

DRESDEN SELECTMEN MINUTES

SEPT. 19, 2016

Pownalborough Hall

6:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller Sr.; Trudy Foss, Admin. Assist.; Shari & Pean Lilly, Gerry & Suzi Lilly, Fire Dept.; Arlene Cousins, resident; Peter Young, Goodall representative, Art Mayers, reporter.

ITEM 1. APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Dale asked that Trudy correct his statements about the Pledge of Allegiance in the Aug. 22 minutes. He said it is the U.S. Code not Statute. He also said that they can say it the way they want.

Dale made a motion to approve the minutes of August 22, Dwight seconded and all approved.

Allan made a motion to approve the minutes of Sept. 1, Dwight seconded and all approved.

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

ITEM 3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / CITIZENS BUSINESS – The next Selectmen Meeting will be on Mon., Oct. 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Pownalborough Hall.

Dale said we had a town resident save a child from drowning in the Kennebec River a couple days ago and he would like to recognize him and thank him for that. He is not sure of the name at this time. Gerry looked it up on his phone and the name is Sean Scanlon. No one seemed to know who he is, at this time, but Dale would like to do a letter to him.

Citizens Business – Arlene Cousins asked about the process for Public Hearings as she knew nothing about the Marijuana Greenhouse that is to be built and wondered why that was not public knowledge. She said it was in the paper but only about 3 days before the meeting, but nothing was posted at the Library or anywhere that she saw. She said it also only called it a project and did not say what it was going to be. Shari said it was posted at the Town Office and the Post Office and it was posted in the Kennebec Journal. Allan said that by law they don't have to say what the project is, and all abutters get a notice of the Meeting.

Dale suggested she talk to the Planning Board Chair if she has an issue with this. She said she did make it to the meeting and they now know that she has an issue.

ITEM 4. BUILDING & LAND USE PENALTIES - Allan said he read the land use code and it says that the Planning Board and the CEO shall be present for all major issue projects. He said that there are after the fact fees that are getting waived but those fees were turned over to the Selectmen to deal with a few years back, so they are the ones who would waive any fees. Trudy said that a few years back the fee was 10 times instead of 5 like they require now and they made a resident pay that fee or move his garage that he started without a permit. They also just this summer made someone pay a penalty for moving a mobile in without a permit, so why do we waive some resident's fees and not others. If we have rules they should be the same for everyone. Allan said we need to send a letter to the CEO and the Planning Board Chair about this.

ITEM 5. APPOINTMENTS - Ken Stewart Sr. and Peter Lincoln were both re-appointed to the Planning Board. Approved by all.

ITEM 6. PLOWING TOWN BUILDINGS/COMBINE WITH ROAD CONTRACT - Allan said he talked with Mr. Goodall to see if he would be interested in plowing our town buildings since he is already out

doing the roads anyway. He said that Ben came back with a price of \$4,000 to do this. Allan said we paid \$6,000 last year and about \$6,900 the year before. Mr. Goodall would use our sand and salt, which still makes this a savings for us. Allan will have Ben write up and adjust for both remaining years of the contract for the next meeting and vote on it then.

Dale said we have a message from Mr. Goodall concerning the bond for the contract. We should have it soon.

ITEM 7. WOOLWICH RECYCLING – Woolwich was interested in some info on how to start a system like ours, but did not show up. Allan had given them Dave Proberts info, so maybe they called him.

ITEM 8. WARRANT BILLS TO EACH DEPT. FOR APPROVAL – Allan would like to see someone from each Dept. head coming in and sign approval for their bills for each warrant. This would be the Highway Dept.(Allan), Fire Dept.(Steve or Ron), Recycling Center(Dwight) and Administration(Dale). He said like if Scott went and bought something from K&G for the Recycling Center, then Dwight could sign off on it to make sure it is right before paying. Gerry said years ago we used to use purchase orders and Allan said yes, he did remember them using purchase orders years ago. Allan said on his road work it has a specific road that sometimes is not on the bill, so he can write on it where it was for so we have a record later of what work we have done on each road. Trudy said that the approval would need to be done by the Thursday before the Monday Selectmen Meeting as the warrant gets started Thursday afternoon. Dale said it sounds like a good idea. Allan said all they need to do is look them over and initial them before they are paid. If more bills come in after that Trudy would need to call and have the proper person come in and sign them.

Dwight asked about the lawn mower that has been taken back to Ames Supply, if Allan knows what is wrong with it. Allan said he is guessing Scott ran over something, but it could possibly be a defect, they will find out when they look at it.

Dale made a motion that we send warrant bills to each department as appropriate, Dwight seconded and all approved. Allan said that this means we should probably send a memo to the Fire Chief so he knows he has to come in by the Thursday before.

ITEM 9. ABATEMENTS - Trudy had abatements for George Labar for \$384.74, Katie Sibley for \$264.00, John Ottum for \$727.62 and for David Brown for \$114.58. There was also a supplemental tax bill to Eldertide as they are new owners of John Ottum's property. These were all approved by all.

ITEM 10. FORM A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE WAY OUR TOWN GOVERNMENT IS WORKING & MAKE IMPARTIAL PUBLIC REPORT. - Dwight says we are looking into forming a committee to look into how our Town Government is running. They want to review to see if we need to make changes. Trudy will be retiring December 2017. Dale said we need to determine if we need to change to a Town Administrator or stay with an Admin. Assistant. He feels a Town Manager would be overkill. Trudy said, just for the record, she is the Admin. Assistant but does the work of a Town Administrator, they just have not changed her title, as they would have to change the pay. He said he understands that. There was much discussion as to what people would serve on this board. Trudy suggest it should be people with Municipal background, so they understand the difference between employees and elected positions. Dale said they would like to have someone with Attorney background just for this reason. Also the Selectmen could serve as a whole, as one member. And he would like a resident who has Municipal Background. Trudy asked if this board would also be reviewing the Selectmen as they are Elected Official and are supposed to oversee the operations of the Office. If there is an issue with an employee or elected official this board will probably want to know if this person has been given a verbal warning and any written warnings and she is concerned about the board overseeing their own work. They did not think this would be an issue.

Trudy also asked how this review would be done. We have 4 people in the office working, and if we have 3 selectmen and 2 other people in reviewing the office operations, this seems like it will be crowded and

not conducive to a work environment. We also are handling a lot of money right now and as no one is allowed in back of the wall, she is not sure how this will work.

Allan thinks in the end it will work out, and if we make any changes it may be Hell for the next 6 months. Trudy said it has been Hell for the last 6 months anyway.

This committee was approved by all.

ITEM 11. DROUGHT CONDITIONS / WATER ACCESS - Dwight said that he has had two or three people say that their well was low or sucking mud and he thinks we should make water available for them, either at this fire station or the one in the village. Allan said that he recommend if we do this, that it be the one in the village, as that one is public water and has been tested. Someone said then you have to worry about someone leaving the water running. Someone asked how many complaints they have had. Dwight said he thinks about 5, 2 are his neighbors and he also has a problem with his water. Trudy asked if Jewett Station had an outside spigot and Gerry said yes. She said that we have had this issue before and let people fill jugs at the Town Office. This would only be for residents and only for home use. They will have this put on the website that potable water is available at Jewett Station.

ITEM 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Town Roads Culvert Grant – received bid for engineering portion from Gartley & Dorsky of \$9,400. We may also get a price from Wright and Pierce, who sent a request to give a price on this. Pean suggested Hagar out of Damariscotta. Allan said they do the construction end, but Pean said he thinks they do the engineering also.

Allan received an estimate from State Paving for 9/10th of a mile on Calls Hill. This involves grinding, reclaim, sand n smoothing, paving, water and traffic control for a cost of \$88,726.

Dale made a motion to approve, Dwight seconded and all approved.

Allan will smooth up the edge of driveways that need it, due to the paving that was done.

Fire Dept. - Pean said they would like to request the usual donation that the Rec. Committee does every year for the Open House at the Station. Dale made a motion to approve up to \$500 for the Open House, Dwight seconded and all approved.

Solid Waste Issue - Dwight asked about the old mower at the Center, if it runs or if we can get rid of it. Allan said it does not run, they can pull it out and put a sign on it (BRO)and if it doesn't sell by next meeting, we'll get rid of it. All agreed.

Any other General Business - Dwight said that David Probert was supposed to be here, but couldn't make it. They would like to start their jam sessions again. These will be on the 1st and 3rd Thurs. of the month starting on the 3rd Thursday of October. This was approved by all.

Allan asked about getting the Hall cleaned. He would like to contact Diane Crosby to do this. He asked if we had funds for this and Trudy said yes. He will call Diane tomorrow.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 PM

APPROVED BY

Dale Hinote

Dwight Keene

Allan Moeller Sr.

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