

SELECTMEN MINUTES

Pownalborough Hall

Mon., May 1, 2017

6:00 pm

PRESENT: Dale Hinote, Dwight Keene, Allan Moeller Sr., Selectmen; Trudy Foss, Admin. Assist.; David Probert, Sherry Moody, Peter Walsh, Scott Silverman, Branden Perrault, Jeff Pierce, BRC; Shari & Pean Lilly, Steve Lilly, Gerry & Suzie Lilly, Mike Nylen, Fire Dept.; Joe Wiley, Misty Parker, Brendan Parker, Bob & Grace Deboers, Residents; Toby Martin, Wiscasset Ambulance; Abigail Adams, reporter.

ITEM 1. APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Dale made a motion to approve all 3 sets of minutes, Dwight seconded, all approved.

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

ITEM 3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / CITIZENS BUSINESS – The next Selectmen Meeting will be on May 15th at 6pm at Pownalborough Hall.

Citizens Business – Dave Probert said when he went walking this weekend he saw that someone had felled trees over the trail and put up no trespassing signs and he asked if they could do that. Allan said that it is a rangeway and they cannot block them. He said these are called paper roads and we will have to vote on this by the end of the year and decide if to close them so they revert back to the landowners on each side. He said if we don't give them to the landowners we will have to fix any up any part of the road that someone wants to build on. Dave asked if we knew who owned that land where it was, but we do not, but he can look it up at the office. Dave said he does not want the road to close or they will lose their walking trail. Allan said we might keep a couple of the roads. This will happen later in the fall.

ITEM 4. TOWN LANDING FUNDS / INGE FOSTER – Joe Wiley said he has finally talked with the Army Corp of Engineers and the DEP and done a Natural Resource application to repair and do maintenance to the landing that is on Town Landing Rd. Inge Foster left funds to do this. All of the work will be done above the low tide line. The Town will be the applicant. They will put this out to bid to at least 3 firms.

ITEM 5. AMBULANCE CONTRACT - Toby Martin went over the Contract prices for the three year contract, with Wiscasset Ambulance. They are \$6,000 for the first year, \$6,500 for the second year and the final year will be \$7,000. They now offer 24 hour service all the time, with 3 people on during the day and two at night. We do not have to pay uncollectables unless we cancel our contract before the three years is up.

They also offer a subscription plan which covers you if you are ever transported by Wiscasset Ambulance at a very minimal annual fee. For this annual fee you will not be charged for the copay or charges your insurance does not cover for EMS services. If you have no insurance at all the entire bill would be paid. The fee for this for a family is \$100, a single resident is \$50, a

Senior couple is \$40 and a single Senior is \$25 per year. Even businesses can get this for \$250. They also have a Medical Equipment loan program, where residents can borrow a wheelchair, walker, crutches, etc.

Our cost that we received from Gardiner Ambulance is \$15,998.48 for a one year term. This includes uncollectables.

The Board told Mr. Martin that they would very highly take this into consideration.

ITEM 6. TIME WARNER CABLE – Negotiation update – Survey results from Calls Hill and Orchard Hill results are supposed to be in today, so should hear from them within a day or so. Bob Deboers would like to see this on the south end of River Rd., where he lives. It stops just a short distance from him house and doesn't go any further. He said they have horrible reception with what they have now. It comes and goes a lot. Can this be looked into? Allan said this is another spot that is next on the list, they are just finishing the other area and this will be next. Trudy will talk with them this week.

ITEM 7. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION – Sat., May 6th in Bath. Dwight will attend this event as a member of our Board. The Board asked if anyone has signed up yet? Dave Probert and Sherry Moody said they have.

ITEM 8. APPOINTMENTS – Marijuana Committee - Dale made a motion to appoint the people who signed up for this committee and to get them appointed & sworn in, so that Julie Simpson can convene the meeting ASAP. Dwight seconded and all approved.

ITEM 9. BUDGET- Trudy said she wasn't sure that we had anything for this, but put in on just in case. Peter said he thinks the BRC is making good progress on this, but wants to make sure that the Board is making a good effort to reduce the town budget by 10%, as the school budget is going up over \$96,000. Allan explained that we can't do that, we have cut our budget for the last few years to bare bones. They might want to go to the school to cut their budget. The State may also be cutting our school subsidy, which will make our share even more. Peter asked about meeting with the Board to finalize this warrant. They agreed to meet on Wednesday, May 10th at Bridge Academy.

ITEM 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

InforMe – Kim is still working on this.

Town Roads – Culvert Grant – Allan said that Gartley & Dorsky have the test holes done. Allan has done quite a bit of grading this past week.

Fire Dept. – Steve said things seem pretty good. There was more discussion on the truck that has had work done to it and also on a truck that hardly gets used much, as a lot of the Firemen don't like driving it.

Solid Waste Issue – Is Dwight still co-ordinating for them, so they know when they have to work and when to have time sheets in, etc.? Trudy just had a problem on the last warrant, as it was a Holiday and the new attendant had not been told he had a different schedule for turning in his time card during a Holiday Warrant. So he did not get paid and Trudy had to do him a check

the following Tuesday, which causes extra work for Kim as Treasurer, as she has to take care of the liabilities to the Feds and State, for taxes. Dwight said he is still doing that stuff and things are good up there.

Any other General Business - Pat sent a request to the Board to appoint Shari as an Assistant Deputy so she can deal with absentee ballots, as Pat is being opposed on the ballot, and cannot do them.

The Board appointed Shari as Assistant Clerk to work during the time that absentee ballots are being done. All approved.

Branden took the ConnectMe application to see if he can do anything with it. It is due May 12th so not sure if he will be able to get it in or not.

Dale made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A. ss 405 (6)(A) for a personnel matter. Dwight seconded and all approved. Everyone left except the Board and Steve Lilly and Trudy Foss.

Entered Executive Session at 7:28 pm. Returned at 8:06

Dale said the results are that the Fire Chief, Steve Lilly will report back to them on plans and progress by May 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

APPROVED BY

Dale Hinote

Dwight Keene

Allan Moeller Sr.

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