

SELECTMEN and ASSESSORS MEETING SUMMARY

May 27, 2015

In attendance: Selectmen – Wesley Daniel, Duane Vigue and Berkley Linscott; CEO – Bob Temple; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public: Dorothy Sainio, Henry Sainio, Cathy Blake, Bill Lane, Timothy Dube

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

Duane Vigue moved to accept the summary from 05/20/2015 as written, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Duane Vigue moved to accept the warrants as written \$4,357.20/payroll and \$109,872.81 (includes school payment)/vender, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Warrants read, approved, and signed.

Public Works Report – Duane Vigue reported on last week 5/18 – mixed gravel in the pit, marked the Fir Road for ditching and fixing the culvert, finished spreading surface gravel; the rest of the week moved the loom pile in the pit and worked on the P500. Berkley Linscott moved to accept the report as read, Duane Vigue seconded, all in favor.

CEO Report – Bob Temple said the Planning Board will meet on June 9 in the Fire Station Meeting room for a pre-application regarding the cell tower.

Bob Temple stated that he met with Fred Newcomb regarding 617 Waldoboro Road. In order to start the process we need to know the name of the people who live there. Fred said we could go with a 7 day or 30 day eviction notice. If it gets appealed it will be dragged out longer and be costly. Fred suggested that Bob go with the Health Office, Brian Alves, to do an inspection. Wes Daniel stated that he thought Bob and Brian do the inspection (yes or no it will be on file), sell the property and let whoever buys it will deal with it. Ann Dean suggested we look over the policy next week because there are things in there that address this issue and have Fred look at the policy we'd like to adopt. Bob will speak with Fred to let him know we will not pursue an eviction notice at this time. Bob and the Health Officer will inspect the premises and generate a report.

Town Clerk/Treasurers Report – Ann Dean reported that she received a Key FOB from Machias Bank for Mary Anderson to make deposits.

Judson Butterman, Constable, posted the notices today for the upcoming school election on 6/9/15.

Ann received an email today for an opportunity to apply for culvert upgrade grants. The first application will be available this Friday. We would put in for the Young's Hill Road culvert. Ann said she didn't mind filling out the application. Ann will forward all information, to the Selectmen, regarding this application process. Wes Daniel asked Bill Lane what he knew about the grants. Bill explained as much as possible and stated the application is due 7/15/15 and will be awarded on 9/1/15.

Truck Search – There was some discussion about what Duane Vigue has seen as far as dump trucks that are available on the website and HP Fairfield. He will continue to monitor the website and call HP Fairfield so a decision can be made soon.

Prices for Rental Equipment – Merton is \$75.00 for the small excavator \$100.00 for the big excavator/hour; Peter Luce is \$80.00 for the big excavator. There was no mention of the cost for the grader. Wes Daniel moved to have Merton do the work, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Wes will contact him to do the job and ask him to get Ann Dean all the paperwork she needs before he begins. The job will start towards the end of the summer.

Washington Scholarship Committee – Duane Vigue met with Dorothy Sainio a couple of weeks ago. Duane feels she has quite a few valid points regarding the Washington Scholarship Committee. Duane thinks it would be a good idea to call the Scholarship Committee in for a meeting. Duane asked Ann Dean how the money portion of the committee works. Awarded scholarships have not come out of the original principle. Donations are receipted and the auditors give Ann the amounts to adjust and add to the CD at rollover. The new by-laws did not affect anything regarding money because they didn't get into the principle. The principle needs to be higher. The Jimmy E. Billing Memorial Award is considered for education in the new by-laws but it is not a scholarship, it's an award. This should be separate from the Washington Scholarship. Dorothy stated that this is a trust fund and the original rules and regulations are to be followed, not to be changed. Duane will call the Scholarship Committee members to meet with the Selectmen next Wednesday night (6/3/15) to make sure that we are doing what we are supposed to be doing.

Salt Bids – New England Salt Company \$64.95 delivered / \$63.00 picked up; Hartcroft Cemicsals Inc. \$68.57 delivered / \$66.00 picked up; Eastern Salt Company Inc. \$79.50 / \$79.50 picked up; Cargil Inc. \$84.85 delivered / \$82.00 picked up. Wes Daniel moved to accept New England Salt Company, Bangor for \$64.95 delivered, Duane Vigue seconded, all in favor. Wes will call Candice to let her know.

Proposal for selling town property – We received a proposal from LT Auctions – Wes Daniel read the last paragraph of the proposal. “The Town of Washington will provide all legal and real estate permits and handle all paperwork related to the auction of the properties. The Town of Washington will compensate LT Auctions \$200.00 per property regardless if the properties sell or not. In addition, the Town of Washington agrees to pay 2% of the actual selling price if one or any of the properties sell to LT Auctions.” The Selectmen believe they can do better than that.

Notice box for Washington General Store – Wes made a motion to ask Phil Meunier to build a notice box for Washington General, Duane seconded, all in favor. Wes will ask Phil to speak with Ann about the size needed.

Public Comments and Questions

Bill Lane is interested to know if the bids for the Vanner Road culvert will be announced. One bid was received. The bid from Farley & Son is \$62,777.00. Duane moved to accept the bid from Farley & Son for \$62,777.00 for the Vanner Road culvert, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Bill Lane will instruct him to get his forms and payment bond and insurance certificates in and draw up a contract. They have a 21-day window to close the road between 7/15/15 – 9/1/15. They will let us know when the road will be closed so Ann Dean can post the notices.

Dorothy Sainio asked if the Scholarship Committee sent the school notification who won. Duane will call to find out. She also gave the Selectmen the name of a licensed auctioneer from Augusta, Austin Brann. Duane will call him after getting the phone number from Dorothy.

Henry Sainio asked what happened to the town's back hoe, why it's not used for all the culvert work. The bigger machinery is two times faster. The town does about 90% of the culvert replacing. Any major projects, over a two mile stretch, is more cost effective with bigger machinery. This goes under Capital Improvement projects.

Duane talked about replacing the security doors with a 'screened' door. He found security doors have a very small window. The magnetic screens cost around \$109.00 each. Duane will check to see if it would be cost effective to put a hole in the building for an average size air conditioner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson

