

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Pownalborough Hall
Tuesday, August 20th, 2019
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:
SELECT BOARD: Trudy Foss, Gerald Lilly and Allan Moeller Sr.
STAFF: Michael Henderson, David Everson, Steve Lilly
PUBLIC: Eleanor Everson, Cindy Moeller, Heather Beasley, Brandy Beasley, Gary Blau, Dave Probert, Shari Lilly, Pean Lilly, Sonia Lilly, Jay Robbins, Deputy Sheriff Rand Maker, and Sgt. Matt Day
PRESS: Art Mayers and Evan Houk

1. CALL TO ORDER – First Selectman Trudy Foss called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Heather Beasley asked if the meeting was being recorded. Third Selectman Allan Moeller said that the meeting was recorded. Allan motioned to approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting. Second Selectman Gerald Lilly seconded the motion and all approved. Trudy Foss did not sign the meeting minutes because she was not present at the August 6th Select Board meeting.
3. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT – Gerald asked if the CMP bill for the Sand & Salt Shed was correct. Town Administrator Michael Henderson said that yes, the bill was correct and then handed the bill to the Select Board. Gerald asked why the Salt and Sand Shed electric bill is so high during the summer when no one is using the building. Allan said that the dumpster station is connected to the Salt and Sand Shed so some power usage would be from that year round. Gerald said that running a fan shouldn't cost that much. Gary Blau asked if it was a billing issue on the part of CMP. Gerald said that the Select Board would look into the issue.

Gerald asked what the \$37 on-call charge was for on the Pine Tree Waste bill. Trudy said that the charge was a monthly charge for their on-call pick up service. Gerald asked how often we call for trash pickups on the weekend. Michael said that he did not know what day of the week the Transfer Station Attendants call for trash pickups on, but he knew that most months there were two trash pickups and on rare occasions there were three pickups.

Gerald motioned to accept the present warrant. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved.

4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – Trudy announced that the next Select Board meeting will meet Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Pownalborough Hall. Trudy said that the Assessors need to meet next week to approve and sign the tax commitment. Allan suggested meeting Tuesday the 27th at 5:00 PM. Trudy announced that the Assessors would meet to set the mil rate on Tuesday August 27th at 5:00 PM at the Pownalborough Hall.

Trudy asked if there was enough paper at the town office for tax bills. Michael said that they had nine reams of paper which is enough for the tax bills, but said that he would order more just to be safe.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF – Chief Deputy Rand Maker introduced himself and Sgt. Matt Day to the Select Board. Trudy said that residents were concerned about a drug problem in town. Cindy Moeller said that residents were also concerned with the response time of the Sheriff's department. Gerald also said that he would like to see more of a presence from the Sheriff's department in Dresden. Deputy Rand said that the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has responded to 485 calls in Dresden since January of this year. Rand said that 175 property checks have been conducted and though he did not have statistics in front of him with the exact amount of time spent in Dresden that information could be pulled from the logs of property checks. Gary Blau asked what property checks entailed. Rand said that these are conducted in areas of high complaints. These complaints range from underage drinking to speeding as well as parties. Rand said that the Sheriff's department is available to be check on certain areas or properties if requested.

Rand went on to say that the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department employs a full-time drug enforcement officer as well as several detectives. The department also works closely with the MidCoast Maine Drug Enforcement Office. Rand said that if people want to see action taken then information needs to be shared with the Sheriff's Department either through 911, their non-emergency number 882-7332, or their anonymous tip line. Dave Probert said that he has seen the Sheriff's near the Pownalborough Hall several times. Art Mayers asked how the County was divided. Rand said that there is a West Patrol and an East Patrol.

Gary asked how many officers are patrolling at a given time. Rand said that it depends on staffing, but 4 officers are patrolling in squad cars at any given time. In addition to that, there are also grants available for additional staff for specific programs such as speeding. Gary asked if the Sheriff's department was fully staffed. Rand said that no, the department was not fully staffed. There is one deputy in training, one deputy returning in September from National Guard Duty, and one vacancy. Rand said that they recently added two positions to the department, but like every department in the State, they have had trouble filling vacancies.

There have been 14 alarms in Dresden that have gone off since January. Rand said that the Sheriff's department has a sample alarm ordinance available for municipalities which can reduce the number of alarms and free up time for deputies to patrol.

Deputy Sheriff Rand said that the sheriff's department is responsible for investigating crimes at the jail as well as transporting prisoners. The jail population is between 120 and 160 inmates.

Lincoln County is 450 square miles in area. Rand says that the department tries to use resources wisely to cover the county for speeding. Digital signs can collect data to better map out problem areas for patrols.

Dave Probert asked how the new law regarding handheld devices would affect people. Rand said that with the new law coming into effect, divers can only use handheld devices if they can be activated with one swipe and they cannot be in hand.

- b. FEE SCHEDULE – CEO James Valley wrote a letter regarding the Land Use Ordinance Fee Schedule for the Select Board. Trudy read the letter aloud and agreed with James that all buildings should have a permit requirement regardless of area. Gerald said that he disagreed and felt that the change would result in too many fees and too much paperwork for Dresden residents. Michael said that you could require permits for all buildings, but collect no fee for buildings under a certain square footage. Heather asked what the setback requirements were. Trudy said that the setbacks depend on the location which is why we tell residents to direct their questions to our CEO James Valley. Allan recommended that the matter be passed along to the Planning Board.
- c. ASSESSING – To discuss the upcoming Tax Commitment and planning for the next tax year. Gerald said that the Town of Dresden should begin looking for an outside assessing firm for next year's Tax Commitment. Allan said that it would be a good idea to bring in a firm now while Trudy is on the Select Board because of her knowledge of Assessing and Dresden properties. Allan asked for Michael to get estimates for an Assessing firm. Dave asked if Trudy was still certified as an Assessor. Trudy said that no she was not, she let her certification lapse after she retired from the Town Office. Trudy said that 10 percent of buildings are reviewed each year and that the last revaluation was done about 25 years ago.

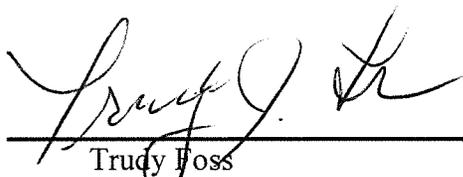
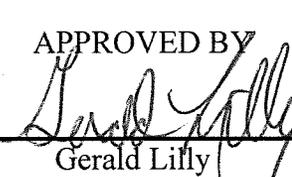
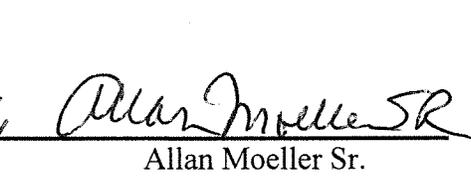
7. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- a. Town Roads – Allan said that Crooker Construction was done paving Calls Hill Road. Allan said that the project cost \$2000 more than estimated. Heather Beasley asked where the funds came from to pay for the paving. Gerald said that the funds came from the Highway Department appropriation accounts. Allan said that he still needs to grade the edges of Calls Hill Road. Allan wants to pave Bog Road with the funds still available in the Paving Account in September or October. Allan also said the culverts need to be replaced on Alexander Road, Indian Road, and Everson Road.

Allan also announced that a private citizen had posted the Ballard Road to prevent the public from accessing the town maintained road. Heather Beasley said that she was glad that the Select Board brought up the subject of the Ballard Road. Heather said that she read in the local paper that the Select Board planned to fine her for hauling gravel out of her pit during a stop work order at a rate of \$250 per day. Heather said that she also read that the Town of Dresden would post a weight limit on the Ballard Road, which she claims is her private way. Allan said that a resident brought up the idea of posting a weight limit on the road, but the town did not vote on the matter. Allan said that the Select Board did vote to impose a \$250 fee, but only for days where the Town had evidence that the Stop Work Order was being violated. Brandi Sargent said that her mother, Heather Beasley, was never served with a Stop Work Order, but that instead they received the Stop Work Order in the mail July 29th. Heather said that she would speak only to Trudy because Allan and Gerald because she felt that they were being aggressive. Trudy said that the Town attorney recommended that she not comment publicly on the matter while it is in litigation.

- b. Fire Department – Fire Chief Steve Lilly said that the trucks have all been inspected and that IPS is scheduled for cascade tests. Steve also said that Dresden, Westport Island, and Alna have a fieldtrip scheduled to Chewakee.
 - c. Transfer Station – Gerald said that the old lawn tractor was sold for \$600. Gerald also said that a no parking sign has been posted near the Recycle Center.
 - d. Town Office
 - i. To discuss a deposit error – Michael explained that in June during his first deposit of funds to Camden a deposit was made into the Water Department instead of the Town of Dresden checking account. Michael said that the funds will be moved back to the Town checking account and that all deposit slips now have the full account number written so the mistake cannot happen again.
 - ii. To discuss a credit card transaction error – Michael explained that one property tax payment in June over the phone with a credit card, but was not receipted properly. The transaction has now been recorded.
 - iii. To discuss TRIO modules for Moses, and Payport – Michael explained that two modules from TRIO can be purchased to integrate hunting and fishing licenses as well as credit card transactions into our cash receipting software to reduce errors and risk of errors. Gerald motioned to purchase the two TRIO modules. Allan seconded the motion and all approved. Trudy advised Michael to check with the front desk staff to confirm a time for the update that is convenient.
8. CITIZENS BUSINESS – Heather Beasley asked how much the Town has spent in legal fees this year. Michael said that \$1,363.75 has been spent from the legal appropriations account this fiscal year. Gary Blau asked about the status of the ambulance contract. Michael said that he would update the public as soon as there was more information.
9. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS – Trudy Foss motioned to enter executive session pursuant 1 M.R.S. A, § 405 (6)(E) for to discuss legal matters. Allan seconded the motion and all approved. The Select Board entered executive session at 7:30 PM. Gerald motioned to exit executive session. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved. The Select Board exited executive session at 7:54 PM. Allan announced that the Select Board received an update from Jay Robbins regarding research on the status of Ballard Road.
10. ADJOURNMENT – Gerald motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allan seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

APPROVED BY

		
Trudy Foss	Gerald Lilly	Allan Moeller Sr.

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