

SELECTMEN MINUTES
SEPT. 18, 2017
POWNBOROUGH HALL
6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

PRESENT: Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller, Selectman; Trudy Foss, Admin.; Gerald & Suzie Lilly, Shari & Pean Lilly, David Everson, Fire Dept.; David Probert, Victor Blomquist, Resident; Art Mayers, Abigail Adams, Reporters.

ITEM 1. APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Allan made a motion to approve both the Aug, 21st minutes and the Aug. 31st minutes. Dwight seconded and all approved.

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

ITEM 3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / CITIZENS BUSINESS – The next Selectmen Meeting will be on Mon., Oct. 2nd, at Pownalborough Hall at 6:00 pm.
No Citizens Business.

ITEM 4. GENERAL ASSISTANCE – Approval of Annual Updated Maximum Guidelines. The Public Hearing was held just prior to this meeting for this minor change. There were no comments from the public. Dale made a motion to approve the maximums, Dwight seconded and all approved.

ITEM 5. CABLE COMMITTEE – Dale made a motion to appoint Branden Perrault, Leanne Olsen, Grace DeBoers and himself to this committee, Dwight seconded and all approved. Dale said they will add a fifth person when they get one. They need to be sworn in.

ITEM 6. ABATEMENTS – Two abatements. Nathan Blake and Sarah Leighton both did not get their homestead exemptions that Trudy had approved them for, she did the work and put them in the computer, but must have not hit the save button. Both were for \$356. Dale made a motion to approve the abatements, Dwight seconded and all approved.

ITEM 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Town Roads – Allan said he was supposed to hear by Friday about the culvert grant, but did not get any news. We need 30 days to get this in the paper.

Allan said that the culvert on Blinn Hill by the cemetery should be done by Friday.

Allan said that the cost of culverts are going up in October and again in November, so he would like to buy \$5,000 worth between us and Richmond to save some money. We wouldn't need \$5,000 for just us, so this will save us having to pay the increase later.

Fire Dept. – Pean said the Fire Dept. would like to ask the Rec. Fund for \$500 for their Fire Safety Open House. Allan asked if any of this was used to pay for a bounce house, as he is opposed to that. He wants it to pertain to fire safety. Shari said that the Association pays for the bounce house. Trudy said that the check is made out to Positive Promotions who sell supplies from a catalog, like cups and key chains, etc. Dale made a motion to approve up to \$500 for the supplies, Allan seconded and all approved.

Dale said we are without an Assistant Fire Chief and would like to have one. Allan said we have been without one since Aug. 2nd or 3rd and have heard nothing from the Assistant or Fire Chief, so we need to get someone in there. Allan made a motion to appoint Gerald Lilly as Assistant Chief. Dale said maybe we should give Ron 14 more days to contact us if still interested. Allan said we have already given him 6 weeks and have heard anything and he has not attended any meetings. Allan said Ron resigned and even gave his keys back, how much clearer can he be, we can't keep running the Dept. with the Assistant Fire Chief not there for back up. Dale withdrew his suggestion to give Ron 14 more days and seconded Allan's motion to appoint Gerald as Interim Assist. Fire Chief, Dwight approved also. They will publicize the open position so if anyone wants to apply they may do so. The deadline will be Oct. 16th at 5 p.m., so the Board can review them that evening at their meeting.

Solid Waste – Dave Everson asked if we are having an electronic waste collection this fall. Allan asked Dwight about this and he said he hasn't talked to anyone about it. Allan said he is not sure if we can get in now, it is kind of late, but he will check it out.

Any other General Business - Victor Blomquist asked the Board if he could have them fill out a survey gathering their info, so that he can put it in places for the public to get a hold of them, when needed. They agreed that they would fill them out.

Dale made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. ss 405(6)(F) Discussion of Confidential Records for a Poverty Abatement request and also 1 M.R.S.A. ss 405 (6)(A) for Personnel Matters to Review Applications for employment.

Dwight seconded and all approved.

Entered Executive Session at 6:33 pm.

Returned from Executive Session at 6:55

Allan made a motion to reinstate a Homestead Exemption for a taxpayer requesting a poverty abatement, Dwight seconded and all approved.

Dale made a motion that we meet with all applicants for the A.A. position, for an interview, next Monday, Sept. 25th and Wednesday, Sept. 27th, starting at 6:00 p.m., here at Pownalborough Hall, doing two interviews both evenings, Dwight seconded and all approved.

The Selectmen also signed a letter to the Fire Chief concerning not allowing children and dogs at the Fire Dept.'s Wednesday night work and training sessions. This is a liability for the Town.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED BY

Dale Hinote

Dwight Keene

Allan Moeller Sr.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN