

**--APPROVED--**  
**Town of Owls Head**  
**Selectman's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 21, 2017**

**Selectmen:** Tom Von Malder, Dave Matthews, Linda Post

**Present:** Tom Edwards, Kathryn DerMarderosian, Richard Matlack, Michael Voncannon, Bill Gay, Scott Bickford

**4:00 PM** Assessors meeting opened.

Tom Edwards presented the Selectmen with a preliminary mil rate. Tom recommended the Selectmen change the certified assessing ratio from 110% to 105% next year. Tom informed the Selectmen he will have 3 recommendations for mil rates the night of the town meeting for committing the taxes.

There was a discussion on the waterfront grant articles in the town warrant and how it would effect the mil rate.

**4:17 PM** Assessors meeting closed. Selectman's meeting called to order.

Dave Matthews motioned to accept the minutes from August 7, 2017 as amended. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

Dave Matthews motioned to accept the minutes from August 15, 2017 as amended. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed a request from Scott Bickford to purchase 3 copies of the 2018 edition of the Maine Planning & Land Use Laws. The Selectmen agreed for Scott to order the books.

Residents informed the Selectmen that the roosters on Main Street were still a nuisance. Gordon Poland suggested that the Selectmen send a certified letter to the owners of the roosters regarding nuisance animals and the possibility of a fine if the situation is not rectified. The Selectmen directed Scott Bickford to research the ordinances and codes and send certifies letter and report back to the Selectmen with a recommendation at the September 5th meeting.

Kathryn DerMarderosian updated the Selectmen on the Buckminster property which the Conservation Commission made an offer to purchase back in 2013 but was unsuccessful. Kathryn informed the Selectmen the Commission would like to pursue the possibility of purchasing the property. Kathryn explained that the current owners want to sell the 7 acre parcel for \$10,000 more than the Commission had offered originally for a 2 acre parcel in the front. The plans for the property were to create a "village park" with a walk way around the fire pond. There is also the possibility of expanding the Evergreen Cemetery and moving the Village School to the property as a meeting place for the Mussel Ridge Historical Society.

The Selectmen directed the Secretary to research the town meeting Article for the town's approval for the Buckminster property to see how the Commission should proceed.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Deena Carafelli resigning from the Conservation Commission. Linda Post motioned to accept the letter of resignation from Deena Carafelli. Dave Matthews seconded with a thank you for all she has done. All in favor. The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Richard Matlack resigning from the Airport Committee and requesting appointment on the Conservation Commission. Dave Matthews motioned to appoint Richard Matlack to fill vacancy for the balance of Deena Carafelli's term on the Conservation Commission. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed a Liquor License Application from Erin Armbruster and Casey Dominguez, owners of the Salty Owl.

Dave Matthews motioned to approve the Liquor License Application from Erin Armbruster and Casey Dominguez for The Salty Owls located at 23 Terminal Lane.

Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen signed the application.

The Selectmen reviewed quotes to have the security system at the town office upgraded. Dave Matthews motioned to table discussion on the security system upgrade until the September 5, 2017 meeting. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen directed the Secretary to invite the representatives of ADT and Seacoast Security to answer questions at the September 5, 2017 meeting.

Michael Voncannon and Bill Gay informed the Selectmen that the Hall's Cemetery restoration project had originally started out to have the first 2 rows of the headstones done but with all the help from the volunteers, roughly 2/3 of the headstones were cleaned. Joe Feraninni, owner of Grave Stones Matter, repaired 48 headstones. Michael reported that she wanted to thank all the volunteers especially Walter Guptill and Heather Steeves and her daughters for all their help.

Michael also reported the documentation of what was done is all that is left to complete, which she is working on with Bill.

The Selectmen discussed the possibility of expanding the Evergreen Cemetery with Michael and Bill. Michael informed the Selectmen that she had looked into it in the past and there is a lot of wetland, rocks and trees around the cemetery but she is willing to go back and review the possibility.

Michael inquired about the article for the acceptance of the Ash Point Cemetery. The Selectmen explained that the attorney was still looking into the ownership of the cemetery and that it would have to be a special town meeting to address it.

The warrants were reviewed and signed.

Tom Von Malder motioned to thank Dave Matthews for serving as on the Select Board and doing an exceptional job. Linda Post seconded. Dave Matthews abstained. Motion carried.

The Selectmen discussed the Interlocal Agreement in regards to whether a Selectman had to sit on the OHSTT Solid Waste Board. Dave Matthews explained the Interlocal Agreement did not specifically state that one did but a Selectmen from each town has always sat on the board.

Tom Von Malder directed the Secretary to place the appointment of the OHSTT Board member on the agenda for September 5, 2017.

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

**6:05 PM** Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather-Rae Steeves  
Recording Secretary