



MINUTES
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday October 15, 2018

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman, Thomas R. Von Malder, called the meeting to order at 4:00PM in the selectmen's meeting room, present were Selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page. Also present was recording secretary Joan Linscott and members of the public (see attached sign in sheet).

2. Approve the minutes

a.) Approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting.

Motion: Gordon Page to accept the minutes of October 1, 2018. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

3. Old Business

a.) Discuss with Attorney Fred Newcomb the wording for the published advertisement to place out to bid the tax acquired property at 371 Dublin Road.

Attorney Fred Newcomb - Feels that it would not be prudent to sell the property at 371 Dublin Road before it is cleaned up. The Town would be selling an unsafe property with dangerous buildings and the possibility of unseen hazards, to someone else not resolving the issue of the dangerous buildings and other issues that may be on the property.

Linda Post - Couldn't we sell the property and withhold the deed until the clean up is completed?

Attorney Fred Newcomb - At this time the Town does not even know the extent of the hazards that may be on the property. It could be a lot more than just dangerous buildings, we have no idea if the soils are contaminated, what hazards may be inside the buildings, the cesspool and other issues that may be there before we trade one owner for another. We at least should have the DEP come and look at the site.

Linda Post - Feels that buildings need to come down as soon as possible to keep the people from sneaking back in there.

Attorney Fred Newcomb - We have gotten a writ of possession that will be served by the Sheriff's Department if there is anyone in there to serve. This will allow the Sheriff's Department to remove the people physically.

Ken Wexler - The Town should have someone do an environmental impact study on the property.

Attorney Fred Newcomb - Feels that this may be a wise move on the part of the Town, so we know what is there before any decision is made on what the Town is going to do with this property.

Gordon Page - Feels that the property should be posted with no trespassing signs and caution tape and any vehicles still on the property we should get the VIN numbers or license plate numbers off of them so that we can do an abandoned vehicle form for the Secretary of State before removing them from the property.

Thomas R. Von Malder - Have the secretary tell the Code Enforcement Officer to post the property with no trespassing signs and caution tape and have him get the information from any vehicles still at the site. Also we should have him contact Gartley and Dorsky to see who they might recommend to do an environmental impact study of the site.

b.) Review the bids for the Outdoor Lighting Project at the Community Building

Linda Post - Would like to see the R.F.P. s that were sent out in order to know what we were asking these folks to give us a price on.

Gordon Page - We should also find out what other companies these were sent to.

Thomas R. Von Malder - Wants to know how much money we have for this project, and what is really needed.

Lynn Chaplin - Why are we replacing the poles? That seems like an added expense.

Motion: Linda Post to table until the next meeting. Gordon Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

4. New Business

a.) To hear a request from Jeff Weatherbee on having a map of the Town of Owls Head posted for those property owners to color in their property if they wish to have no hunting on their land.

Jeff Weatherbee - Presented a copy of the Town Tax Map showing all the properties in the Town limits, he would like to have the Town provide a large copy of the map for posting in the lobby of the Town Office for those residents who wish to have no hunting on their property to be able to color in their lots, then anyone who wishes to hunt can come in and look at the map and know where to go or not to go. He would also like to have the an advertisement placed in the newspaper each year that the Town of Owls Head does not allowing hunting with rifles.

Linda Post - Not sure but thinks the property owners need to be post their property as no trespassing/no hunting.

Motion: Linda Post to provide a map for the property owners to come in and designate no hunting by coloring in their property. Gordon seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

b.) Hear a report from Ken Wexler and the Airport Committee on airport activity, the inter-local agreement, the hangers, and fence screening

Ken Wexler, Airport Advisory Committee member- The Airport is replacing some of the fencing along the Dublin Road and Ash Point Drive, it will be screened but he feels that more screening is needed. In 1995 the Planning Board required the Airport to screen the fencing and it seems there are areas where they did not complete their requirements. Ken would like to have the Selectmen enforce this requirement placed by the Planning Board in 1995 and he would be willing to work on enforcing the screening issue on behalf of the Selectmen if they wish.

Peter Harrison, Airport Advisory Committee member - If there ever is a project happening at the airport that the Selectmen wish to oppose then the Owls Head AAC(Airport Advisory Committee) would be willing to help them. At this time the AAC has no real authority to act they are just a watchdog group to keep the Selectmen informed of the goings on at the airport, but the committee would be willing to act in a more official capacity of enforcement if the Selectmen would like to direct them to act in this capacity.

Linda Post - We have a Code Officer, and zoning regulations as well as the Planning and Appeals Boards to regulate what happens at the airport.

Ken Wexler - The Inter-Local Agreement will be coming up on June 1, 2021 and he feels the Selectmen should start working on it now, knowing that the County will most likely wish to make a lot of changes to allow for more growth. The committee would be willing to act on behalf of the Selectmen in negotiating with the County. The last airport business plan from years ago shows that they would eventually like to build a very large tower and at least 22 jet hangers, making Owls Head a Jetport and this is concerning for the residents of Owls Head.

Linda Post - Feels that we should invite Andy Hart to come to a meeting.

Lynn Chaplin, Appeals Board member - Feels that the Town needs to redo the Zoning Ordinances addressing more issues as they might affect the future airport expansion.

Linda Post - The Airport is in a Commercial Zone so rewriting the zoning ordinance would be for the commercial zone town wide.

Barbara Nims, Airport Advisory Committee member - She has heard that there is a aquifer under the airport property and if this is the case then the Town should do all they can to protect it.

Richard Carver - It depends on what the definition of an aquifer is. There are many different types.

Ken Wexler - The reports all say that it is not a major aquifer but someone told him that might not be the case, he feels it should be checked into and maybe studied further.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments

6. Other Business

Chairman Thomas R. Von Malder - Asked if the Board would like to renew its membership in the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission.

Motion: Linda Post to renew the Town of Owls Head's membership in the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

7. Approve and Sign the Municipal Warrants

Motion: Linda Post to approve and sign the municipal warrants. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE 3 in favor - 0 opposed

The Adjustment to the Agenda is considered a personnel matter the and the Board of Selectmen have the right to call for an executive session and have decided it would be better to go into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(2) to discuss a personnel matter.

8. Adjustments to the Agenda

1.) Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(2) to discuss a Personnel Matter

Motion: Gordon Page to go into Executive Session at 6:25. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

Motion: Linda Post to come out of Executive session at 6:45 PM. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

No vote taken on the issue discussed in Executive Session

9. Adjourn the Meeting

Motion: Linda Post to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Gordon Page seconded.