



MINUTES
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 5, 2018

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman Thomas R. Von Malder called the meeting to order at 4:10PM. Present were Selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page, 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 15, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting.

Linda Post stated on page two it should read an not and abandoned vehicle.

Motion: Gordon Page made a motion to approve with the correction. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

3. Old Business

a.) Review the bids for the Outdoor Lighting Project at the Community Building tabled from October 15, 2018

Steve Cook - We sent out three bids but only received one response the other two contractors felt they could not meet the timeline since we were trying to get this done before the election. Hedstrom's proposal was exactly what we asked for in the R.F.P. He did mention that he could most likely no longer do it for that cost due to the new tariffs placed by the U.S. Government.

Linda Post - We would like to see what the request were asking for.

Gordon Page - We received a copy of the R.F.P. back on September 28 in an email.

Thomas R. Von Malder - I do not feel we need to have a color upgrade on the poles at an extra cost. Do we need to have the fuse boxes?

Steve Cook- You do not need the fuse boxes they are just an add on.

Motion: Gordon Page to approve the bid with Hedstrom Electric at the bid price stated of \$ 8,490.00 for the Community Building lighting and to exclude the fuse boxes and upgrades on the paint on the poles. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

b.) Revisit the 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 that was approved at the Selectmen's Meeting on October 15, 2018

Gordon Page - Would like to thank Town Clerk Susan Wilson for her thoughts on this issue.

Since it seems there would be associated costs and possible issues with allowing this to be done the feeling is that the previous vote should be rescinded.

Motion: Gordon Page to rescind the vote taken on placing a map at the Town Office for people to color in their property if they wish to have no hunting. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

4. New Business

a.) To hear a presentation from County Administrator Andy Hart and Airport Manager Jeff Northgraves on the airport at the request of Andy Hart.

Andy Hart, Knox County Administrator - The first question is what the function is of the Owls Head Airport Committee.

Linda Post - That was originally set up to provide communications to the Selectmen about what the was happening at the airport.

Andy Hart - How are they appointed?

Linda Post - By the Selectmen and they are should meet quarterly. They should be posting Agendas and keeping minutes.

Andy Hart - Would like to ask if the meeting notices could be copied to Jeff Northgraves so he can attend. And would like to know what official authority they have in regards to the airport?

Linda Post - They have no official authority, except to inform the Selectmen of anything they feel may be of interest to the Town.

Gordon Page - They mentioned that the time is near to start working on the inter-local agreement.

Jeff Northgraves - The current agreement does not expire until 2021. We will most likely not start work on that until about 1 1/2 years out. There are a few things in the agreement that the FAA has a problem with such as easement for tree cutting.

Andy Hart - Would like to see the Owls Head Airport Committee working in the positive instead of always in opposition to everything the airport tries to accomplish. Some of the information they pass out is not always accurate. There are now three members from Owls Head in the APAC where there used to be only one, and those folks have the most up to date and correct information available. The Selectmen could be talking to them to get information. There is no plans for the future to make the Knox County Airport a jetport, nor are we planning to build a tower. The business plan does not call for 20 hangars. At the most it might be 16 hangars all within the footprint of the current airport. These would be private hangars as well. The Town of Owls Head has a Zoning Ordinance, a Code Officer and Planning Board that reviews and approves any construction at the airport. There are some individuals in Town that seem to be opposed to the airport. Some items keep coming up time and again no matter how many times we defend the issue or have proven them wrong and it is costing the county extra funds to keep defending issues that have been resolved, and by costing the county it costs all the tax payers in the county.

Gordon Page - Who are the three Owls Head residents who serve on the APAC?

Jeff Northgraves - Maynard Curtis, Adam Philbrook and Katie Shaw.

Lynn Chaplin - Where is the land for these 20 hangars?

Jeff Northgraves - There are not going to be 20 hangars, that is miss information. Look at the Airport Plans they are on the website at Knox County/Airport. All the plan does it set aside land for the future and at most it would allow for 16 private hangars that could only be built after the approval of the Planning Board and CEO, which could be as far as 20 years down the road, and we are not going to be building a traffic control tower. With all the miss information it feels that the Owls Head Airport Committee seems to be against the airport.

Lynn Chaplin - If there are more hangars built wouldn't that increase the amount of traffic in Owls Head ?

Jeff Northgraves - These would be private hangars not commercial so not sure how much traffic it would represent.

Bob Hirsh - Feels that the tax revenue from the hangars would be a benefit to the Town.

Linda Post - Adam Philbrook is our Harbor Master and he comes before us to update us on things at the Harbor, maybe we could get him to do the same for the Airport as part of the APAC Committee. At least it seems we would be getting the right information.

5. Adjustments to the Agenda

New Business

a.) Discuss work on the furnaces

(see attached email from Frank Ross Fire Chief)

Linda Post - The Town should probably use the same person to do both the furnaces at the community building and the fire station. However we award the oil bid to should be asked to service the furnaces as well.

Gordon Page - Feels there should be just one contractor to service both locations.

Thomas R. Von Malder - We should contact Maritime Energy to see if they would do this.

Motion: Gordon Page to ask Maritime Energy to service the Town's furnaces at the Community Building and the Fire Station. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

b.) Hear a report from Russell Wolfretz, Jr. on a Planning Board issue

Russ Wolfretz - The Planning Board made a decision that to grant a permit and it seems that the DEP and FEMA on a floodplain issue and are threatening to take away our Food Insurance which could effect as many as 30 homeowners. Feels that the Planning Board made the right decision, but now they may have to work out a solution with the DEP and FEMA hopefully that will be satisfactory to all involved. Would like permission from the Selectmen to contact MMA Legal Department fro some advice. The Planning Board has invited Sue Baker of the Maine DEP to attend a meeting with the Planning Board.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments

7. Other Business

A letter was received from Charter Communications on the renewal of the cable franchise agreement. It seems according to the letter that the agreement automatically has renewed.

Gordon Page - Why are we getting a letter after the fact? It seems the Town did not have the option of renegotiating the agreement.

Linda Post - Not sure what this is all about and when the agreement expired.

Gordon Page - Will contact Charter Communications.

Memo from Secretary Joan Linscott in regards to pay for elections work (see attached)

Joan Linscott - Was told that she would not be paid for the hours worked beyond 5:00 PM on election day and wished to know why when the law state hourly workers are to be paid for time worked?

Linda Post - Had never heard of not paying someone for the time worked unless it is a salaried position.

Gordon Page - Federal Labor law requires hourly employees be paid for their time.

The secretary will be paid for the time worked.

An email was received from the people wishing to do the tree lighting for the holidays. It seems they are under the impression the Selectmen approved \$750.00 to pay towards the tree lighting with any additional funds to come from fundraising and donations.

Linda Post - It seems this was approved by the selectmen to be sent to the budget committee who decided not to place it in the budget since it could set a precedence for any future groups to have the Town fund their projects.

Gordon Page - What they need is corporate sponsorship from someone like the Transportation Museum. Will look into it.

8. Approve and Sign the Municipal Warrants

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

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed

9. Adjourn the Meeting

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

VOTE: 3 in favor - 0 opposed