

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Pownalborough Hall
Monday, June 11, 2018
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

Selectmen: Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller Sr.
Admin. Assistant: Michael Henderson
Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Steve Lilly, David Everson, Pean Lilly, Shari Lilly, Michael Nylan, Brendan Parker, Andrew Spicer, Reid Anderson
Budget Review: Dave Probert
Resident: Heather Beasley, Rick Graffam, Gary Blau, Deborah Blau, Sonia Lilly, Kathy Dubord, Mason Dubord, Jay Cummings, Cindy Cummings, and Elenor Everson.
Reporters: Katrina Rickerman and Jessica Clifford

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dale called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
2. MINUTES – Dale motioned to approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.
3. WARRANT – Dave Probert said that \$30,000 was a lot for a new generator. Dale motioned to approve the present warrant. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.
4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next Select Board meeting will be on Monday, June 25, at the Pownalborough Hall at 6:00 pm. The General Election will be on Tuesday, June 12th at the Pownalborough Hall at 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. The Town Office will be closed for on Tuesday, June 12th due to the election. The Annual Town meeting will be Saturday, June 16th at 9:00 am at the Pownalborough Hall.
5. CITIZEN BUSINESS – No citizens business.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER – Neither Dr. Bailey or Dr. Herman were interested in the position.
 - b. OLD TOWN HALL – There will be a Public Hearing on Monday July 2nd at the Pownalborough Hall to discuss a proposal to buy the Old Town Hall.
 - c. SNOW PLOWING – Heather Beasley asked why the Town had not requested bids for the plowing contract. Dave Probert said that the Select Board has the option to extend their current contract with Goodall Landscaping. Allan also said the Select Board will put out a request for proposal to plow the Town-owned properties in October.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. POWNALBOROUGH HALL RENTAL – An application has been submitted for Saturday, August 11, 2018. Dwight asked if there would be a bar at the event. Allan explained that alcohol could not be served at Pownalborough Hall and that it was clearly stated in the contract. Dale asked if the Town was charging for the use of the Hall. Allan said yes. Dale motioned to approve the request. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.
 - b. POLE APPLICATION - Agreement needs Select Board approval and signature. Dale pointed out that the agreement referred to the Town of Dresden as Pownal in one section. Allan motioned to approve and sign the agreement. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.
 - c. COASTAL HUMANE SOCIETY – Agreement needs Select Board approval and signature. Annual fee is \$1,672. Dale motioned to postpone the decision until after the Annual Town Meeting. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved.
 - d. CEMETERY DAMAGE – Scott Brown on Kenyon Drive and Paul Marseglia Stones both repair headstones. Dave Probert offered to assist with the project.

- e. FIRE DEPARTMENT CONCERNS – Brendan Parker said that several letters had been submitted to the Fire Chief about concerns of the Firefighters. Brendan went on to explain that the Dresden Firefighters do not feel supported and spied on. Reid Anderson said that the Select Board needs to listen to the Fire Department. Allan said that he trusts the firefighters and mentioned that Chief Steve Lilly is good at his job, but lacks skills when it comes to paperwork. Andrew Spicer said the meeting (referring to the Select Board meeting, part of which was an executive session, on Thursday, May 24th) was closed doors and should have been open to the public. Allan admitted that the Select Board messed up and should have opened the meeting to the public after the executive session ended. Brendan pointed out that the perception is that decisions are being made behind closed doors. Elenor Everson said she has been apart of the Dresden Fire Association since it's seconded year of existence and there needs to be better communication. Elenor also mentioned that while the Fire Association always has representatives at Select Board meetings and the Annual Town Meeting, the Select Board does not attend any Fire Association meetings. Sonia Lilly asked why the Assistant Fire Chief was not speaking up when questions were asked about the Fire Department. Pean Lilly said that when Ron Theriault walked out and left his keys on the table during an executive session, they then appointed Gerald Lilly as Assistant Fire Chief. Someone said that when their house caught on fire, the Dresden Fire Department saved their house.

Someone asked what the Town Meeting Article said. Dale read aloud Article 8 of the 2018 Town Meeting Warrant. Reid asked when the Assistant Fire Chief was appointed. Dave Probert read aloud Article 18 from the 2014 Town Meeting Warrant. Fire Chief Lilly said that the Fire Department has been running better, but their needs to be more accountability. Rick Graffam said that all Select Board meetings and workshops must be posted. Dwight said that a lot of our problems could be solved with a joint meeting between the Select Board and Fire Department. Dwight also said that the Fire Department has been doing a great job. Elenor Everson asked if the Article in the Town Warrant regarding the appointment of the Fire Chief was changed due to complaints the town received. Dwight said that there was a lack of listening on both sides. There were also concerns about the Dresden Fire Association, which is a separate legal entity, guiding the municipal government.

Sonia Lilly said there have been lies told about the Fire Chief and defamation of character. Allan responded, saying "I was a bonehead." Chief Lilly said that Allan has been communicating well about servicing the trucks. Chief Lilly also said that Michael been communicating well and that Chief Lilly is frequently out of town on work which is why he cannot attend more meetings. Michael Nylan said that the Fire Department is one team and Chief Lilly is their leader. Dale said that we all agree on a lot. Elenor mentioned that the Fire Department does more than respond to fires, but also storms, emergencies, and car accidents. Allan said the the firefighters were out through a lot of the October 2017 wind storm. Allan also said that the Select Board needs to do a better job at listening to everyone, not just a select few and that going forward all communication needs to go through the Fire Chief.

Gary Blau mentioned that the Select Board does not show up the Fire Association meetings. Dale said that he had a conflict in his schedule. Gary said that maybe the Fire Association would consider changing their meeting time to accommodate the Select Board. Chief Lilly said that the Select Board doesn't have to come to meetings, but they should stay informed. Heather Beasley said that the problem with Article 8 of the Town Meeting is that the Select Board can supercede the Fire Association. Reid asked if the Select Board was aware of the recommendation of the Fire Association. Dale said that yes, the Select Board was informed. Brendan thanked the Select Board for listening.

- f. PAPER ROADS/RANGEWAYS – Heather Beasley said that no one has produced the warrant or meeting minutes declaring Ballard Road a Town maintained road. Allan said that Ballard Road is a Rangeway. Heather said that there is no proff that the road is a rangeway and that no one should maintain the road. Heather asked that the Select Board show her proof that the Town has access to the Ballard Road. Dale and Allan asked Heather what she would like them to do. Heather asked where the \$140 allocated from the State every year for the maintenance of Ballard Road has been going. Dwight asked when the road was built. Heather said that her family purchased the land and moved to Dresden in 1910 and at the time, there was no road. Jay Cummings said that the Select Board needs to figure this out. Allan said that the Select Board would research the issue and come back with an update the following meeting.

- g. BROWN TAIL MOTHS – Allan said that the Brown Tail moths are not mating until late summer. And if the town comes across remedies, we will post them on the town website.
- h. POWNALBOROUGH COURTHOUSE – Christine Hopf-Lovette asked to get Select Board approval to serve alcohol at the Pownalborough Courthouse. Dale motioned to approve the request. Dwight seconded and all approved.

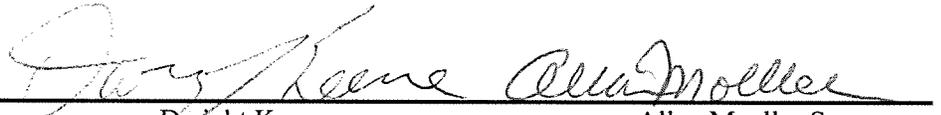
8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Town Roads – Allan said work was still getting done on the Common Road. The plan is to grand down 3/8th of the way down on the Middle Road and then repave.
- b. Fire Department - Engine 3 is fixed. Allan said that all, but two trucks have had their oil and filters changed. Chief Lilly said that the thermal imager is failing and needs to be replaced, for approximately \$1800. Allan motioned to approve the request. Dale seconded and all approved.
- c. Solid Waste Issue – There will be an E-waste Collection on June 23rd
- d. Town Office – Tokens will no longer be sold at the Meeting House Market. There have been no issues at Dubord Take-Out. Jay Cummings asked if the Town could front the stores tokens and have them pay them back as opposed to pay as you go. Kathy said that she would rather just buy tokens upfront.

9. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10. ADJOURNMENT – Allan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dwight seconded and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

APPROVED BY



Trudy Foss

Dwight Keene

Allan Moeller Sr.

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