

**MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
POWNBOROUGH HALL
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
6:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

SELECT BOARD: Gerald Lilly and Allan Moeller Sr.
STAFF: Michael Henderson
PUBLIC: Suzie Lilly, Dave Probert, Eleanor Everson, Shirley Storkson, Heather Beasley, Allison Hepler, Juanita Wilson, Dwight Keene, Cindy Moeller, Shari Lilly, Pean Lilly, David Ledew, Michael Hennessy, Richard Hughes
PRESS: Sarah Whitfield

1. CALL TO ORDER – Second Selectman Gerald Lilly called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Allan Moeller motioned to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY – Michael stated that the real estate agent sent a second addendum for the closing of 163 Common Road which extends the closing date to February 18th. Gerald motioned to accept and sign Addendum 2. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.
 - b. ASSESSING AGENT – To review bids for new Assessing Agent.

Juanita Wilson introduced herself and Michael Hennessy – Juanita said that they have hired an assessor who will be doing the assessing on behalf of Dresden. The contract does not include updating the maps from 2014 (from when they were last updated). The contract will include field work with 12 days in office to meet with the public, annually. Juanita certified as a National Appraiser and Maine State Assessor. Field work will be done separately from office work. Juanita said that a separate bid will be provided once they see our map records to catch up on old mapping.

David Ledew introduced himself to the Board. He ran state valuations then was the Director of the Property Tax Division. His contract includes one day per month in the office and 10 days of field work. Mapping will be included in his office time. He recommended review 25% of properties annually. Heather Beasley asked what Ledew's quote was and he responded with \$11,000.

- c. BOARD OF APPEALS – Michael stated that Lorna Mackinnon has volunteered for the position. Allan motioned to appoint Lorna board. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SELECT BOARD VACANCY –To decide the next steps for filling the impending 1st selectman vacancy. Gerald motioned to hold a special election on April 7th to fill the First Selectman Vacancy. Allan seconded the motion and all approved. Gerald motioned to shorten the nomination process, making nomination papers available on February 5th and back to the Town Office by March 6th. Allan seconded the motion and all approved. Allan motioned to accept Trudy Foss’s resignation effective 3/31/2020. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
- b. POWNALBOROUGH HALL RENTAL – The Democratic Caucus has asked to reserve the hall for March 8th and has asked the Board to waive the \$100 rental fee. Gerald asked if the Town charged the Republicans a rental fee for their caucus and Michael responded that he was unsure. Allan mentioned that we need to do more research and Gerald stated that the Select Board will decide on March 18th.
- c. OFFICE SECURITY – Gerald stated that the quote for security cameras from Cunningham Security would include four cameras installed at the Town Office. Allan asked if there would be a monthly fee and Michael responded that there would not be. Sheri asked if there were other quotes given but Allan stated that this company is reputable. Gerald told Michael to reach out to the security place. Allan motioned to table, Gerald seconded and all approved.

6. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Town Roads – Allan said 7,200 yards of gravel were used. Eleanor Everson mentioned the Bog Road is in the best condition that it has been in years. Allan mentioned the Orchard Hill and E. Pittston signs are missing.
- b. Fire Department – no update
- c. Transfer Station – Gerald said things are good but inquired about the rut. Allan said he added gravel but needs to be redone.
- d. Town Office – Michael stated the office has begun issuing Absentee Ballots for the upcoming March 3rd Election.

- 7. CITIZENS BUSINESS – Heather Beasley said the Board should rescind the appointment of Lorna Mackinnon because there was one other applicant who showed interest. Allan stated he will reach out to the other applicant (Dale Hinote) and ask if he’s still interested. Gerald asked to add the vacancy to the February 18th agenda.

Heather asked if any more money has been spent from the legal fund – Michael responded yes but didn’t know the exact amount. Heather stated there was \$2,049 spent from the General Admin. Account and asked what the parameters of the account were. She questioned why it wasn’t taken out of the legal fund and stated the Board must ask the public at a town meeting for additional funds. Heather asked why the Town is taking over the deed to Forest Hill Cemetery. Gerald responded that the managers of the cemetery asked the Board to take

responsibility. Eleanor asked how the new cemetery deed will affect plots. Heather stated she did not want her plot included in the deed.

Richard Hughes said that the light does not illuminate the flag in front of the Town Office. Gerald mentioned that flag etiquette says that the flag does not need to be illuminated at night. Allan mentioned the Town will do research. Richard mentioned there was a tree down on Blinn Hill Road and Allan stated that CMP has been contacted.

8. ADJOURNMENT – Gerald motioned to adjourn. Allan seconded the motion. All approved.

APPROVED BY


Trudy Foss


Gerald Lilly


Allan Moeller Sr.

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