

SELECTMEN BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 2018
Pike Hall 5:00 pm
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dan Sherman, Chris Calnan – Selectmen, Kaye Blake, Town Clerk & Diane Harrington, Dep. Town Clerk

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPT 12, 2018 MINUTES & WARRANTS

NEW BUSINESS:

CLIFF WHITNEY – Mr. Whitney presented a proposal to move the fire hydrants on his property approximately 7 ½' from the telephone pole. The hydrants would still be on his property but would allow for 3 more parking spaces in the village. The Selectmen will have another meeting with the Fire Department members and Road Commissioner, Robert Sturgeon, to discuss the proposal on **Wed., Oct. 17, 2018 at 6pm**. Chris will contact.

RICHARD ROWLAND from Cornish Inn – He and his wife came to continue the process of obtaining the CDBG grant. The next steps involved are: 1) Formation of an advisory committee (min. 5 members) 2) Public hearing for public comments. The Selectmen set a date of **Wed., Nov. 14, 2018 at 6pm**. Diane Harrington, as the incoming Town Clerk, will have to contact Terry Holden from CDBG to see if she can continue the process.

PLANNING BOARD – The Planning Board is requesting a special town meeting to expedite funding for proposal by Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission to update the Town's Land Use Ordinance. They propose to take monies from the town's undesignated fund balance. Selectmen require further clarification.

ASSESSOR – Salesman from TRIO has approached the town about using their program for assessing. Assessor, Curt Lebel suggested to wait until next town-wide revaluation due to complications involved in the process. Both TRIO and Vision have to perform software changeovers to run in the Windows environment. Vision has made a proposal to lower cost of software changeover. Kaye will investigate.

BMV AGENT CHANGE – Selectmen signed acknowledgement of this process.

T/G WITHDRAWAL OF R08-066 – Selectmen signed supplement for 10 acres from lot - Kimberly Dunnells.

ABATEMENTS PROCESSED BY ASSESSOR –

Keith & Gretchen Benggio (U03-065) – Property was inspected for upgrades and use changed to mixed use single family home. Lowered value from 455,700 to 422,000. It was noted that on Sept. 13, 2018 Mr. & Mrs. Benggio sent a letter stating they emailed the Maine Revenue Services concerning the abatement; however, Mr. Lebel contacted Maine Revenue Services. They denied any correspondence with Mr. & Mrs. Benggio. Selectmen approved.

Heli Modified (PP 25) - Personal Property BETE Assessment error resulted in duplication of listing and incorrect BETE exemption being filed on property. Assessor made adjustment at State Dept. Selectmen approved.

Kent & Shelly Waterson (R08-010) – Acreage reduction from 13 to 9.65 to reflect survey. Lowered value from \$70,000 to \$64,300. Abatement amount \$76.95. Selectmen approved.

Rivers Realty and Cote & Howe Realty (PP 207) – Same company with 2 different names using the equipment. Abatement amount \$87.89 Selectmen approved.

Stoneridge Motel (PP 220) – Personal property already assessed under another name resulting in duplication of tax bill. Abatement amount \$26.19. Selectmen approved.

Call's (R01-016A) – Assessor denied. Mark & Will Call have requested a meeting with the Selectmen. Chris will talk with them and keep Selectmen updated.

POLE PERMIT - Selectmen signed approval for pole to be installed on Moffitt Road.

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PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION BYPASS – Selectmen noted 2 types of grants: Business Partner Initiative (BPI) and Municipal Partner Initiative (MPI). They need figures from Road Commission and will complete MPI application at workshop.

MAP R01-043 – Received response from Clark Insurance concerning liability to town property inhabited by Fred Hayes. They suggested we contact our town lawyer. Diane will gather any files concerning this property.

COFFEE SHOP IN VILLAGE – Diann Perkins informed Selectmen that the business has announced they are putting a form of hemp into the coffee. Selectmen tabled for more info.

ANNA KENNEDY – Selectmen will draft a letter of recommendation for her.

SPIRIT OF AMERICA FOUNDATION – Copy of award for Allaire Palmer sent to Russell Bleakney (son-in-law). Town office will reach out to other family members.

ARFS:

Diann Perkins – Fairgrounds Property issue – Tabled at request of Ms. Perkins.

Chris attended Historical Society meeting to discuss the Boston Post Cane Banner/Quilt donation by Calista Cross. They felt it opens door to other people hanging artwork that would be not acceptable. The Historical Society would like to see a table for displaying the book we currently have of photos of the recipients.

Heirs of Elizabeth Babin (R01-047) – Received two ARFs concerning this property: Judy Leonhart concerned about the condition of the property and building. Celia Harrington would like to pay outstanding taxes in exchange for ownership. The Selectmen and Tax Collector need to research and follow foreclosure process.

Linda Hansen, on North Rd., was upset about someone placing mattress & boxspring on her property with sign for FREE. It was arranged to be moved.

Sandy Howe requested a Bake Sale on Election Day in November. Selectmen approved.

The Community Chorus & Community Band wish to have a Concert in Pike Hall on Thursdays, November 29 or December 6, 2018. Donations only. Will also have a Bake Sale. Selectmen approved with event with the stipulation of requesting \$100 to offset heating and liability insurance.

Selectmen going to discuss with Carlton his health issues and status of Selectmen position. If Carlton resigns they need to explore accelerated time frame for electing replacement.

Selectmen wish to discuss with Jessie Larson, Planning Board Chair, status of Dam Ownership response from lawyer on **Wed., Oct. 17, 2018 at 6:30pm.**

The town's annual 2017 Audit is scheduled for first week in October 2018. Selectmen would like to ask auditor if town can move cleaning of town office to office expense.

Selectmen would like town office personnel to look into Office Expense balance and see if the town could replace the old folding chairs with new office chairs.

The Selectmen will address the letter they received from Meredith Harding at scheduled meeting with Eagle Mill Park Committee on **Wed., Oct. 17, 2018, 5pm.**

Adjournment; 8:20 pm.

Approved by Selectmen:




