

SELECTMEN and ASSESSORS MEETING SUMMARY
September 16, 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, Cathy Blake

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

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

Duane Vigue moved to accept the warrants as written \$3,178.73/payroll and \$15,664.99/vendor, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Warrants read, approved, and signed.

Wesley Daniel reported on Public Works Report – 9/7-9/10 Worked on P200 sander, picked up parts in Augusta, worked on P100 sander to get ready for back-up plow truck, break line on P300. Duane Vigue moved to accept the Public Works Report as read, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Bob Temple, as CEO, reported that he sent out for a legal opinion for the Appeals Board regarding the cell tower appeal. Basically MMA said that because Mr. Rotch did not participate in the Planning Board Public Hearing or any of the process of the Planning Board he doesn't have standing and he is not an abutter. Bob went to three gravel pits this week, no new permits.

As Treasurer/Town Clerk, Ann Dean reported the bank balance from Machias was \$118,597.98, \$100,000.00 was transferred to The First line of credit. The First bank balance is \$447,803.75, line of credit down to \$150,000. \$162.49 interest was paid for one month. Dean Brewer came in on Wednesday morning to correct an error. Margaret Sousa paid twice last year (she was on the tax club and the bank paid). This warrant shows a return payment check for Margaret for \$1,911.79. Dean also checked Beth Connor's, Deputy Treasurer, work and said she is doing a great job reconciling the check book. Ann passed out a print out from Tide Water that Darlene Hutchins received. Darlene has been trying to get another internet/phone service in the town and keeps Ann informed as she gets information.

Ann made a copy for each of the Board to fill out the questionnaire from Muskie School. Drug & Alcohol Testing Seminar will be held on October 22 in Bangor, 931 Union Street, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Duane will call for more information before registering to attend.

Wesley Daniel spoke about the Fall Commission Meeting 2015, Mid Coast Regional Planning Commission, we need someone to join. Henry Chapman is the only member and will be out of town for a few months and is not able to attend.

Wesley Daniel read Warrant Article 10. By law there are four steps to take to close a town road. The final step needs to be done by October 1 with a town meeting; we don't have time this year. Next year we would start the process by May 1. The wording in the Warrant Article 10 will change to 'final determination'.

Nothing has been revised about turning around at The Firs Road. Wesley Daniel will try to stop by Todd Bennett's home this weekend to ask him about turning around on his property.

The Board discussed the solar/wind ordinance. They will re-read the ordinance and write a few questions/concerns and invite a committee member to come to go over it a bit more before decide on how to

present it to the town at the March meeting. Berkley Linscott thinks it would be a good idea to have the ordinance looked at from a legal point of view.

Wesley Daniel will call Safety Works to come in for an inspection to give us time to fix things before the regular inspection.

Questions and Comments

Dorothy Sainio brought to Mary Anderson's attention a name correction in the summary. Mary will change.

Dorothy Sainio had a newspaper clipping from Time Warner for the Board to read regarding the gross revenue percentage that should be paid to towns.

Wesley Daniel made a motion to make a donation to the VFW for \$50.00, from the Selectmen's Discretionary Fund, in memory of Alma Jones, Duane Vigue seconded, all in favor. Ann Dean remembers wise words from Alma Jones when she became town clerk. Alma said, "Make sure you ask for help". Ann found this advice helpful over the years and encourages everyone to adhere to the advice.

Wesley Daniel reminded the Board that the Public Hearing for General Assistance will be held next Wednesday at 7PM before the Select Board Meeting.

Wesley Daniel will be gone next week and asked Duane Vigue or Berkley Linscott to come in on Tuesday. Berkley said he would be in the office to work.

Dorothy Sainio asked for copies of the fire rating paperwork she received from Tom Johnston regarding the fire rating for insurance.

Ann Dean received payment from the school for the RSU40 referendum election held on 8/18/15.

Berkley Linscott said he received quite a few comments regarding the ditching on Calderwood Road, mostly positive. Someone asked why mat was not put down on the steep hill. Wesley Daniel said they could look into. Duane Vigue said the cost was quite high awhile back.

Budget Discussion

There was much discussion regarding Roads Labor crew to work a 40 hr/wk instead of 30 hr/wk. Kathy Blake verified that they work a 30 hr/wk now. Dorothy Sainio stated she didn't think they should work a 40 hr/wk. Overtime gets paid after 40 hours are worked then they receive time and a half.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:08PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson

