

MINUTES

SELECTMEN MEETING

Pownalborough Hall

Mon. Jan. 22, 2018

6:00 pm

PRESENT:

Selectmen:	Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller Sr.
Admin. Assistant:	Michael Henderson
Fire Department:	Gerald Lilly, Suzie Lilly, Shari Lilly, Pean Lilly, Branden Parker
Budget Review Committee:	David Probert
Dresden Residents:	Walter Loeman, Dave Everson
Gardiner City Manager:	Anne Davis
Reporter:	Greg Latimer

ITEM 1. APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Dale motioned to approve January 8, 2018 and January 16, 2018 minutes. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.

ITEM 2. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT – Allan asked Michael to check that the Main Street Fuel costs match the price guaranteed in the agreement with the Town. Dale asked if the \$4000.00 bill was incoming or outgoing. Michael clarified that it was \$4000.00 from the Water Department to the Town of Dresden for insurance and the use of the Town Office. Dale motioned to approve Warrant 15. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.

ITEM 3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / CITIZENS BUSINESS - The next Selectmen Meeting will be on Mon., Feb. 5, at the Pownalborough Hall at 6:00 pm.

- There was no citizens business presented.

ITEM 4. OLD TOWN HALL/GRANGE – Walter Loeman asked what the disposition of the Town was to the development of the Old Town Hall/Grange. Walter said that he has established a 501(c)3 for the development of community and teaching. Dwight commented that the Town would welcome the support of the Old Town Hall. Dale asked that a written proposal be submitted to the Town Office for review by the Selectmen before any decision be made. Dave Probert mentioned that \$72,000 was raised previously for the roof, foundation, and the well installation for the Old Town Hall. Dale recommended that Walter should meet with John Ottum of the Historical Society. Dwight said that the Selectboard was in favor of this proposition. However, Dale said that the Selectboard would need to see a proposal in writing first, but that he was in favor of positive improvements made to the Old Town Hall.

ITEM 5. TOWN MEETING WARRANT - The Trustees for Maple Grove Cemetery are requesting \$3,500.00 to assist with maintenance and repairs. The Bridge Academy is requesting

\$8,000.00 for operations. Allan motioned to add both articles to the June 2018 Town Meeting Warrant. Dale seconded the motion and all approved. Dave Probert mentioned that the Maple Grove Cemetery was awarded only \$3,000 at the last Town Meeting so this would be an increase of \$500.

ITEM 6. SEISMIC STUDY – Boston College researchers would like to set up a temporary portable seismic station in the Town Office. Dale motioned to approve the hosting seismic station in the Town Office basement. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.

ITEM 7. WATER DEPARTMENT – Emergency Access to Town Office. Michael explained that the Water Department Manager, Trudy Foss, needs someone to let them into the Town Office if there were an afterhours Water Department emergency. Dale recommended that Dwight serve this function because of his proximity to the Town Office. Dwight accepted the responsibility.

ITEM 8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Brendan Parker would like to be appointed to the Budget Review Committee. And Louise Gephart would like to be appointed to the Marijuana Business Committee.

ITEM 9. SEVERE WEATHER POLICY – Dale recommended that the policy is written that the office closure is at the discretion of the Administrative Assistant. Dale motioned to approve the Severe Weather Closure Policy with this change. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.

ITEM 10. PERSONNEL RECORDS POLICY – All staff, this includes volunteer firefighters, will have an employment file kept at the Town Office. All new staff will have a background check conducted by the Town Office.

- Allan mentioned that this policy does not apply to elected officials. Dale motioned to approve the policy. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.

ITEM 11. 2016 – 2017 AUDIT – Received the preliminary draft.

- Allan will stop by the Town Office with questions about the office in the following week. A deeper discussion will occur at the next meeting after the Select Board has time to review the documents.

ITEM 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Town Roads – Received several calls about roads that needed sand. There were washouts on Brill Hill, East Pittston, and Alexander during the snow storm. The hot top roads are doing well.

Fire Dept. – Engine 3 is back in service. The Fire department has EVOC training Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Allan will be attended the training.

Solid Waste Issue – No new issues.

Any other General Business

- Dale would like to form a committee consisting of himself, Elenor Everson, and Jay Robinson to look at the records in the Town Office basement that were damaged and sealed a number of years ago. Dale made a motion to establish the committee. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.
- Michael met with Zach Collins from MMA Risk Management to tour Fire Station #1, Fire Station #2, and the Sand & Salt Shed. The feedback was mostly positive. MMA was impressed with our upkeep and the condition of our facilities and service trucks. There will be an official report and recommendation sent to the Town after Zach Collins speaks with the Fire Chief of Assistant Fire Chief about a few remaining questions.
- Dale motioned the adjourn the meeting. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

APPROVED BY



Dale Hinote



Dwight Keene



Allan Moeller Sr.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN