

**SELECTMEN and ASSESSORS MEETING
December 17, 2014**

The weekly selectmen and assessor meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on December 17, 2014, Selectman Duane Vigue with Selectmen Donald Grinnell also in attendance. Selectman Wesley Daniel was absent.

The summary of the December 9, 2014, selectmen and assessor meeting was approved as written.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve a payroll warrant in the amount of \$5,716.75 and an accounts payable warrant of \$13,507.76. After the warrants were paid, a review of municipal accounts held by Machias Savings Bank indicated \$100,000.00 in the operating account and \$675,981.32 in the interest bearing sweep account. The selectmen were provided copies of the TRIO expense report dated December 9th.

Jonathan Daniel, Road Commissioner, was absent and had no written report.

Steve Nolon, new Supt. of RSU #40, and Danny Jackson, Chair of the RSU #40 School Board were recognized as visitors. Mr. Nolon introduced himself, gave a short biographical history of his educational experience and his educational philosophy. The selectmen welcomed him to the district and invited him to attend any selectmen's meeting.

Tom Johnston, Fire Chief, was recognized. Tom stated that he formally wanted to inform the selectmen that he would be requesting the town purchase a new rescue/pumper to replace Engine 1. Purchased in 1982 when Henry Sainio was the fire chief, Engine 1 was the first 'new truck' that the town purchased. It is now 32 years old, obsolete, and unreliable. Estimated cost of the new truck is approximately \$300,000. The selectmen will look at financing options and present Tom's request to the budget committee and citizens for a vote at town meeting. Lots of work needs to be done before that to 'spec out' the truck.

Mildred Melgard, Mindy Gould, and Judy Goode, representing the scholarship committee, addressed the selectmen and asked for clarification regarding the scholarship trust fund. Currently when the committee has a fund raiser and the proceeds of the fund raiser are deposited in the trust fund, the deposit goes into the principal side of the fund (according to town treasurer, Ann Dean). This makes the funds raised unavailable. The committee would like to have it deposited into the interest side of the fund so the number of scholarships may be increased. Ann will recheck with the town auditor. The committee also had questions about the interest accrual in the trust funds which Don explained.

The selectmen received a written request for a pay raise in 2015. A decision will be delayed until the budget process begins.

Tax Collector Ann Dean provided the selectmen with the a copy of a courtesy letter that will be going out to property owners who have delinquent 2014 taxes informing them that liens will be placed on the properties in January if the taxes not been paid.

Robert Temple, Code Enforcement Officer, was absent and had no written report. The selectmen reviewed emails from the town attorney regarding final changes to the consent agreements to Berkley and Nancy Linscott and to Robert Steinmeyer. The selectmen voted unanimously to approve the latest changes recommended by the attorney.

The selectmen reminded everyone of the special town meeting scheduled at 7:00 pm on December 30th. The warrant for the special town meeting is posted around town and on the town website.

With no further business to come before the board the selectmen adjourned at 8:10 pm.