

MINUTES
Monday, July 2, 2018 4:00PM
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tom Von Malder, Linda Post and Wayne Meserve

Call the Meeting to Order

Tom Von Malder, Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM attending was Selectperson Linda Post, Selectman Wayne Meserve was absent due to a medical issue. Also present Attorney Fred Newcomb, ACO - Gordon Poland, Rodney Weeks from Mussel Ridge Historical Society, Deena Carafelli representing the Kitchen Committee and several members of the public.

2. Approve the minutes of June 18, 2018

Motion: Linda Post made the motion to accept the minutes of June 18, 2018 as written. Tom Von Malder seconded.

VOTE: 2 in favor - 0 opposed

3. Old Business

Discuss the final steps to be taken on the 371 Dublin Road property

Attorney Fred Newcomb - It looks like we will have to take legal action against the tenants/owners of this property. This action is called "Forced Entry" which means we will have to go before a judge and get a court order for removal of the residents at 371 Dublin Road. A court date and summons will be issued. There are three possible dates for this action to take place the first would be July 11th then July 17th would be the next date however these two dates are coming way too soon, and feels the best date for the Town would be August 15th at 2:00 PM. There should be a selectman in attendance at the hearing, they will have the power to negotiate terms if they wish.

Tom Von Malder - What is the Town's insurance liability at this time?

Fred Newcomb - No more here than on any other Town owned property.

Linda Post - How soon will they vacate the property afterwards?

Fred Newcomb - Could be as little as 48 hours, but if the other person listed as an co-owner of the property shows up in court to contest the issue it could take a little longer anywhere from a couple of weeks to a couple of months.

Linda Post - Would the dangerous building designation come into play on this?

Fred Newcomb - That would be a whole different issue better left out of this matter.

Tom Von Malder - Was hoping that the Town would be able to do something about this property before winter.

Fred Newcomb - Feels that the Town may be able to start by early to mid fall on this property.

Fred Newcomb - On another matter he has been working with Rodney Weeks on the possible land lease and warrant article for the Historical Society.

Rodney Weeks - Would like to have the warrant article to be generic so that if the Society decided to build on a different lot of Town property then we would not have to come back to the voters for approval.

Fred Newcomb - Feels that we really need the boundaries of the land before we write the warrant article so they can be included in this article. The voters need to know the location before granting the use of Town owned land away for what technically could be a lifetime.

Dedication of Annual Town Report

Tom Von Malder - This is usually done as a surprise. We have chosen who but it will not be announced publically until the Annual Town Report comes out.

Old Business (Kitchen Committee)

Deena Carafelli - Would like to ask if there was away for the money from the rental of the downstairs space at the Community Building be placed into an account dedicated for the use of the "Kitchen Committee" and would like to ask that the selectmen consider increasing the rental fees.

Linda Post - Does not believe that this could be done since the Town pays for the cost of janitorial services and for the cleaning supplies.

Tom Von Malder - If there are projects that need to be done or items need to be purchased then the kitchen Committee should make sure the amount to be requested is given to the budget committee sooner rather than later.

Deena Carafelli - Would also like to ask permission for the library to place a book table in the lobby with a donation jar like they did last year.

Motion: Linda Post to allow the library to place a book table in the lobby of the community building. Tom Von Malder seconded.

VOTE: 2 in favor - 0 opposed

4. New Business

Discuss the new Airport Hanger (see attached notice)

Tom Von Malder - Received a notice in the mail as an abutter to the airport. Just wanted to let the public know what was going on. Understands this will have to go before planning board for approval at some point.

Ken Wexler - As member of APAC they have not heard anything about this until now. Are there plans to look at? There is a feeling that this could be detrimental to the houses along Airport Road.

It was determined that at this time the proposed plans were to be at the Code Office no later than July 2, 2018 by 5:00 PM and they were not delivered, so they will not go before the Planning Board this month and no meeting will be held. We do know that this is going to be a privately owned hanger 80' X 80' with rent paid to the County.

Meeting with the ACO per request of Chairman, Tom Von Malder in regards to a telephone call from a Julie Nichols.

Gordon Poland, ACO - This all stems from a dog fight where a dog bit her puppy. It seems there was no blood from the bite but Miss Nichols claims the puppy is suffering. It seems alright though there are no marks on the puppy. I have issued a verbal warning to the owners of the other dog and I am following-up with a written warning as per our ordinance. All I need to do is deliver the paperwork. If he does not license the dog he will be fined \$50.00. Miss Nichols has been calling me telling me not to handle this anymore that she will have the Sheriff's Department handle this now.

Linda Post - Has anyone checked with the Sheriff's Department to see if they have been called by her?

Gordon Poland - Will call and speak to them.

Tom Von Malder - As long as the issue is being handled we are OK.

5. Adjustments to the agenda

To review and sign a Liquor License application for Ralph B. Fisher - D/B/A Mike's Catering located at the Transportation Museum.

Linda Post - He has been operating here for awhile now so this is just a renewal.

Motion: Linda Post to sign the liquor license application for Mike's Catering. Tom Von Malder seconded.

VOTE: 2 in favor - 0 opposed

6. Public Comments

Marilyn Gaunce - Lives at 122 Ginn Point Road and would like to know how to get taxes reduced for widows and retirees on fixed incomes. She feels that she is being taxed out of her home. Why can't the Town reduce taxes? Maybe the Town could cap the value of the property for widows and retirees on fixed incomes to the original cost of the property to the current owner then at the time the property sells or the owners dies raise the value up to current market value.

Linda Post - That would be up to the State to make a law. And there may be one being worked on in Augusta. Please call your representatives and let them know.

Richard Carver - Harbor Committee - We are moving forward with the bid process and our thoughts are to go forward and try to get the survey done. Will try to report back at next meeting.

7. Approve and sign the municipal warrants

Motion - Linda Post to approve and sign the warrants. Tom Von Malder seconded.

VOTE: 2 in favor - 0 opposed

8. Adjourn the meeting

Motion: To adjourn at 5:25 PM made by Linda and seconded by Tom.

VOTE: 2 in favor - 0 opposed

