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**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**Pownalborough Hall**  
**Monday, July 9, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Selectmen: Trudy Foss, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller Sr.  
Admin. Assistant: Michael Henderson  
Dresden Staff: CEO James Valley, Tax Collector Ann Pierce, and Treasurer/Town Clerk Shirley Storkson  
Fire Dept.: David Everson, Suzie Lilly, Gerald Lilly, and Pean Lilly  
Budget Review: Dave Probert and Heather Beasley  
Resident: Gary Blau, Sonia Lilly, Walter Loeman, Shari Lilly, and Christine Hopf-Lovette  
Reporters: Art Mayers and Jessica Clifford

1. CALL TO ORDER – Allan Moeller called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. MINUTES – Michael Henderson mentioned that Shari Lilly pointed out that the previous meeting minutes said Gerald Gonia instead of Darryl Gonia was re-appointed to the Bridge Academy Trust, but the appointment form had the correct name. Trudy Foss motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Dwight Keene seconded and all approved. GAYNE
3. WARRANT – Michael explained there was a refund check made out to a resident on the warrant because they had been overcharged on a recent building permit. Michael also explained that there was a check made out to the State of Maine Treasurer for Tax Assessing school, but if the Select Board did not want him to be trained then the warrant can be amended. Allan asked why there was not a check on the warrant for Bob's auto for parking lot sweeping that was conducted in June. Michael explained that because the check was lost in the mail, and that the check just needed to be voided and have a new check cut and mailed so it would not appear a second time on the warrant. Allan asked why there brush removal for the cemeteries did not appear on the warrant. Michael clarified that the brush removal was listed on Warrant 26A on Thursday, June 28 and has already been paid. Allan motioned to approve and sign the present warrant. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved.
4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next Select Board meeting will be on Monday, July 23, at the Pownalborough Hall at 6:00 pm. The Dresden Town Office will be closed Monday, July 16 for housekeeping.
5. CITIZEN BUSINESS – Dave Probert announced that the Lincoln County Historical Association, LCHA, has a proposal for the Select Board to extend their existing trail system across a town-owned property, Map 6 Lot 65. Dave went on to clarify that the trail would be only for hiking and snowshoeing, not for motorized vehicle use. Allan said the proposal sounds good, but added that if the town sells the lot then the agreement would be null and void. Trudy Foss signed the agreement and Christine Hopf-Lovette signed on behalf of LCHA.

Sonia Lilly expressed interest in serving as the Dresden Local Health Officer. She said that she already has the state certification. Trudy mentioned that Sonia was interested in the position years ago. Allan suggested the Select Board meet with Sonia to further discuss the position. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 12 at 5:30 pm at the Dresden Town Office.

Gary Blau asked what was happening with Wiscasset ambulance service. Allan explained that we still have a contract for services with Wiscasset and they have not contacted us directly regarding any changes that will affect Dresden. Gary asked if we had a backup plan. Michael explained that if someone calls 911 and Wiscasset does not answer then Gardiner Ambulance would be called due to their mutual aid agreement with Wiscasset. Michael explained that the City of Gardiner has already reached out and is open to working with Dresden again.

Walter Loeman asked if he could get a key to the Old Town Hall so that contractors could take a look at the space so he could get some estimates. Allan said that would be fine and to check out a key from the Town Office. Michael confirmed that we did have a spare key at the Town Office.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. BALLARD ROAD – Trudy Foss explained that she has been doing research and she hasn't found much information specific to Ballard/Corkum/McFadden Road and that she will continue to investigate the road. Heather Beaseley said that most towns got rid of Rangeways years ago, even Richmond, but not Dresden. Heather explained that there was a rangeway stretching north and south near her property for CMP poles. Heather went on to explain that at one time McFadden Road stretched from route 128 to route 27 and since then the name has changed to Corckum Road and then eventually Ballard Road. Heather asked why the Town hasn't forfeited their rangeways yet. Heather said that she did not want the Town of Dresden to have anything to do with the Ballard Road. Trudy said that the town would continue to research this issue.
- b. CEMETERY DAMAGE – Brush has been removed. We are seeking quotes for headstone repair.
- c. TOWN OFFICE GENERATOR – Scheduled for Tuesday, July 24 for \$6,652.00. Michael explained that the purchase was authorized in June to be purchased from the General Administration Account, but the invoice was not received until after July 1 so the cost will appear on the 2018 – 2019 Fiscal Year expenses. Allan recommended the Select Board continue with the purchase. Trudy recommended carrying forward the remaining fund balance from the 2017 - 2018 Fiscal Year. Allan also mentioned that the generator was out of stock and won't be installed until after July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- d. APPOINTMENTS – Trudy explained that there were several appointments made during the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, but not signed. The appointment forms were signed by all three of the Select Board.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. NEW BUSINESS ORDINANCE – James Valley explained that the New Business Permit Ordinance has permit applications reviewed by the Select Board even though that has not been the practice in the town. Historically and currently applications go through the Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board. Allan requested that James draft a new policy and bring it before the Select Board.
 

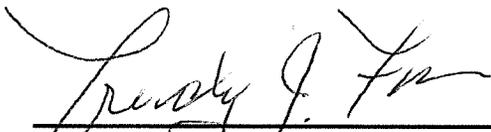
James also brought up the Town's building code. James explained that since 2012, according to Maine State law the only building code a town may adopt is the Maine Universal Building Code (MUBC) or if the population is under 4000, then the town can opt not to have a building code. James went on to say that the town cannot legally enforce the current ordinance and recommended removing the ordinance. If the Town wants to have a building code going forward, we would only need one-page explaining that Dresden was adopted the MUBC system. Trudy said that she agreed with the recommendation. Allan concurred that the town cannot enforce the code we currently have in place so there is no need in having. James said that he would send amendments to the Select Board and Planning Board.
- b. PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNTS – Ann Pierce explained that there were a number of outstanding taxes and that the number of tax liens was increasing annually. Ann said that the time required to property research and collect taxes was greater than the time allotted to the Property Tax Collector at only 11 hours weekly especially when several of those hours end up going towards motor vehicle registrations. Ann offered to come in early two days a week for a few hours to conduct additional tax collection research. Dwight said that he thought that was a good idea. Trudy said that each elected official in the office (Property Tax Collector, Excise Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Clerk) should have their own deputy to assist with work. Michael explained that each position has a deputy, but that merely having a deputy does not solve the problem that there is only 45 hours weekly hours that the town is paying for to get done the work of these four elected officials. Michael explained that there is \$180,000 of tax liens outstanding which has increased every year at least since 2012. Michael also stated that there are fourteen Tax Acquired Properties with a combined \$110,000 of outstanding taxes and over \$700,000 of assessed value that is missing from the tax roll each year. Michael explained that the time isn't being put into addressing these issues because the Property Tax Collector, Ann Pierce, and the Treasurer, Shirley Storkson, do not given enough time to do more than the bare minimum each week. Dwight said that it would be fine if Ann wanted to come in early to get the work done. Michael pointed out that both Ann and Shirley already work extra hours that they don't get paid for and that if they work anymore hours with Select Board approval then we put ourselves in treacherous territory in terms of employment law and compensation.

8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Town Roads- Eleanor Everson asked when the town was going to hire someone to grade the roads. Allan explained that no one wants to grade the town roads and the presently he conducts road work on Fridays. Dave Probert mentioned that he has a friend in Bath that is an operator and may be interested. Eleanor said that the town is throwing money away if we grade a road and potholes show up again after 3 days. Heather said that if she sees Allan Moeller grading the Ballard Road that her attorney advised her to call the sheriff. Trudy asked that Allan hold off on grading the Ballard Road until after the issue has been settled regarding the Ballard Road.
- b. Fire Department – Sonia Lilly said that Fire Chief Steve Lilly was out of town on North Haven Island. Allan mentioned that the Fire Station generator has been tested by two specialists and it appears to be working fine. Sonia asked in the generator was on FEMA’s list. Michael said that the generator is being considered by FEMA, but we won’t know more until we hear back on our insurance claim.
- c. Solid Waste Issue – Dwight is researching expansion of the Recycle Center. Allan asked for James to look into whether or not the Recycle Center could be expanded. Dwight then went on to say that he was working with the Dresden Historic Association on a document shredding event. Dave Probert explained that the Dresden Historic Association was not going forward with the event. Dwight said that he would do more research before next meeting.
- d. Town Office - Michael mentioned that on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> the town office was closed and 7 bags was recycling was disposed of while cleaning the office. Dwight asked if they needed more days with the office closed. Michael said maybe, but they could discuss that at a later date.

- 9. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS – Dave Probert asked if the town would be interested in moving the veterans memorial plaque to the Pownalborough Hall where more people would see it. Shari Lilly mentioned that people talked about moving the memorial to the Bridge Academy. Trudy said that Bridge Academy is a separate legal entity and that the town would not want to give the memorial away. Trudy asked Eleanor whether she still cared about the building. Eleanor said that she still sees some use in the building.
- 10. LEGAL COUNSEL – Trudy motioned to enter Executive Session pursuant MSRA §405(E) to discuss legal matters. Allan seconded and all approved. The Select Board entered executive session at 7:46 pm. The Select Board exited executive session at 7:56 pm. Trudy motioned that the Select Board sign a settlement agreement. Allan seconded the motion and all approved.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT – Trudy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allan seconded and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

APPROVED BY

  
Trudy Foss

  
Dwight Keene

  
Allan Moeller Sr.

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