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Town of Owls Head
Selectman's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Selectmen: Tom Von Malder, Linda Post, Wayne Meserve

Present: Richard Carver, Elizabeth Mann, Tom Edwards, Kathryn DerMarderosian, Michael Voncannon, Bruce Colson, Nancy Colson, Peter Lammert, Beverly St. Clair, Ronnie Porter, Bill Leppanen, Lynn Chaplin, David Hall

4:00 PM Assessors meeting opened.

Tom Edwards presented a supplement and 3 abatements to the Selectmen. Tom explained each item to the Selectmen.

Linda Post motioned to approve an abatement for Personal Property Trio account P25 in the amount of \$12.66. Wayne Meserve seconded. All in favor.

Linda Post motioned to approve an abatement for Trio account R520 in the amount of \$50.64. Wayne Meserve seconded. All in favor.

Linda Post motioned to approve an abatement for Trio account R1260 in the amount of \$12,961.94. Wayne Meserve seconded. All in favor.

Linda Post motioned to approve a supplement for Trio account R1260 in the amount of \$12,961.94. Wayne Meserve seconded. All in favor.

4:07 PM Assessors meeting closed. Selectman's meeting called to order.

Linda Post motioned to accept the minutes from August 21, 2017 as amended. Tom Von Malder seconded. Wayne Meserve abstained. Motion carried.

Linda Post motioned to accept the minutes from August 23, 2017 as presented. Tom Von Malder seconded. Wayne Meserve abstained. Motion carried.

Linda Post motioned to accept the minutes from August 28, 2017 as presented. Tom Von Malder seconded. Wayne Meserve abstained. Motion carried.

The Selectmen reviewed an email to Scott from MMA regarding the roosters on Main Street. The email refers to the Chapter 33 code of nuisance animals which is enforced by the Animal Control Officer. The Selectmen directed the Secretary to have Scott Bickford send a certified letter to the owner of the roosters concerning the noise.

The Selectmen reviewed an email from Amanda Devine regarding Maine Coast Heritage Trust's plan to eradicate the invasive grass known as "common reed" of "Phragmites" on the property located at Map 11 Lot 35 and request permission from the town to do the same on the town owned property located at Map 11 Lot 33.

Richard Carver informed the Selectmen he feels it is a good idea if they are willing.

Wayne Meserve motioned to allow Maine Coast Heritage Trust to eradicate the invasive species on the town owned property located at Map 11 Lot 33. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

The Secretary was directed to respond to Maine Coast Heritage Trust granting permission.

The security upgrade was postponed to the next meeting on September 18, 2017. Linda Post informed the Board it was recommended to her to go with a wireless system.

The Selectmen reviewed an email from Frank Ross regarding heat at the Stump Dump for the Attendant.

Linda Post motioned to have Frank Ross install a heating system at the Stump Dump not to exceed \$600. Wayne Meserve seconded. All in favor.

Kathryn DerMarderosian presented the Selectmen with a copy of the town meeting article from May 6, 2013 regarding the approval of the Conservation Commission to purchase the Buckminster property located at Map 11 Lot 1 and if it would still cover the purchase. The Selectmen recommended to check with Fred Newcomb. The Selectmen explained the article needs to be rewritten with a new description of the property.

Kathryn is concerned there is not much time left and there are other interested parties in the property and requested the Selectmen set a tentative date for October 2, 2017 at 6 pm for a Special Town Meeting.

Elizabeth Mann asked what the property would be used for. Kathryn explained the purpose of the purchase would be for a "Village Common" for the residents to gather, farmers market, tree lighting, etc.

Linda Post motioned to continue with Tom Von Malder as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Wayne Meserve seconded. All in favor.

Linda Post motioned to accept Wayne Meserve's letter of resignation from the Board of Appeals and the Owls Head Airport Committee with gratitude. Tom Von Malder seconded. Wayne Meserve abstained. Motioned carried.

The Selectmen directed the Secretary to have the vacancies for Health Officer, Board of Appeals and Owls Head Airport Committee posted on the website.

Tom Von Malder opened the discussion on the Owls Head, South Thomaston, Thomaston Solid Waste Board vacancy and whether it needs to be a Selectmen.

It was Tom's understanding that resident member, Bruce Colson has 2 years left of his 3 year term. Bruce agreed that this was correct. Nancy Colson informed the Selectmen that she served as a Selectmen for 12 years and was on the OHSTT Solid Waste Board for 8 years. She reported that there has always been a Selectmen on the Board for the purpose of updating the Selectmen and the ability to get legal advice from MMA which is free to the towns but is not available to the OHSTT Solid Waste Board members.

Tom Von Malder reported that the Selectmen were 2/3 in favor of tipping fees and the representative for Owls Head should reflect this. Linda Post reported that this is not a done deal and she wants more information before she makes any decision. Bruce Colson informed the Selectmen that the pay per bag and pay per ton is inclusive and that he had consulted the Board's attorney for his interpretation. Bruce reported that the Municipal Board (Selectmen from all three towns) are the only ones who have the authority to implement any such fees.

Bruce explained that the moratorium is for 24 months for the purpose of not raising current fees or adding new fees at the facility which would give the Board time to work towards goals and not have the pay per ton brought up at every meeting. Dave Matthews reported that in his opinion there should have been a full Board present when the moratorium was voted on and that he is looking into challenging it but has not decided to do so at this time. Peter Lammert reminded Dave that Skip Connell did oppose the moratorium. Bruce informed the Selectmen that the vote was 3 to 1 with Thomaston holding 47% of the votes. Bruce stated that the vote was done by the book.

Peter Lammert, Thomaston Selectmen and a OHSTT Board explained to the Selectmen that a quorum for the Board requires majority of the Board and at least 1 representative from each town. Tom Von Malder asked Peter if the Select Boards from each of the 3 towns could meet for a workshop. Peter did not see why not and will pass it on to the Thomaston Select Board.

Tom Von Malder informed the Selectmen that the representatives on the OHSTT Board can be replaced at any time the Selectmen see fit. Bruce added that it needed to be written and for a specific reason.

Dave Matthews informed the Selectmen he volunteers to help do what is best for the town and its residents. He feels as though voting on the moratorium was a conflict of interest with Ronnie Porter, a Thomaston representative for the Board, because he is a commercial hauler. Peter Lammert explained that he thought having Ronnie Porter, being a commercial hauler, on the Board was a good idea to share what goes on at the facility and does not consider it as a conflict of interest. Dave agreed with Ronnie being on the board was a good idea but believes that Ronnie should not have voted on the moratorium.

Wayne Meserve motioned to continue with Dave Matthews for 6 months as representative on the OHSTT Board which may be revisited subject to any changes to the Interlocal Agreement/Bylaws. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

Peter Lammert inquires if all the Selectmen have received the letter from the Town of Thomaston. David Hall recommended the Selectmen to read the letter before appointing Dave Matthews to the Board.

Bill Leppanen questioned if the Board was established since 1984, why is there conflict now and if there was a proposal made to cause it. Bruce explained that Dave Matthews made a proposal of pay per ton to be charged for commercial trash. Dave explained that he did not make a proposal but suggested the Board explore the possibility and there were no motions made. Bruce defined a proposal as a plan or suggestion put forward for consideration or for discussion.

Tom Von Malder stopped the discussion to get back to the agenda items.

The Selectmen reviewed the new General Assistance Appendices (A-D).

Linda Post motioned to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-D for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Wayne Meserve seconded. All in favor.

Wayne Meserve inquired about information on the hearing regarding the dangerous building located at Map Lot set for September 25, 2017. Linda Post explained they do

not have information on the hearing. Tom Von Malder explained due to the nature of the hearing, no information has been released.

The Selectmen reviewed a request to post the date for an electronic drop off event on the website. The Selectmen agreed and directed the Secretary to also post it in the office.

Michael Voncannon also requested approval for two signs for the Ingraham Cemetery stating "No dogs allowed". The cost of the signs would be \$30.

Tom Von Malder asked Michael if the snowmobile issue at the cemetery has been resolved. Michael informed the Selectmen that the issue seems to be. The Selectmen approved the two signs.

Richard Carver informed the Selectmen that now the town has approved the property located at Map 11 Lot 33 to be changed to commercial, the Selectmen can combine the two town owned lots. The Selectmen directed the Secretary to put the combining of the lots on the agenda for the next meeting.

Richard also informed the Selectmen that he will be contacting the Maine Coast Heritage Trust about getting the property appraised for the grant which needs to be submitted to the state by November 17, 2017. MCHT has also agreed to assist with the grant application.

Tom Von Malder directed the Secretary to include the office renovations on the next agenda. Dave Matthews reminded the Selectmen about the craft fair being held at the Community Building in November.

Tom Von Malder inquired if there was any more information on Broadband. Dave Matthews informed Tom there wasn't at this point and offered to look into it.

Michael Voncannon informed the Selectmen that the Cemetery Committee have purchased 25 veteran markers and are going to start with the Hall Cemetery.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Linda Post informed the Selectmen vote to allow one Selectman the authority to sign the payroll warrant.

Linda Post motioned to continue to authorize one Selectman to sign the payroll warrant. Wayne Meserve seconded. All in favor.

Wayne Meserve motioned to adjourn. Linda Post seconded. All in favor.

5:23 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather-Rae Steeves
Recording Secretary