

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
October 24th, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Michelle Raymond at 5:30 P.M. The Board members present included Michelle Raymond, Linda Allison, Wendy Dube, Louise Fournier, and Arthur Carroll. Also, in attendance were: John Sutherland, Town Manager; and Angela Bossie, Deputy Clerk.

Members of the Community: Sandra Fournier, Deputy County Administrator of Finance, Jennifer Dube, Michael Cole, Margaret Simard, Ron Soucy, Gary Voisine, and Linda Voisine.

2. CDBG Application for Tank Replacement for: R& M Market and Bald Eagle Inc.

- Sandra Fournier, Deputy County Administrator of Finance addressed at the public hearing that both establishments listed will be processed together in the public hearing. This grant is a collaborated effort between the town and county and at this time the CDBG is waiting for the Environmental reviews to be completed for final approval. All invoices must be completed after the approval date.
- No public comment and the public hearing ended at 5:43pm.

3. Update the General Assistance Ordinance

- The board reviewed changes to the General Assistance Guidelines with the public present.
- No public comment and the public hearing ended at 5:46pm.

Motioned by Wendy Dube and seconded by Louise Fournier to close the above public hearings.
Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved.

Motioned by Wendy Dube and seconded by Louise Fournier to close adopt the new guidelines.
Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved.

4. Out of order. (Dana to address the board was skipped to # 5.) Approval of Minutes: September 19th Selectman's Meeting and 25th Special Town Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Selectman.

Motioned by Louise Fournier, seconded by Linda Allison to accept minutes as written.
Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved.

5. Dana Saucier request of the Board of Selectman: Dana approached the board to request that an exploratory committee be appointed by the board to research a fire department substation. This request was made by the residents of the East Side of the lake for the purpose of increasing fire protection and reducing the insurance premiums for the residents. This request would authorize the committee to research the possibility of an annex to the Fire Department and to look for options for a tanker/pumper truck as well as a possible plan of action. The board has agreed to review this request and will be prepared to vote in November to whether they will accept the offer to do an exploratory feasibility study.

Motioned by Wendy Dube, seconded by Louise Fournier to address in November's meeting.
Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved

6. Monthly Financials

- John presented the Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Financial reports to the Board of Selectman.
- The Board reviewed and signed the Bank Statements and Reconciliations. (Katahdin Trust, Pond Brook Estate, Microloan)

Motioned by the Wendy Dube, seconded by Arthur Carroll to accept the Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations.

Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved

7. Old Business:

- Gilmore Brook Rd: Culvert repair completed by Fred Simard
- Trombley: It was noted that a pot hole was missed and John will follow up.
- Micro Loan: RS022015 made a payment agreement with the Town Manager and a letter was sent to DKL012809.
- Real-Term: John will contact Real-Term to discuss the contents of the contract. John will clarify with Real-Term if the contract included the poles.
- Christmas Lights: John will find funds in the budget to set up the electrical fixtures on the poles at the cost of \$65.00 per pole for 15 poles for this year up to \$1,000.00.
- Recreation Building: The goal is to open the skating rink for Winter Recreation. Fred Simard is currently working on the drainage. Seth McNaulty was contracted to replace the roof, siding, and windows.
- John to attend MMA Treasurer's Tax Collectors Training on October 25th, 2018.

Motioned by Wendy Dube, seconded by Louise Fournier to approved \$1,000.00 from the budget for the Electrical Fixtures.

Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved

8. Public Comment:

- No public comment at this time.

9. Real Estate Tax Collections:

- The Board to sign the Settlement of Tax Collections discharging Jim Gagnon and Recommitment for the same amount to John as recommended by the auditors. (ratified 9/18/2018)

Motioned by Arthur Carroll, seconded by Linda Allison to sign settlement and recommitment as recommended by Auditors. (Ratified 9/18/2018)

Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved

10. Aid to Fire Fighters Grant 2018:

- John has prepared the information for this grant. John feels that the low call volume may present a challenge, however our truck's age (1980 International) may help with qualifying for this grant.

11. Department of Agriculture Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Grant:

- Grant applied for 2 Dry Hydrants to be placed on Sly Brook Side. Will discuss placement if Grant is approved.

12. Charter Communications: Cable Franchise Renewal Discussion

- Sewell has offered to negotiate the renewal on the town's behalf for a \$4,000.00 fee, The Board has decided not to contract with Sewell and for John to do the negotiations.

13. Letter from Bemis and Rossignol regarding CMT 082814:

- John discussed a letter received from Bemis and Rossignol regarding a lien that has been placed on the property of the account holder for the amount of \$9,738.98 due to non-payment of a microloan.
- The Board asked John for an update of the Industrial Park lease payment. John informed the Board that it was still outstanding for 2017/18.

Moved by Linda Allison, seconded by Louise Fournier to move forward with issuing the cease and desist.
Voted: Motioned on and unanimously approved.

14. Other Items:

- John will reach out to DOT to request information on the procedure for granting ATV access on Sly Brook side of Eagle Lake.
- Linda Allison placed her resignation from the Board of Directors due to her impending move effective 10/25/2018. The Board agrees that her seat will open in June for nominations and election.

Motioned by Louise Fournier, seconded by Arthur Carroll to accept her resignation and open her seat up in June for Nominations.

Board of Assessors Meeting:

Motioned by Louise Fournier, seconded by Wendy Dube to go into the Board of Assessor's meeting at 8:06pm.

Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved

The Board went into Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (F) Confidential Records at 8: 08pm for a Poverty Abatement Request update. Out of Executive Session at 8:24pm.

- Property abatement request-review a statement provided by the applicant stating his income. They approved a 1-time abatement reducing his taxes to \$1,580.00 for 2016 only, providing he pays that full amount by the foreclosure date of December 29th, 2018.

Motioned by Linda Allison, seconded by Louise Fournier for the 2016 partial abatement providing they meet the above conditions.

Additional Abatement Requests:

- Ann Dow: The Board approved the Homestead Exemption for 2017 and 2018 taxes.

Motioned by Arthur Carroll, seconded by Louise Fournier to approve the abated Homestead Exemption for 2017 and 2108.

Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved.

It was identified that there was a conflict of interested in the following abatement requests, therefore Linda removed herself from the Board table and sat in the audience.

- Deidra and Michael Bidlack: Shirley recommended to remove homestead, corrected land assessment, and added garage not transferred. Abated Value of \$1700.00 with an abated tax of \$29.24.

Motioned by Arthur Carroll, seconded by Louise Fournier to approve Shirley Bartlett's recommendations and abate \$29.24 of 2018 taxes.

Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved.

- Alan Allison: Billing Error-Property over assessed. Land assessment was corrected and garage belonging to the Bidlack's was removed. Total recommended abatement amount of \$175.44.

Motioned by Louise Fournier, seconded by Arthur Carroll to approve Shirley's recommendations to abate \$175.44 from 2018 taxes.

Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved.

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Next meeting will be held on November 28th at 5:30pm at the Eagle Lake Town Office.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM

Motioned by Louise Fournier, seconded by Arthur Carroll

Vote: Motioned on and unanimously approved.

Respectfully

Submitted:

Angela Bossie
Deputy Clerk