

SELECTMEN MINUTES

POWNALBOROUGH HALL

Mon., May 15, 2017

6:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

PRESENT: Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller Sr., Selectmen; Trudy Foss, Admin. Asssist.; Gerald & Suzie Lilly, Pean & Shari Lilly, Steve Lilly, Brendan Parker, Firemen; Bill Matthews, RSU#2 school committee member; David Probert, Peter Walsh, BRC; Art Mayers, Reporter.

ITEM 1. APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Dale made a motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting, Dwight seconded and all approved.

ITEM 2. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT – Dale made a motion to approve the warrant, Dwight seconded and all approved.

ITEM 3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / CITIZENS BUSINESS – The Town Office will be closed Mon., the 29th for Memorial Day. The next Selectmen Meeting will be on Thurs., May 25th at 6 pm at Pownalborough Hall, due to the Holiday.

Citizens Business - Dave Probert asked about the token shortage. Trudy said we just got 300 more tokens made a few weeks ago. Several people had bought up \$100 worth at a time, so we have put a limit of \$40 on them. Also the attendants may not bring them in on the usual day, so we run out before they come or we have to call them to have them bring them in. Hopefully the extra tokens and limit on purchase will make them last so everyone gets what they need.

Peter asked if the Selectmen have made any decisions on the things that they discussed at the BRC meeting last week. Allan said no.

ITEM 4. **AUDIT** - We received our paperwork to sign if we wish to have Brewer do our audit again this year. As it just came and they have not had time to review, they will hold this until next meeting.

ITEM 5. **UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE POLICY** – Dale made a motion to adopt this policy without voting on the percentage rate to be used at this time. Allan seconded and all approved. This does not address the Article, that will go in the Town Warrant. Peter would like to know the percentage as soon as we know.

Trudy said that this is her last tax commitment this year and she want to make it clear that she will not break any State laws in order to do what the BRC is asking in this policy.

ITEM 6. **AMBULANCE CONTRACT** – Gardiner Ambulance is \$15,998.48 for this year only. Wiscasset Ambulance is \$6,000 this year, \$6500 next year and \$7,000 in year three. We only pay uncollectables if we cancel our contract early. After some discussion it was determined that Trudy will call each of these towns to set up a meeting for next Monday evening. One at 5pm and one at 6pm.

ITEM 7. **BUDGET** - Bill Matthews said that the Governor is trying to pass a reduction in school superintendents in Maine in order to cut taxes. This includes directors of departments, such as Health Director, Transportation Director, etc. They won't vote on that until after our school vote on May 30th. This vote will be held at Monmouth at 6pm. Any amounts can be amended at that time. Bill said our school budget has increased by 9.2% or \$96,347, this year. Dwight asked why we pay over \$10,000 per student the highest of all of them. Bill said because it is based on our State Valuation. Because of the Governor's budget being after ours if his cuts are passed and the budget is lower than predicted the towns will get the money back.

ITEM 8. **SCHOOL ELECTION** – Sign 8 copies - The school secretary brought in the notices to be posted for the election and left them with the Clerk. The Board signed these for posting.

ITEM 9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Time Warner Cable – Update – Trudy had received info on where the lines end and start, so she can now do a listing of the people in those areas for Time Warner. Allan got a call from another Cable Co. and will bring the info to the office.

Marijuana Issues Committee – Update – Julia Simpson has been busy but will be convening this meeting soon.

Town Roads – Culvert Grant – Allan signed a letter that Gartley & Dorsky needed to get the permits started.

Allan said that he has been grading roads. He is also having some chip seal put on Calls Hill Rd. from the Wiscasset line to Doug Levitt's house. This is almost 3 miles at a cost of \$68,000 through All State Asphalt.

Fire Dept. – Steve said that he checked on the truck that is at CW Repair. He is weighing if they should have the body built or buy it at Tractor Supply.

Solid Waste Issue – Household hazardous waste results. Of the 18 that signed up, 13 showed up and disposed their items.

We had an attendant injured at the Recycling Center and had 4 stitches in his hand, due to being cut by a TV tube.

Any other General Business – Dale received a letter from Senator Collins, that she received from a Dresden Resident. They said that they didn't understand why some towns charge excise tax to disabled veterans and others did not. He feels that they should not have to pay excise if they are disabled.

Dale said there is also another one from someone who has a child going to Chop Point who wanted to know about funding that was no longer available.

Trudy asked if these were from the same person and Dale said yes. Trudy said that the State has a tax exemption from excise tax for Disabled Vets that are either blind or an amputee. If they have the correct paperwork from the government they will be exempt from excise tax on one vehicle and will have to go to the State to get their Disabled Vet plates.

Dale made motion to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. ss 405(6)(A) for a personnel issue. Dwight seconded and all approved. Time is 7:05pm.

Present: Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller, Selectmen & Trudy Foss, Admin. Assist.

Returned from Executive Session at 7:24 pm.

Dale made a motion to approve our previous actions and continue investigating the issue. Dwight seconded and all approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Approved by

Dale Hinote

Dwight W. Keene

Allan Moeller Sr.

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