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MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Pownalborough Hall
Monday, June 24, 2019
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

SELECT BOARD: Trudy Foss, Gerald Lilly, and Allan Moeller Sr.

ADMIN: Michael Henderson

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mike Nysten, Pean Lilly and David Everson

RESIDENTS: Gary Blau, Shari Lilly, Joe Wiley, Sherry Moody, Danny Moody, Elenor Everson

REPORTS: Art Mayers

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 1st Selectman Trudy Foss called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Trudy motioned to approve and sign the June 10th minutes. Third Selectman Allan Moellar seconded the motion and all approved.
3. **APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT** – Trudy mentioned that the warrant was small at only \$39,000. Trudy also asked why the electric bill for the Salt and Sand Shed was so high. Michael said that there was an error and the bill was meant for the Recycle Center. Trudy asked about the water department reimbursement. Allan motioned to approve and sign Warrant 26. Second Selectman Gerald Lilly seconded the motion and all approved.
4. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The next Select Board meeting will meet Tuesday, July 9TH at 6:00 pm at the Pownalborough Hall. The Dresden Town Office will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day. Beginning July 1st the Town Office will be closed on Mondays, and open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 – 4:00 PM, Thursday from 9:00 – 6:00 pm, and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 – noon.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **SNOW PLOW CONTRACT** – Trudy said that there was no signed contract with Goodall Landscaping for the 2018 through 2021 winter. Allan said that the Select Board voted to sign a new contract with Goodall in June 2018 and the Second Selectman signed the contact improperly, but the intent was clearly to sign the contract. Gary Blau said that the Select Board could cancel the contract for cause if the Town was unsatisfied with the quality of work provided. Allan motioned that the Town Continue with Goodall Landscaping for the 2019 – 2020 winter season and to revisit the contract in April 2020. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
 - b. **FOREST HILL CEMETERY** – Trudy asked if Forest Hill Cemetery used any mowers. Sherry Moody said that the Cemetery Committee had two lawn mowers and two weed whackers. Trudy asked what was done about tree maintenance. Sherry said that Joe Crout conducted most of the tree trimming. Sherry said that there were 4-6 mowings per summer. Danny recommended not using a riding mower for the cemetery. Danny said that mowing and weedwacking the cemetery took about 25 hours. Trudy asked if

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there was a need to bid out the mowing contract. Michael said that the cost was not high enough to require a bid. Trudy said that the Select Board would collect prices and send them to Sherry. Danny said that they would work with Michael on transferring ownership to the Town of Dresden. Michael will open a dedicated bank account for the cemetery management. Sherry asked if the Town would set up a Cemetery Committee. Allan said yes, they would create a Cemetery Committee.

- c. TOWN OFFICE STAFF – Trudy announced that the Select Board has hired Ann Pierce as the Tax Collector and Susan Carver as the Town Clerk. Both will begin as hired staff on Tuesday July 2nd. Gary Blau asked if Susan had experience as a Town Clerk. Trudy said that Susan was not previously a Clerk, but had an accounting background and was personable and open to learning. Sheri Lilly asked about training for the new staff. Michael said that they would get some training in office and some from MMA.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. WISCASSET AMBULANCE SERVICE – To discuss the current ambulance contract in regards to uncollectables. Gerald asked that Wiscasset Ambulance Administrator be invited to the next Select Board meeting.
- b. TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY – To discuss a request to purchase back 540 Gardiner Road from the Town after tax lien foreclosure. Allan motioned to accept all back taxes, interest, and fees and then return the property to the former owner. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
- c. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – To discuss changing the title of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectman to Town Administrator and the job description. Gerald asked what the difference was from the original position. Trudy said that the difference is the Town Administrator supervises staff and serves as Treasurer. Allan motioned to change the title to Town Administrator and change the job description. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
- d. ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT – To discuss the Midcoast Humane Society contract. Trudy said that there was \$100 cost increase based on human population. Allan motioned to accept the Animal Shelter Contract. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved.
- e. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER CONTRACT – To discuss the Lincoln County Sherriff's animal control officer contract. Allan motioned to approve and sign the Lincoln County Sheriff's Animal Control Officer Contract. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.
- f. CEO APPOINTMENT – To approve and sign the appointment form for James Valley for 2019 -2020. – Allan motioned to sign the appointment form. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved.
- g. FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT – To sign the appointment form for Steve Lilly as Fire Chief and Michael Nysten as Assistant Fire Chief. – Allan motioned to appoint Steve Lilly as Fire Chief and Michael Nysten as Assistant Fire Chief for the 2019 fiscal year. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.

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7. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Town Roads – Allan said he has been grading roads. Allan said that he will be changing culverts and ditching 4/10 of a mile of Calls Hill Road. This has been slowed down by the rain. Gary asked if there was any update on Ballard Road. Allan said there was no update at this time.
- b. Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Mike Nylen said that it's smooth sailing at the Dresden Fire Department.
- c. Transfer Station – Gerald said that there were issues with mowing Town properties. Gerald said that mowing has consistently taken more than 6 hours a week and looks terrible. Gerald said that he would talk to Scotty about mowing. Allan motioned to only pay for 6 hours of mowing weekly.
- d. Town Office – Michael said the wall is coming down in the office, new hours begin July 1st, and there will be a new computer purchase.

8. CITIZENS BUSINESS – Joe Wiley asked if Peter Lincoln and he could act on behalf of the Town of Dresden for the permitting for the Town Landing Reconstruction Project. Joe said that they will attempt a permit by rule, which is cheaper and faster. Other permits can be up to \$6,000. Gerald motioned to designate Joe Wiley and Peter Lincoln, and Jeff Pierce as Project Managers on behalf of the Select Board. Allan seconded the motion and all approved. Gary asked if the audit could be conducted in September.

9. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS – Trudy read aloud a resignation from Shirley Storkson as Treasurer and Town Clerk. Allan motioned to accept Shirley's resignation. Gerald seconded the motion and all approved.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Allan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

APPROVED BY


Trudy Foss Gerald Lilly Allan Moeller Sr.

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