

Town of Knox

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018

Present: 2nd Selectman Lucas Bryant, 3rd Selectman William Ingraham, Town Clerk Carol Hamblet, Treasurer Dorrit Emerson, Travis Price, Bo & Loni Spaulding and Basil Wentworth

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by W. Ingraham.

Motion, Second and Vote 2-0 to approve the minutes as written of the April 24, 2018 Selectmen's meeting.

No action taken on roads and bridges.

Motion, Second and Vote 2-0 to abate the property taxes on Map 8 Lot 77 for the 2017 year for a valuation amount of \$1200 in the amount of \$21.90.

B. Wentworth inquired if the meeting was being recorded. It was not. He recommended that all meetings be recorded in the future. L. Bryant informed him that he has received a response from MMA stating that the Town of Knox has no home rule authority governing personal property taxation and that the Town is obligated to follow State of Maine laws. B. Wentworth suggested that the Board look at the warrants and minutes of March 2004 Town Meeting and the subsequent Special Town Meeting that dealt with the personal property tax issue. He also questioned if the two state licensed commercial gravel pits had been assessed. He was told that a site visit had not been done. He said that he will attend the next selectmen's meeting to find out what the valuation of the two pits will be for 2018.

No action taken on the remainder of the 2018 appointments. L. Bryant spoke to George Harris of the Maine Forest Service about the vacancy in the Fire Warden position. There are not any specific residency requirements or qualifications. C. Hamblet reminded the Board that her resignation from all of her town positions is effective at the close of business on Friday, May 18, 2018. D. Emerson reported that two applications for the position have been turned in. W. Ingraham said interviews will need to be done.

No action taken on the rewording of the Snow Plow contract section about the timing of the first payment for fall 2018.

L. Bryant reported that the Fire Chief has signed the fire department contracts. He has dropped the contracts off at the Brooks, Freedom and Thorndike town offices for their signatures.

No action taken on the Notices of Violations for 1606 Bailey Road, 54 Kenney Road and 3 Penney Lane.

Motion, Second and Vote 2-0 to approve the list of recipients for the Curravale Farm Stand for 2018.

The application for abatement of property taxes for Map 8 Lot 12-ON was tabled until next meeting.

Any nominations to MMA's 2018-2020 Legislative Policy Committee are due by June 13, 2018.

The wording of the ad for the winter sand pile bid was approved by the Board. They directed that it be advertised in the Republican Journal in the May 17 and May 24 editions. Copies will also be mailed to Wade Brown, John Cranouski, Derek Larrabee and F.C. Work & Sons.

The Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement Application is due back to Maine Revenue Services by June 1, 2018.

C. Hamblet reported that the Town still needs a signature on the Transfer Tax form for Map 5 Lot 17-1 before it can be filed at the Registry of Deeds. L. Bryant will call the party involved.

A title company needs to know if the sale of a property in Open Space & Farmland would trigger a penalty and if so, the amount of the penalty. This needs to be researched by the Assessors.

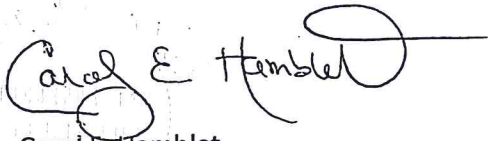
The Board chose a recipient for a donation of some heating oil by an individual.

The Board agreed with D. Emerson that an excise tax reimbursement request be denied.

Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$72,596.90 was reviewed and signed by the Board.

Motion, Second and Vote 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol E. Hamblet". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carol E. Hamblet

Town Clerk of Knox