



**Minutes
Owls Head Board of Selectmen
November 19, 2018**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman, Thomas R. Von Malder called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Present were selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page. Also attending 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 November 5, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting and the November 5, 2018 Assessors Meeting**

Motion: Gordon Page to approve the minutes of the Nov. 5, 2018 Board of Assessor's Meeting. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

Motion: Gordon Page to approve the minutes of the Nov. 5, 2018 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

3. Old Business

- a.) **Discuss the next step to be taken on the tax acquired property at 371 Dublin Road after the DEP review of the site.**

Thomas R. Von Malder - Feels the Town needs to go out to bid on demolition of the buildings as soon as possible before winter sets in. It would be nice to have the site cleaned up as well but at this late date not sure it would all get done. We can have the CEO write up the bid specs for the clean-up plus the demolition of the buildings and have the demolition be the first priority in the bid. The full clean-up of the site may have to wait until spring possibly the bid could be in two parts one for demolition and one for site clean-up with the understanding that the clean-up of the site may not be feasible at this time of year so we could include some sort of extension where partial payment is withheld until the job is completed.

Linda Post - Fred Newcomb should review it before we place the advertisement.

Motion: Linda Post to have Code Officer Scott Bickford write up bid specs for the demolition and site clean-up at 371 Dublin Road and have Fred Newcomb review it before we place it in the paper. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor – 0 opposed

b.) Discuss with the Conservation Committee funding the Tree Lighting

Mr. DerMarderosian - The Conservation Committee is looking for money to help with the Christmas Tree Lighting for the Town of Owls Head. His wife said the Selectmen had approved the funding last February for this.

Gordon Page - Was not on the Board at the time so did not know that what the Selectmen had done, was to refer this request to the budget committee for their consideration. He did go speak with Kevin at the Transportation Museum and was told that they would offer some sort of sponsorship to the event. It would also be helpful if the Conservation Committee spoke to them.

Linda Post - There are also business like Penobscot Island Air and some of the seafood dealers in the area that would most likely help.

Deena Carafelli - Doesn't understand how this could have happened with no communications between the budget committee or the selectmen to the tree lighting group telling them of this denial of funding. It seems the Selectmen could have told the budget committee to leave the funding in place. How do we get the Town to help fund this in the future?

Linda Post - Feels the best way would be to get a petition next year before town meeting with enough signatures on the petition which is equal to 10% of the Owls Head voters that voted in the latest election for Governor, requesting a warrant article be placed on the town meeting warrant allowing the citizens be the ones to decided on funding or not.

c.) Approve the proposal for Gartley & Dorsky to prepare the request for proposal for the new Harbor Park at a cost of \$4,900.00

Dick Carver - This proposal has been reviewed by the Harbor Committee a couple of times and after a few revisions we are happy with the final agreement.

Motion: Gordon Page to recertify the proposal with Gartley & Dorsky for the Harbor Park Plan. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

c.) Discuss the correspondence received from Charter Communications

Gordon Page - He contacted Shelly Winchenbach of Charter Communications and spoke with her about the Town being notified after the fact of the renewal and invited her to attend a meeting. Her response was she would not be available to attend a December meeting and mentioned she had met with the Selectmen recently in 2014.

Linda Post - Does not call four years recent. Also they came to discuss expansion not the Franchise Agreement.

Thomas R. Von Malder - Soon Direct TV will no longer be broadcasting via satellite and using Broadband which we do not have here. So we will need to look into alternatives.

Gordon Page - There is a company in St. George that helps towns with this type of thing such as negotiating a new Franchise Agreement. Maybe the Town should form a committee to look into the future of cable in Owls Head.

Linda Post - We have Dave Matthews sitting here and he has been working on it for us for a while now, maybe he could get some people together and we could appoint them.

Thomas R. Von Malder - A good number seems to be five members.

Motion: Gordon Page to establish an ad-hoc committee of five members to explore the options of cable broadcasting in Owls Head moving into the future. Linda Post seconded

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

4. New Business

There was no New Business

5. Adjustments to the Agenda

a.) Approve and sign a Liquor License for the Owls Head Transportation Museum Holiday party for the Pen Bay Council of Realtors to be held on December 6, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Motion: Gordon Page to approve and sign the Liquor License Application for the Owls Head Transportation Museum for the Pen Bay Council of Realtors Holiday party to be held December 6, 2018. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

6. Public Comments

There were no comments.

7. Other Business

Dick Carver - The Harbor Committee is working on getting an extension on the easement from Ship to Shore needed for the Harbor Project and due to a letter from the Code Officer about a noise issue it seems we may not get it now.

Linda Post - What is the issue there?

It was asked that CEO Scott Bickford come into the meeting.

Scott Bickford CEO - Have received complaints from the Masons on the noise from the refrigerator truck parked at the business. He has asked Ship to Shore to turn the unit around or park it so it is not facing the Mason's house. As of yet have heard excuses such as a new one is coming but still the noise does not seem to abate. He has folder with emails and Sheriff Department report of the noise. He has not yet issued a notice of violation but they have 20 days to respond to the latest letter. The fine once the notice is issued is at the very least \$100.00 per day. He has been dealing with this for sometime now though. May just to have to get them to sign a consent agreement to run it at certain times or shut them down. If he had known about the easement extension could have held off a little while.

Linda Post - What is the decibel level?

Scott Bickford - In Owls Head the decibel level is 91 as for what the level it is at the site when the unit is running he is not sure he did not measure it, someone else did he guesses. Every time he goes there it is not running.

Linda Post - What are the dates and times of the incidents?

Scott Bickford – “You can read the folder with all the emails on this subject if you like, just leave it on my desk when you are done. I have been holding back on another violation at Ship to Shore, and that is they did not go through site plan review as was required so I still have that up my sleeve as well. “

Linda Post - What about Tint & Tow the garage business up by Pam's. Do they not need a permit to operate?

Scott Bickford - "What business? I have seen no sign of a business, if you are talking about the trucks parked there as long as they are registered it doesn't matter. I do not see any actual work happening there." "If they do not put a sign out they can do what they will behind closed doors, I can not just walk in and accuse them of operating a business there.”

Linda Post - They are advertising.

Scott Bickford - He has not seen any advertising. "If I went looking around for advertisements I could probably find many violators in Owls Head. How deep would you want me to dig?"

Other Business continued

Linda Post - We need to have the Owls Head Airport Committee come to a December meeting to discuss the future of the committee, and also have the County APAC committee come as well. Make sure to notify both committees.

Joan Linscott - Ken Wexler sent an email last week asking to be placed on the December 17th agenda to update the selectmen on airport activities and review some of the material discussed last month.

8. Approve and Sign the Municipal Warrants

Motion: Linda Post to approve and sign the municipal warrants dated November 19th. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

9. Adjourn the Meeting

Motion: Linda Post to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor – 0 opposed