Sand building.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to order two copies of the 2017 Planning and Land Use Laws.

The Board plans on committing the 2017 taxes at the September 26th meeting.

No action taken on the Waldo County EMA Town Emergency Operations Plan Update.

No action taken on the resolution of RE Account #118 issue.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to extend the Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments, Stores & Social Clubs for an additional 180 days.

G. Larrabee will call Peter Coughlin of the MDOT to attempt to resolve the Highwater Drive delivery issue.

The Board will be meeting with the Brooks selectmen on September 14th at 7PM to discuss the Town of Knox Fire Contract.

The 2017 Tree Growth Roster is done and D. Emerson will transmit it via email to the Maine Forest Service.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to abate RE Account #523 in the amount of \$264.92.

The Board directed that the Planning Board review the Certification of Occupancy section in the town's building ordinance. It is not currently being enforced and needs review to see if it should remain as part of the ordinance.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to remove the fax charges from the town's Fee Schedule.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to sign the deed and transfer tax form for RE Account #461.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to accept Jacob Bryant's resignation from the Planning Board.

W. Ingraham will contact the ACO about the 2017 unlicensed dog issue.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to cast a vote for Cheryl York to be elected to the 2018 Waldo County Budget Committee.

The County Tax Property Growth Factor form is due October 20, 2017.

MMA is requesting that the 2016 Local Government Finance Survey be completed by November 9, 2017.

The Proposed 2018 State Valuation is \$54,350,000. The Town has 45 days from the receipt of the letter on August 31, 2017 to appeal this.

No action taken on T. Murphy's agenda items.

The Town received a dividend payment from MMA Risk Management Services in the amount of \$375.00.

The Board recommended that the Planning Board request the Comprehensive Planning Resource Packages offered by Mid Coast Regional Planning Commission.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to update the Norton Anti-Virus Software Update.

G. Larrabee will contact Nicole Turcotte from MMA Risk Management Services about her email concerning the sand/salt shed.

D. Emerson will be attending a Trio information class in October. There could be a \$2000 increase in the town's costs.

No action taken on mileage charges.

H. Schmidt again suggested that the Board meet weekly.

The Patten Lane Road sign and two Stop signs have been delivered to the town office.

The Board discussed RE Account #415. G. Larrabee says the taxpayer who was previously assessed has requested abatements for the last three tax years. This will be handled at the next meeting.

G. Larrabee has talked with Derek Larrabee about "hot top" for the Frye Mountain and Bailey Road culverts, the sand shed area and the ramp at the sand shed.

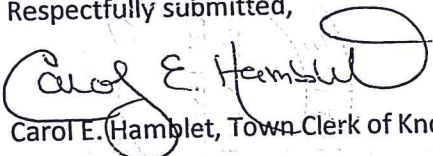
G. Larrabee has talked with Pete Coughlin of the DOT about the Weed Road Bridge repairs. Tree work can be done at the site without permits. He also researched the price of new and used guardrails. H. Schmidt is interested in putting in a bid to work on the bridge repairs.

H. Schmidt expressed his concerns to the Board about the shoulders of the town roads needing to be cut. He also expressed concern about the lack of general road maintenance.

Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$64,406.72 was reviewed and signed by the Board.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Carol E. Hamblet, Town Clerk of Knox