

Town of Knox

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 11-28-2017

Present: 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Galen Larrabee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman Jeffrey Stevens, 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Hamblet, Treasurer Dorrit Emerson, Sandra Hayden and Hans Schmidt

Meeting called to order by G. Larrabee at 6:35PM.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Selectmen's meeting as written.

G. Larrabee reported that he has responded to the U.S. Census Bureau report and he has also completed and returned the Sales Analysis Return.

The electrician needs to return later this week and complete the electrical repairs at the sand shed.

The Board reviewed the letter from Clifton and Charlotte Littlefield asking for the town road into Dutton Pond be repaired as soon as it is possible.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to accept the payment that was received for Account RE118. There has been no action on any deed resolution for the account.

G. Larrabee will contact the resident of 25 Highwater Drive to see if his delivery issue has been resolved.

C. Hamblet reported that she sent a letter to the taxpayer for Account RE108 asking for further information on the payment that was received. C. Hamblet was directed to hold the payment until the next meeting.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to abate Account RE240 in the amount of \$1,233.74 for the 2017 tax year.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to deny the abatement application for Account RE38.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to abate Account P09 in the amount of \$3,467.50 for the 2017 tax year.

C. Hamblet reported that she has been informally told that mobile homes involved with Building Permit #1721 were moved. She wanted the Board to be aware that if this is so, the property taxes have not been paid on either home.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to abate Account RE425 in the amount of \$454.42 for the 2017 tax year.

The Board signed the abatement paperwork for Account RE466 that was voted on at the last meeting.

The applicant for Building Permit Application #1718 will be meeting with the Planning Board on November 30, 2017. He has been given a Notice of Violation by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to abate Account RE333 in the amount of \$523.78 for the 2017 tax year.

S. Hayden and the Board discussed an issue with a stray cat problem on the Flat Road. G. Larrabee will call the Humane Society in Waterville to discuss a solution.

Unitel contacted the town office about an issue with the 911 listing for 25 Happy Acres Lane. G. Larrabee will contact David Schofield, 911 Addressing Officer, about the issue.

The Board needs to address the expiration of the ambulance contract at the end of February 2018.

It was noted that attorney William Kelly suggested at a June 2017 selectmen's meeting that the Town of Knox might want to develop a bid policy ordinance.

Motion, Second and Vote to set the 2018 Election and Town Meeting dates for March 16 and 17, 2018. Nomination papers for Second Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Road Commissioner will be available December 7. RSU3 School Board Director papers will also be available.

The Board members were given copies of the follow-up letter from the Office of Policy Management concerning the Conservation Lands Registry.

G. Larrabee will check into the 2017 tax billing for Universe Capital Inc. Account P78.

The Town of Knox Farm Land and Open Space values are as follows: Wooded acres are the same as State Tree Growth rates. Fields are valued at \$650 an acre. C. Hamblet will convey this information to Ken, Town Administrator for Liberty, as requested.

The Town received a copy of the proposed 2018 Waldo County Budget. The Public Hearing and Final Meeting will be held December 8, 2017.

C. Hamblet reported that she has had an issue with a resident and Service Dog licensing. G. Larrabee will look into the issue for her.

The Board had a discussion with H. Schmidt on drainage and culvert issues on the Dutton Pond Road. H. Schmidt reported that the problem area on the Frye Mountain Road has deteriorated and will be an issue in the spring.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to pay State Wages for Common Labor at \$11.67 for recent road work.

Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$14,084.42 was reviewed and signed.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 8:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol E. Hamblet

Town Clerk of Knox