

SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2017  
Pownalborough Hall  
6:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

PRESENT: Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller, Selectmen; Trudy Foss, Admin.; Dave Probert, Peter and Barbara Lincoln, Ann Davis, Branden Perreault, Shari & Pean Lilly, Pat Theriault, Residents; Shelley Winchenbach, Spectrum/Charter Communications; Al Nelson, Gardiner Ambulance; Denise Brown, Finance Director; Abigail Adams, Reporter.

**ITEM 1. APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Dale made a motion to approve the minutes, Dwight seconded and all approved.

**ITEM 2. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANT** - Allan made a motion to approve the warrant, Dale seconded and all approved.

**ITEM 3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / CITIZENS BUSINESS** – The next Selectmen Meeting will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Pownalborough Hall at 6:00 pm.

Citizens Business - Peter & Barbara Lincoln came to ask the Board to look again at discontinuing the section of Oxbow Rd that runs through their property. They had talked to the Board about a year ago, but never heard back from them. Trudy said that they determined that they would do it when we do the paper roads at the end of this year. Allan said that we can do this now, instead of waiting. There may be 3 or 4 other roads that we can add to it also. Allan said that we need to contact our attorney to see about doing a deed over to them. Trudy said that if we discontinue the road, she thinks that it automatically reverts back to the abutting landowners. He said we need to go through our attorney to be sure how to do this. He said that the Lincoln's would have to cover the cost of our expenses. They said they would, up to a point.

**ITEM 4. TIME WARNER CABLE** - Shelley Winchenbach from Spectrum/Charter Communications came to answer our questions as to what we can do to get more service in Dresden. We have many roads that still do not have any coverage. Shelley said that their requirements were that you need 15 houses in a mile or 10 year round customers. She said that it is now 20 homes per mile. There is a grant available through Connect Me, that she can help us with to get funding to help pay for part of the work to do this. Dave said that the poles are in bad shape on the south end of River Rd, so there would be a lot of cost and work to fix that. Shelley said our contract expires in 2019. Allan would like to have someone come and ride the roads to see what they may be able to do. Shelley said they can do that.

**ITEM 5. AMBULANCE CONTRACT** – Al Nelson the Chief for Gardiner Ambulance has given us figures for the new contract, which is over 3 times what they charged us this year. He explained to us how this works and what the different amounts are for. The total is \$15,998.49

for one year. He explained the way they try to collect from the customers that don't pay. They spend two years trying before they write them off.

He also talked about the service we get from them. He said there are always 2 paramedics on all trucks. He hopes that if we are looking for prices from others in the area, and he may know who we are getting a price from, we should make sure to compare apples to apples.

Allan said they will let them know if we do decide to go with someone else.

**ITEM 6. APPOINTMENT** – Appeals Board still needs a volunteer. The Board signed Misty Parkers appointment that they had previously approved.

We have an appointment for the CEO, but the Board decided to wait until next meeting on this. It has to be done by April 1<sup>st</sup> and they need to review the new contract. Dale made a motion that we move forward on the contract. All approved.

**ITEM 7. BUSINESS PERMIT** – Kimberly Mazone has applied for a business permit to open a business to be called the Busy Bee Apothecary. There will be no traffic and no sales done on site. This was approved by all.

**ITEM 8. BUDGET** - Steve Lilly could not be here tonight with his budget request. Allan said that we need at least \$6,000 to fix the old truck and not sure we want to spend that kind of money or if we should buy a new one ton and put the current equipment on it. We need to do something or they could be out of a brush truck this season.

Allan asked if the Board could meet this Thursday at 4 pm to go over the budget. Dale said he can't make it. Dwight said he can be there. Allan said they will meet with Trudy to go over the budget.

#### **ITEM 9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**RSU Exploratory Committee Update** - Dale said that the Committee has decided that it is not practical of them to recommend anything for this annual meeting, but they may have something by the end of the year.

**Town Roads** – Local Road Sign Grant – Allan explained that this is for the Traffic signs, such as stop signs, sharp bend signs, etc. He said that DOT works with a sign company to help give towns a chance to buy signs with help from the grant. The cost to the town is 25 % of the total cost. A person has to ride around town with a DOT worker, to determine which signs can be replaced. Dale made a motion to appoint Allan to do this work, Dwight seconded. Allan said he was willing to do this.

Bog Rd. Culvert - Allan would like Trudy to set up a meeting with Gartley and Dorsky, so we can move on with this grant.

Allan said that Bog Rd. is in bad shape and he will be having some work done on it.

Allan got a price for some Chip Seal for Calls Hill at a cost of \$42,609. One and a half inch of overlay cost \$49,000 per mile, so about half the cost. He would like to do this as it last about 10 years. We will need to know if we want to do this by the next meeting.

**Fire Dept. Issues-** None

### **Solid Waste Issue**

Any New employees ? - After some discussion it was determined that Dwight made an error when Scott introduced him to two boys and said that they were here to work, so he assumed they were the two people that we hired. Dwight claimed that he did not know the boys names that we hired, but they were given at the previous meeting, when they hired them and the Board reviewed the applications. Unfortunately we cannot pay him for working, as he did not do an application so we could do an SBI report and also need paperwork for social security # and tax info. It was determined that he would have to go through that whole process to get paid for the 4.25 hours he worked. Dale said he thinks he would be a good worker. Trudy said that we already have 2 new employees, which was what we needed. Allan said our budget won't allow for another employee, but if they want to use him as a backup for the backup, they could do that.

**Marijuana Retail Business Committee** – Dale suggest that we call one person on our list of volunteers to have them convene this meeting. There was discussion as to waiting until the State comes up with their regulations and maybe we won't need this committee. Dave Probert said that this committee was going to do a survey, which he feels we need still. In the end it was decided that Dale will call Erica Atkinson to convene this meeting.

### Any other General Business

Enterprise Grange Awards Day is April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is at 3pm at the Richmond Grange on Alexander Reed Rd. We have picked a person who is willing to accept this award and hope that some of our residents will attend this function to Thank Dave Probert for all he has done for the Town of Dresden and its residents.

Three cheers to Dave!!

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58PM

APPROVED BY

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Dale Hinote

Dwight Keene

Allan Moeller Sr.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**