

SELECTMEN and ASSESSORS MEETING SUMMARY
September 9, 2015

In attendance: Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Duane Vigue and Berkley Linscott; CEO – Bob Temple; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public: Henry Sainio, Dorothy Sainio, Peg Hobbs, David Martucci, Cheryl Cichowski

Wesley Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Duane Vigue moved to accept the summary from 09/02/2015 as written, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Duane Vigue moved to accept the warrants as written \$3,186.74/payroll and \$32,857.25/vendor, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Warrants read, approved, and signed.

Wesley Daniel reported on Public Works Report – 8/30 – 9/5 ditching on Bill Luce Road and Calderwood Road, work on P200 sander. Duane Vigue moved to accept the Public Works Report as read, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Bob Temple, as CEO, reported there are two permits out. Bob received an Appeal on the cell tower. Bob explained the Appeals application and process to Ed Roch. The Bob and the Appeals Board will follow through.

As Treasurer/Town Clerk, Ann Dean reported that she received notification from Health Trust that the co-pays are going up \$5.00 for specialists for 2016.

David Martucci, Chairman of the Commercial Solar Energy Moratorium Ordinance, presented the Select Board with the final proposals that were finalized last Monday. The committee came up with two separate proposals. One is the complete proposal (solar and other arrays) and one is split into two parts solar and wind & antenna. It's up to the Select Board on how to proceed and present it to the town. Peg Hobbs was present to advocate to vote on them separately. David suggested to extend the moratorium for another six months then we could conceivably take this up at town meeting. This is an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance adding to one article and some definitions. The committee focused on not what you can do but on how big it is and the impact on the neighborhood. The concern is if it's large we want it set back with a large buffer. A performance guarantee is required so that if you abandon the project the town has some way of drawing on funds to close it down and clean it up. Peg Hobbs explained that the library is holding a solar informational meeting next Tuesday at the Grange. This is not connected to the ordinance but to help people understand and ask questions. Wesley Daniel asked if there was anywhere in the town it is not allowed. David explained that the sizes are regulated. For example, the village district cannot have an array of more than ½ acre on a piece of property. Wesley Daniel motioned to extend the moratorium from October 3, 2015 for an additional 180 days, Duane Vigue seconded, all in favor. The Select Board will schedule a public hearing before the town meeting. The Board will look over the new ordinance and discuss next week.

Wesley Daniel and Ann Dean will post around town and on the web site the Public Hearing Notice for General Assistance Appendix A-D 2015-2016 scheduled for September 23, 2015.

Public Comments and Questions

Ann Dean reiterated that checking the Warrant items, each week before signing, is extremely important. This week she added an item that was fictitious, two of the three Select Board Members saw this error and questioned the item. Ann had a correct Warrant for the Board to sign. This tactic will be used periodically to be sure the Warrant is read in full, understood, and accepted as written.

Dorothy Sainio wished Ann Dean Happy Birthday.

Wesley Daniel stated that the fence for the recreation field will be put up next spring. It will be stored in the building near the town garage.

Cheryl Cichowski, School Board Member, attended the meeting to give the Select Board an update. Since April there has been a lot of staff turnover which has been due to retirement incentives. A lot of new teachers have started and three new principals. Prescott Elementary School's Principle was re-designated as a teaching principle so she is in the building full-time. The Superintendent has been leading the Staff and the Board through a complex navigation of proficiency based education and learning standard requirements. He is also taking the Board through a visioning process on how to be more effective as a board. Board representation from Washington, Guy Bourrie is on the Policy and Region Eight Voc Tech Sub Committees; Cheryl serves on Personnel and Finance. There was a new Board Membership Workshop from the Maine School Board Association that they attended, which was very helpful. The state budget passed to return the funds to the voters. Graduation rates have risen from 85% in 2013 to 91/6% in 2014. Dropout rates have decreased – 2011-2012 at 5.2% to 2012-2013 at 2.5%. New clubs offered are golf, chess, and debate. On September 11 Channel 13 will be at the high school for a School Spirit Challenge; they compete with other high schools to raise food for the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

Wesley Daniel brought up the discussion regarding the plow truck turn around on The Firs Road. The Select Board will request permission from Todd Bennett to turn around across from their driveway. Article 10 in the Warrant sites the law and gives the Select Board permission to close a road to winter maintenance. This will be tabled until next week.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 7:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson

