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Town of Owls Head
Selectman's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 3, 2017

Selectmen: Tom Von Malder, Dave Matthews, Linda Post

Present: Richard Carver, Bill Leppanen, Elliot Scott, Lewis Edwards, Brad Galley
(Machias Bank)

4:00 PM Assessors meeting opened.

The Selectmen reviewed information from Assessor's Agent Tom Edwards requesting approval to install remote access on his laptop to allow him to access the town server. Dave Matthews motioned to approve Tom Edwards to have Rockbound Computers install remote access (VPN) on his laptop. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

4:02 PM Assessors meeting closed.

4:02 PM Selectman's meeting called to order.

Linda Post motioned to accepted the minutes from June 19, 2017 as amended. Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

Three RFP's for Municipal Banking Services were opened from TD Bank, Machias Savings Bank and The First. The Selectmen will review the information and award the RFP at the July 17, 2017 meeting.

Richard Carver informed the Selectmen he has been working with Scott Bickford to revise the article for the public hearing and sent a draft of the articles for the town warrant to be reviewed by Doug Beck with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for recommendation on wording.

The Secretary requested clarification on which public notice to have posted for the cleaning of headstones at Hall's Cemetery. The Selectmen directed to have the revised notice posted.

Dave Matthews motioned for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7 pm at the Owls Head Community Building. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

Bill Leppanen informed the Selectmen he received a call from Jake Barbour regarding JBI is being sued by a resident on Coopers Beach Road for property damage by a JBI snow plow. The Selectmen explained that the Town has not currently been named in the lawsuit and therefore they will not be involved at this point.

The Selectmen inquired if Frank Ross has installed the no parking signs on Ballyhac Road near the entrance of Birch Point State Park. Bill informed the Selectmen Frank Ross has installed the signs on Ballyhac Road and Cottage Avenue.

Linda Post mentioned that sand barrels on Route 73 still have not been removed. Bill will contact Jake Barbour again to have them removed.

The Selectmen review a letter from Fred Newcomb regarding the completion of the inspection by Carmen Bombeke of Gartley & Dorsky of the property located at map 3 lot 18. Linda Post questioned why they haven't received the results of the inspection. Dave Matthews explained the result of the inspection will not be presented to the Selectmen at this time as they will be considering what actions the town will take if the building(s) are in fact declared "dangerous buildings".

Dave Matthews motioned to authorize Tom Von Malder, Chair to sign an Engagement Letter with James W. Wadman, CPA for audit services for 2016-2017 year end. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

Dave Matthews announced that he is not seeking reelection for the up coming term for personal reasons.

Elliot Scott informed the Selectmen he was concerned about the plowing of Coopers Beach Road. The Selectmen explained that it was a Road Association issue and they would like to see the residents of Coopers Beach Road resolve it amongst themselves.

Lewis Edwards requested to know if the emails presented to the Selectmen at prior meetings were read out loud at the meetings. Tom Von Malder assured him that the emails were only acknowledged and not read out loud at the meetings.

Lewis informed the Selectmen of his concerns regarding the issues on Coopers Beach Road and presented pictures to support his concerns.

Dave Matthews asked Lewis if he had the intentions to get the town to stop plowing the road. Lewis informed the Selectmen he has no intention to stop the town from plowing Coopers Beach Road but he wants the plows to only plow the pavement and not dig up his lawn and gardens so he will not be removing the posts.

The Selectmen explained they would like to see these issues resolved between the residents of Coopers Beach Road.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

The Selectmen inquired if there was more information from Frank Ross on the revenue, expenses and generator at the Stump Dump.

The Selectmen directed the Secretary to contact Frank Ross for more information.

Dave Matthews informed the Selectmen that even though he is not seeking reappointment, he is willing to help.

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

5:24 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather-Rae Steeves
Recording Secretary