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Town of Owls Head
Selectman's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 17, 2017

Selectmen: Tom Von Malder, Dave Matthews, Linda Post

Present: Richard Carver, Eleanor Raynes, Dawn Heuser, Tom Christie, Elizabeth Mann, Gordon Poland, Sandra Arvidson, Marti Reed, Greg Jones, Elsa McGarvy, Lew Edwards, David Gravison, Michael Voncannon, Adam Philbrook, Jake Miller, Wendy Bradford, Willis Silverwood, Beth Birmingham

4:00 PM Meeting called to order.

Linda Post motioned to accept the minutes from July 3, 2017 as amended. Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed an email from Fred Newcomb requesting the Selectmen to set a date for a hearing regarding whether buildings located at Map Lot should be found to be dangerous buildings and if this finding is made, what action should be taken.

Linda Post motioned to set hearing date for September 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the Owls Head Community Building. Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

Dave Matthews presented a summary of the Municipal Banking bids opened at the July 3, 2017 meeting. Elsa McGarvy gave an overview of services Machias Savings Bank offers to Municipalities as did Jake Miller on behalf of The First.

After a short discussion, Linda Post motioned to award the Town of Owls Head Municipal Banking to Machias Savings Bank. Tom Von Malder seconded. Dave Matthews abstained. Motion carried.

The Selectmen reviewed a recommendation and cost from Frank Ross for power at the Stump Dump. The recommendation was to install a generator for power at the facility in the amount of \$2,075.00.

Dave Matthews suggested the recommendation as presented by Frank Ross, to be submitted to the Budget Committee for the 2017-2018 Budget. All agreed.

The Selectmen reviewed two warrant articles presented by the Harbor Committee regarding the zoning change of the public land located at Map 11 Lot 33 and to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to apply for federal funding for the "Owls Head Harbor Park". After discussing the language, the Selectmen directed to refer the articles to Fred Newcomb for review.

The Selectmen requested clarification from Adam Philbrook as to his budget request for the Harbor Master department increase from \$1000 to \$5000. Adam explained he wants to make sure there is enough in the budget to cover any future maintenance and/or supplies needed. Dave Matthews mentioned the agreement for first refusal of the finger floats with Ship to Shore and suggested Adam look into the possibility of new floats.

Tom Christie informed Adam that the Mussel Ridge Historical Society have some old fire hoses which the Harbor Committee were welcome to have to use as bumpers for the floats.

Richard Carver explained to the Selectmen they are authorized to merge the waterfront lots but recommends this to be done after the town meeting.

Dave Matthews motioned to table the merging of waterfront lots until after the town meeting on August 28, 2017. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

Tom Christie informed the Selectmen he has sent 35 crafters invitations to the craft fair the Garden Club will be holding at the Community Building on November 18, 2017 and has filled the space downstairs. Tom is concerned that if the town approves the renovations to the town office, he will not be able to use the upstairs room for the Craft fair. The Selectmen informed Tom the room would more than likely be available for his use. They explained even if it is approved, the project would still have to go out to bid and scheduled to be done.

The Selectmen reviewed an estimate for replacing the server in the town office submitted by Rockbound Computer. The Secretary referred the Selectmen to an estimate which included the replacement of the server submitted on November 7, 2016 and the minutes from that meeting approving the upgrade to the computer system at the town office. The Selectmen directed the estimate be submitted to the budget committee to include it in the 2017-2018 budget as it has already been approved.

Dawn Heuser informed the Selectmen of 2 nuisance roosters on Main Street. Marti Reed stated she is not bothered by the roosters and enjoys watching them. Dawn explained that she has contacted Dave Matthews, Tom Von Malder, Gordon Poland, Scott Bickford and the Ordinance Committee requesting the ordinance on animals be "tightened up". Dave Matthews explained the process of how the ordinances are amended. Gordon Poland read the existing Abatement of Animal Nuisances found in the Owls Head Codes and Ordinances Chapter 33 and explained he has spoken with the owner of the roosters who has fenced them in and clipped their wings. Owner, Willis Silverwood apologized to the neighbors present for the inconvenience and agreed not to let the roosters out until after 8 am. The Selectmen asked if the noise and nuisance has been resolved. Dawn told the Selectmen the roosters are not roaming and the noise is now muffled. The Selectmen agreed this issue seems to be resolved but if issues arise, Gordon Poland will respond.

The Selectmen reviewed a Bond Application for RSU #13 and directed it to the Treasurer to compete and submit it to RSU #13.

The Selectmen reviewed an email from Nancy Comiskey requesting permission to tape pickleball boundaries on one of the tennis courts at the Community Building. Dave Matthews mentioned the courts needed to be looked at regarding repairs. Richard Carver added that there was a Recreation Committee but dissolved shortly after starting. Linda Post motioned to approve request from Nancy Comiskey to place tape boundary lines for pickleball on one of the tennis courts at the Community Building. Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed warrant articles for the Annual Town Warrant. It was agreed the article regarding the waterfront project needs clarification and will be directed to Fred Newcomb for review.

An article regarding authorization for the selectmen to accept gifts on behalf of the town should remain on the warrant. Richard Carver suggested it stay on the warrant as to not be lost in future years. The Selectmen directed the article to Fred Newcomb for review.

Tom Von Malder informed the Selectmen half of the Birch Point State Park sign is missing. Linda Post said this was a state issue.

Michael Voncannon inquired about an article for the town to accept the Ingraham Cemetery. The Selectmen explained it was previously voted to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to accept gifts, funds, donations and contributions for any public use which pertains to the acceptance of the cemetery. Lewis Edwards suggested a separate page in the Annual Town Report of all articles passed by the town which remain in effect until voted to be withdrawn.

Tom Von Malder noted he received a vote ballot from Maine Municipal Association which was tabled.

Lew Edwards informed the Selectmen he received the email from a resident of Coopers Beach mentioned in the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting sent to Linda Post. Lew presented photos and explained he has not narrowed the road as claimed in the email. Richard Carver asked Lew what the original width of the right of way of the public easement was. Lew informed Richard that in the research Lew has found that 10 feet was the recorded width. Dave Matthews reminded everyone that this was not a town issue and was between the residents of Coopers Beach. Richard explained that the residents of Coopers Beach were seeking assurance the town was not considering not plowing the road.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Tom Von Malder asked Dave Matthews if he would consider remaining on the Owls Head, South Thomaston, Thomaston Solid Waste Board. Dave informed Tom that if he was appointed or not appointed he was good with it either way.

Dave Matthews updated the Selectmen on the Solid Waste Board's plans of their long term renovation project. The Board is currently working with CES Engineering to prepare documents for a presentation to the towns regarding the contemplated renovations to the facility. The cost for these services is \$98,000, which is currently not budgeted. As a result of the withdrawal from MRC, certain reserve funds will be returned to the Towns. It is the hope of the OHSTT Board that the towns will reserve these funds for the eventual renovations of the facility. Dave also informed the Selectmen the Board has had many discussions on weighing and charging by the ton for

the commercial accounts which the Board is divided on. Dave reported that there is still an issue with some of the commercial haulers having keys to the facility for off hour use.

Dave Matthews requested to look over the final draft of the Annual Town Report before it was submitted for printing. The Secretary will notify Dave when the final draft is received.

The Selectmen discussed a fee schedule for the Stump Dump. They directed the Secretary to have the Budget Committee give a recommendation.

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

6:55 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather-Rae Steeves
Recording Secretary