

SELECTMEN MINUTES

OCT. 3, 2016

Pownalborough Hall

6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

PRESENT: Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller Sr., Selectmen; Trudy Foss, Admin. Assist.; Steve Lilly, Gerry & Suzie Lilly, Shari & Pean Lilly, Fire Dept.; Scott Mullens, Recycling Attendant; Dave Probert, resident; Dick Condon, landowner; Abigail Adams, reporter.

ITEM 1. APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Dale mad a motion to approve both the meeting of 9/19/16 and 9/28/16, Dwight seconded and all approved.

ITEM 2. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT - Trudy also had the County Tax Bill Warrant attached for signatures. This was signed by all. 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. 17th at 6:00 pm at the Pownalborough Hall. Dale said the Freedom Center burned yesterday morning and he has written a letter that the board would like to send to the Fire Dept's that responded and also the Sheriff Dept. and State Police. He read the letter to the public. Trudy will print them onto letterhead and they will sign them.

Citizens Business - None

ITEM 4. PLANNING BOARD / CEO ISSUE – The Board has drafted a memo to the Planning Board and the CEO that the Selectmen as a board are the only ones that have the right to waive any after the fact permit fees. The CEO has also been reminded that all projects have to go through him before being presented to the Planning Board.

ITEM 5. APPOINTMENTS - The Board approved appointing Russell Peckham to the Planning Board. This was approved by all. Dale said that Peter Lincoln for the moment does not want to be reappointed to the P.B., we had understood that he was willing to serve until such time as we found someone else, but apparently that is not the case, so we still need a Planning Board Member and a BRC member.

ITEM 6. PLOWING TOWN BUILDINGS/COMBINE WITH ROAD CONTRACT - We have a two year contract for plowing the Town Buildings from Goodall. This is a \$4,000 contract the first year, increasing to \$4,120 the second year. Allan said this is a good deal, as our road contract is with Goodall, so we will only have one person to call for any issues. Dwight asked if they were also doing the shoveling. Allan said yes, all the doors, in front of all Station doors, they'll be doing the Hall and Station #2, Old Town Hall after the storm is over, the Recycling Center may have to do some, the Town Office (front & back door). Allan said he doesn't expect them to do the Transfer Station. The Contract was approve and signed. Dave

asked if the contract had been put out to bid, Allan said no, they had asked about it last year, since they are in town already.

ITEM 7. ABATEMENTS – Dick Condon has submitted an abatement request for 2016/17 due to the fact that his property has been taxed as a gravel pit and he has a stop work order, so cannot use the property as a gravel pit. He said that he has to have a 150ft. buffer around the pit so he can't use that area, so that should not be taxed as a gravel pit. Allan said that the buffer is part of the gravel pit and gets taxes as such. Trudy agreed that this is the way it is done. After some discussion, the board decided to check with the Planning Board to see where this stands and also MMA. They will take this into consideration.

Trudy had two abatements for the board to sign. One was for Jane Fisher for \$455.84 due to her selling a portion of her property Laura Jackson. There was also a Supplemental tax bill done for Laura Jackson in the amount of \$907.63. One more tax abatement was for Jay Underwood who applied for a homestead exemption, which was processed but not put into the computer, so did not compute when the commitment was done. This was for \$264. Both abatements were approved.

ITEM 8. PURCHASE ORDERS - The board discussed the use of purchase orders for the purchase of some items. Dale said he needs to get this on his calendar so that he comes in to sign the bills. Dwight asked about if we need to sign every bill, even the every day ones that we have to pay, like the light bills and port-a-potti, normal operating bills. Allan feels we do need to, in case something is out of place and they bill us for something they didn't do. Dwight also asked about having a board inside the port-a-potti, for the company that cleans it to sign, so we know they were there.

Trudy said she put this on the agenda, as Allan sent her to buy purchase orders as he said that we voted on this at the last meeting, so we should be using them now. Trudy said that she did not know that we discussed this, so she listened to the tape, and the only mention of purchase orders was when Gerry mentioned that the Fire Dept. used to use them a long time ago and Allan said he remembered that. Otherwise the discussion was to have the board come in and sign the bills. After much discussion Dale made a motion that we will need approval and if time permits we will use purchase orders for any expenses in addition to routine and scheduled expenses in excess of \$500.

ITEM 9. MAP UPDATES - Allan said that Jamie Rea does our map updates but did not do them last year. Trudy said that we only had a couple and he was away part of the winter so they did not get done. She will schedule this with him for this fall. Allan would like to give Trudy permission to call him

ITEM 10. RSU#2 EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - Dale asked that we combine this with the next Item 11.

ITEM 11. MMA INFO– Dale is checking into the process of **Reviewing our TownGovernment-**

He found that MMA will not do this, as it is a conflict of interest for them. He said that we had previously discussed that we need people from out of town to do this review. He has had two people suggested to him but they are both Dresden residents. One is Chris Wolfe, who has

steadily moving up the Town Clerk ladder. His objection to her, aside from being a Dresden resident, is that she is on paper as saying that every time she went to the next level of Town Government, she felt like she had made a career advance, which may require some clarification, he thinks it could be interpreted as saying "well things were pretty primitive in Dresden" which may in fact be the case. Trudy said we must have trained her pretty well while she was here though, cause she is moving up. Dale said that was his thought. His other person is Susan Pilgrim who is director of legal services for MMA. Trudy asked if that wouldn't be a conflict for her, as she works at MMA who cannot do this due to a conflict. Dale said that he thinks it would, which is why he just invited her to serve on the RSU#2 Exploratory Committee. Dale said he has just sent off a message to the Director of Public Administration at UMA, he thinks he is our best bet, as we apparently are not going to get much assistance from MMA on this. He is thinking also, if no one else objects, he wouldn't mind appointing Chris Wolfe to this position. He thinks some of those issues can be ironed out, unless we are sticking strictly to the idea of no Dresden residents. Allan said he likes Chris Wolfe, he thinks she has gone up the ladder, he doesn't know if she would feel comfortable coming in and doing it. Dale said that is the question we need to ask her. Dwight asked if she would be able to remain impartial. Dale said he thinks she is far enough removed from this situation that she could remain impartial about personnel, he doesn't know about impartial about modes of government. Dale said at least she is familiar with the Town of Dresden, which could be to her advantage. Dwight said, well if you feel that she is qualified and can function in an impartial manner, he has no problem with it. Dale said before we appoint anybody, they are going to have to meet with the Board. Allan said that Chris was the clerk, she was the clerk here, she was the clerk in Wiscasset, he thinks she is the clerk in Freeport, just a clerk or does she do other jobs? Dale said that an article in the Wiscasset newspaper, about a year ago, said that she state about her advancement, "each time she got to learn new administrative functions in Town Government". Dale said that this is what we are also counting on the person from the Public Administration Program to do, is to be able to comment on the process and I hope we can at least get someone with some Administrative Law Background. Trudy said when she worked for us she was Town Clerk, but she also did Property Tax, and she believes she also ran for that and got it, and she also did Excise Tax. We taught her the three basic things she needed to know. Allan said that is what we are looking at. Dwight asked if we wanted to appoint this Mrs. Pilgrim. Allan said he thinks we already hashed this out and that is a conflict. Allan said that we need to get this done quick, as we have a major election in less than two months and he doesn't want any hiccups in this one. The lady from the State made it very clear that they won't accept it next time around. Dale said he is hoping to hear back from UMA this week and we can get them started. All of this will be contingent on the availability of these people, whether or not and if so how much we are going to pay them and also then we would need to establish a time frame when they can do things pretty much at the same time, it might actually be easier if they came in separately and discussed things afterward. He said we don't want two people in the Town Office at the same time, at times 50% of the people in the Town Office will be the reviewers and we'd rather not have that. Allan said we're only going to have one. Dale said no he thinks we still need two. Allan said right now we have one right. Dale said yes, if at all, because she hasn't said yes. Allan said right, we only have one candidate he meant. Dale said yes one definite candidate but he doesn't think Chris is qualified to evaluate our entire town office on a theoretical perspective, which he would like to see done too. Dwight asked so we would do this review in a two stage process? Dale said yes, but he would think they ought to get together and discuss a mutual recommendation.

Allan asked so out of all this, Dale is going to get a hold of Chris Wolfe and ask her if she can, and when she can and kind of go all through this and see if she can even do this first, then we can talk compensation afterward and go from there, to do the front desk part of it. Dale has a big objection to getting an attorney as opposed to getting someone with a background in Public Administration, as the cheapest attorney we can get is our town attorney at \$150 an hour. Allan asked if the Attorney would even know how the Town Office is supposed to run. Allan said we need a good retired Town Manager is what we need. Trudy said she can retire anytime you want. Allan said I see where this is going! Dale asked what we think about Jay Robbins. He has a wide variety of experience. Allan was hesitant. Trudy said that then we could find out for sure if we are doing everything the way Richmond does. Allan said he wouldn't bring that up to him. Dale said he might be somebody to fall back on. Allan said that we could ask the Wiscasset Town Manager or ask some of these town managers who they would recommend. Trudy said Kim and her could sit down with the one person we are having a problem with and try to get her to do what she needs to do, explain things more, we have done it and done it and done it, but...Allan said you have done and it hasn't worked. Trudy said she knows, but this seems like an awful lot to go through for ... Dale interrupted and said that is not the whole purpose, if it were, you are right, this would be an awful lot to go through. Allan told Dale if you know Jay, go ahead and speak to him. Dale said this will be ongoing and we will have an update soon.

ITEM 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Town Roads – Allan said the shoulders on the roads that were paved are done and the mailboxes, that needed it, have been shimmed. He did notice that there is a culvert on the curve by the Cemetery on Blinn Hill that is lifting some. State Paving may be coming in next week to start Calls Hill work. He has some signs to put up still. Allan got a price from Main St. Fuel for \$1.79.9 for #2 oil and \$1.17.9 for propane, so we can contact some others to get prices and he will get a hold of Sewall and some others for prices. Allan said he told Steve he was going to get a hold of H2O for an annual cleaning of the propane furnace.

Fire Dept. - Steve said that Wed., October 5th is their annual open house for Fire Prevention Week at the Fire Station from 5-7pm. The volunteer firemen will be visiting the Elementary School during the week. Wiscasset will be conducting a live fire training that the members of our Dept. will be attending.

When asked how the fire at the Freedom Center started, Steve said that they did not know yet, the Fire Marshall was supposed to be back today or tomorrow.

Steve said that Lincoln County is working on replacing their repeater system, and he is working with them to find out what will happen to the ones they are taking out as it is not very old. RCM who is doing the work is giving them a trade in value on them, so we may be able to buy them from them. Still in the works for now. They will let him know.

Solid Waste Issue - There has been a request to add a push mower for mowing at the town buildings. There might be sales on them this time of year.

E-Waste will be held on November 12th this year.

We also need to get the Waste Oil Furnace serviced. Trudy will call Dirigo. Dwight asked about a furnace that was going to be put in the Recycling Center. Allan said that we got estimates but it was very costly. He will try to find the estimates. He thinks they were about \$1800.

Any other General Business

Dale wanted to discuss the Town Website, it apparently has not been updated with scheduled meetings and he received a message from Bill Matthews asking about the Selectmen Meetings. Dale said that on August 10, 2015 they voted that posting on the Town website need to go through the Town Office or be approved by the Selectmen. That might be proving to be a bit burdensome, so he feels that we could allow the posting by any official communication from in the town of Dresden, Lincoln County or State of Maine or any other Government entity that addresses something specifically to the Town of Dresden. With the latter things though, it is probably going to need to go through the Town Office or the Selectmen first anyway, because that is the only way that Lauren would get access to it, unless it is something done through the Sheriff's Association. She is competent, I just don't know if she is spending enough time with this, so I would like to experiment for the next month or two with making things just as easy for her as we can.

Allan said the last time we talked and she said she had done corrections, Gerald's name was still on there. Trudy said she just sent her another email this morning because she still had the Sept. calendar with nothing on it. Dale asked when her contract expires. Trudy said she doesn't have a contract. Dale said we signed something. Allan said that was the paperwork on the amount we would be paying her.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:17PM

APPROVED BY

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Dwight Keene

Allan Moeller Sr.

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