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Town of Owls Head
Selectman's Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2017

Selectmen: Tom Von Malder, Dave Matthews, Linda Post

Present: Richard Carver, Bob Hirsch, Bruce Colson, Beth Birmingham, Tom Edwards

4:00 PM Assessor's meeting opened.

Tom Edwards updated the Selectmen regarding a FOAA request from Lewis Edwards. Tom presented a response letter regarding the request for the Selectmen's review before sending.

Tom Edwards informed the Selectmen he should have assessments of the Real Estate and Personal Property finalized for the next meeting on August 21, 2017 and have a potential amount of taxable property for commitment after the Town Meeting on August 28, 2017.

4:05 PM Assessor's meeting closed. Selectman's meeting called to order.

Linda Post motioned to accept the minutes from July 17, 2017 as amended. Dave Matthews seconded. Dave Matthews abstained. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed a request from Fred Newcomb regarding rescheduling the Dangerous Building Hearing for 371 Dublin Road to September 25, 2017 at 4 pm. All Selectmen agreed.

Linda Post informed Dave Matthews it has been proposed at the budget meeting that all fees be doubled at the Stump Dump to help make up for the short fall in revenue. Linda Post motioned to double all fees at the Stump Dump. Dave Matthews seconded. All in favor.

Dave Matthews amended the previous motion to go into effective October 1, 2017. Linda Post seconded. All in favor of the amendment and the amended motion.

The Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 budget. The Treasurer reported she has been working on separating the sewer from the general fund and that there will be a separate warrant for it next year. Scott Bickford explained to the Selectmen the town's sewer charge by capacity. The Town Clerk explained how the accounts are billed and that there have been 2 increases in the last 8 years. The Selectmen discussed the Ingraham Sewer and placing a subsidy to cover the short fall for the year. Dave Matthews motioned to place \$10,000 in the 2017-2018 Budget for the sewer. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

Dave Matthews motioned to approve the 2017-2018 budget as amended in the amount of \$1,163,822.00. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

Dave Matthews motioned to approve the estimated other revenue in the amount of \$601,865.00. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the Report of the Board of Selectmen drafted by Dave Matthews. Linda Post motioned to approve the Report of the Board of Selectmen to be submitted into the Annual Town Report. Tom Von Malder seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed all articles for the town warrant.

The Secretary informed the Selectmen that Fred Newcomb plans to be the Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting.

Richard Carver requested approval for the Harbor Committee to post information on the proposed waterfront project at the Town Office, Public Dock and at the Town Meeting. The Selectmen agreed.

Dave Matthews motioned to approve the warrant as presented with amendments to the budget articles. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed the Local Road Assistance Program Certification.

The Selectmen directed a request for the review of property taxes to Tom Edwards.

Bruce Colson informed the Selectmen of public input concerning pay by bag and pay by ton fees at the last Owls Head, South Thomaston, Thomaston Solid Waste Board at which a 24 month moratorium on changes to the fees at the Facility was passed. Bruce reported attending a workshop in Thomaston regarding the Facility and Thomaston Officials are not happy with the way things are going.

Dave Matthews reported that the OHSTT Board has been amending the Interlocal Agreement. Dave also explained that he does not believe a motion taken from the floor is correct and he will consider to challenge the vote. Dave feels as though it was planned and that the meeting was poorly run due to the absence of 2 members.

Bruce informed the Selectmen he feels the towns are fracturing and does not want to see it happen but Thomaston is going to take action .

Dave Matthews informed the Selectmen that he would continue to sit on the OHSTT Solid Waste Board if they choose to have him do so.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft audit. The Auditors reported that dispatching had been incorrectly classified into the budget last year and needs to be adjusted before final calculations are done.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Linda Post reported there were more complaints of the roosters in the road on Main Street and that there was a dispute between neighbors resulting in the Sheriff's Department being called.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather-Rae Steeves
Recording Secretary