

Selectman's Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2016

Selectmen: Thomas Von Malder, Dave Matthew, Linda Post

Present: Richard Carver, Tom Edwards, Scott Bickford, Kathy Macpherson, Ken Wexler, Maynard Curtis, Richard Matlack, Peter Harrison, Wayne Meserve, Jacob Post, Vivian Newman, John Bisignano

4:05 PM Selectman's meeting opened.

Dave Matthews motioned to accept the minutes as amended from October 3, 2016. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

4:12 PM Selectman's meeting recessed. Assessor's meeting opened.

Tom Edwards presented 3 abatements to the Selectmen for the following properties: Map 7 Lot 56, Map 12 Lot 28, and Map 12 Lot 29.

Dave Matthews motioned to adjourn the Assessor's meeting. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

4:20 PM Selectman's meeting back in session.

Scott Bickford presented a possible Sewer and Turnaround Easements for the town at Knowlton Ave. and Cottage Ave.. Scott explained that the turnaround at the end of Cottage Ave. would be an immediate use to the town and residents. The Sewer would be a future asset to the neighboring properties. The Selectmen would like to take a look at the end of Cottage Ave. before discussing the turnaround further. They also directed Scott to look into possible grants for a sewer extension.

Linda Post motioned to table the turnaround easement. Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

Dave Matthews motioned to table the Sewer easement. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

4:40 PM Selectman's meeting recessed. Assessor's meeting back in session.

Linda Post motioned to accept 3 abatements as presented: Map 7 Lot 56 for \$635.36, Map 12 Lot 28 for \$25.23, and Map 12 Lot 29 for \$300.93. Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

Tom Edwards presented the Selectmen with 2 supplements for the following properties: Map 7 Lot 56 and Map 13 Lot 8-1.

Linda Post motioned to accept 2 supplements as presented: Map 7 Lot 56 for \$635.36 and Map 13 Lot 8-1 for \$174.90. Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

Tom Edwards informed the Selectmen that he would have the Assessment ready for the next meeting.

4:48 PM Assessor's meeting closed. Selectman's meeting back in session.

The Selectmen discussed the posting of the agenda with the Airport Committee. Ken Wexler assured the Selectmen that they will post the agendas.

Linda Post suggested that minutes from their meetings be posted on the Town website. Dave Matthews inquired about what the Owls Head Airport Committee is doing and if they are still needed. Ken Wexler explained that they have not meet very much during the last year where there wasn't much going on at the airport but they are going to be meeting more on the airport wants to expand.

Environmental Representative for the Airport Public Advisory Committee, Vivian Newman spoke in favor of Owls Head keeping their Airport Committee as they are representation for the town.

Maynard Curtis explained to the Selectmen that when they gained the Owls Head seat held by Adam Philbrook with a three year term, his District 1 seat on the Airport Public Advisory Committee went to a two year term. Maynard is concerned that in the future Owls Head may lose some of the representation on the APAC and the Owls Head Airport Committee is more representation for the residents of Owls Head.

An original member of the Airport Committee, John Bisignano informed the Selectmen that when the Owls Head Airport Committee was formed that they advocate for the town and limited what the Airport could do.

Wayne Meserve added that the Owls Head Airport Committee is the go to for information about what is happening at the airport and the voice of the Board of Selectmen to the Airport Public Advisory Committee.

Dave Matthews questioned the productivity of the Owls Head Airport committee with the friction between the two committees. Richard Carver informed the Selectmen that there has always been some level of friction between the two committees but as citizens we all have the right to ask questions about the airport which is why we need the committee.

Dave Matthews requested that the Owls Head Airport Committee keep the town more informed by having the meetings posted appropriately, report regularly at the Selectmen meetings and having the minutes posted on the website. Ken Wexler agreed.

Ken Wexler requested the Selectmen consider appointing Wayne Meserve to the Owls Head Airport Committee.

Linda Post requested an update from the Owls Head Airport Committee at the next Selectman's meeting on November 7, 2016.

Linda Post motioned to appoint Wayne Meserve to the Owls Head Airport Committee.

Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

Jacob Post from Rockbound Computers discussed with the Selectmen, the computer system in the town office. The Selectmen directed Jacob to draw up a proposal with a time line and quote for the work needed to be done on the computer system for the next Selectman's meeting on November 7, 2016.

Richard Carver informed the Selectmen that he contacted Harbor Master Adam Philbrook inquiring about reconvening the Harbor Committee. Adam is in the process of getting the Committee back together and will work on having the floats removed by November 15th.

The Selectmen received a letter concerning a portion of Map 7 Lot 97. Scott Bickford discussed the letter with the Selectmen.

Dave Matthews motioned to respond to the letter with:

At this time we believe the Town of Owls Head is not involved in any private sale of real estate. Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Bickford has only advised the current owner regarding the potential non-conformity of the parcel in question within the scope of his responsibilities.

Should you have further questions regarding this issue we would advise you to seek legal council. Sincerely, Town of Owls Head Selectmen, Thomas Von Malder, Chairman.

Linda post seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen directed the Secretary for more research on the postage meter before an agreement is signed.

Tom Von Malder gave an update on the renovation planning of the Town Office. A meeting was held at office at 3 pm today October 17, 2016 to go over the potential plan by John Hansen. The next meeting will be held at the office on Monday, November 21, 2016 to look over the final plans and John will be contacting contractors to get an approximate estimate for the work.

The Selectmen discussed the Conservation Commission's request for the town to contribute funds to help install posts at the Plaisted Preserve and would like to see a plan for the next year.

Dave Matthews motioned to approve the Conservation Commission to install sign posts at the Plaisted Preserve not to exceed \$300.00. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Secretary presented a letter from Coastal Opportunities with a donation of \$300.00 to the town.

Dave Matthews motioned to send an acknowledgement letter to Coastal Opportunities thanking them for their generous donation of \$300.00. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen directed the Secretary to send the letter to Coastal Opportunities.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Dave Matthews motioned to adjourn. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

6:45 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather-Rae Steeves
Recording Secretary