

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary
March 1, 2017

In attendance: Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott; CEO – Bob Temple; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public – John Stewart, Cynthia Rosen

Wesley Daniel called the weekly Selectmen Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Tom Johnston moved to accept the summary from 02/22/2017 as presented, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Tom Johnston moved to pay the warrants as presented \$3,802.66/payroll, \$12,108.05/vender, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report – None. Wesley Daniel stated he had another comment from someone stating how good the roads are this year. Ann Dean stated that someone came in today to say Mountain Road is getting torn up from some wheelers going through without the road being frozen. Tom Johnston stated they are aware of the situation on Mountain Road and the proper people have been notified.

CEO Report – Bob Temple reported he is working on the subdivision on Mountain Road which will be on the Planning Board agenda in March. Bob has given the town office a copy of 2016 permits in CD format. Generally, the permits are scanned, emailed to the town office, then printed so the customer is able to pick up and pay at the office.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report – Ann Dean reported she completed the town report and will have the proofs by Monday. She is contact with Jake Miller, The First, to set up a payment system online where the customer only pays \$1.00 to make a payment with a credit card. We would be the first municipality to do this through The First. She would like approval from the Select Board to set this system up. Ann set up an online Maritime account because the statements and invoices don't come in at the same time. Yesterday Ann attended a mandatory state training for online marriage intentions, license and certificates. We received a Dog Ordinance fine, \$50.00 to be put back into ACO account. The Electricity Maine contracts are up. Wesley Daniel moved to cancel the Electricity Maine contract and go with CMP for standard offer, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

Wesley Daniel moved to put the Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance on the Warrant to vote on at the town meeting, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

Wesley Daniel had paperwork from Submerge Land Program through the Department of Agriculture and Conservation and Forestry for Public Water Access grants. Berkley Linscott will look over and come back next week and tell the Board what it's about.

Jerry Douglas, used to work for Maine Local Roads and works for Allstate Paving now would like to come to talk to the Road's Committee about chip seal. Berkley Linscott will set up a Road's Committee Meeting that Jerry will attend.

Marcus, MMA will be here next Tuesday at 9m for the Property & Casualty Pool renewal application. Wes has the audit report for him.

Questions and Comments

Wesley Daniel moved to go with 800 ton on the Salt Bids for 2017-2018, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

Tom Johnston moved to sign the Mutual Aide Agreement for the Fire Department between the Town of Liberty and the Town of Washington, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Tom will send the signed copies to Liberty to be signed and they will send a copy back to us.

John Stewart asked for a copy of the Marijuana Moratorium Ordinance that will appear on the warrant for the town meeting. He asked what it includes. Tom Johnston explained, basically it says we won't accept applications for commercial, which the legislature is still looking at, it does not affect medical. John confirmed that Social Clubs are listed in the moratorium and the moratorium will be for, if voted on, 180 days, then the Selectmen can extend 180 more days and if working on an ordinance extend another 180 days. John asked after how many barbecues he hosted would he need a license as a social club. Tom stated you can personal use under current state law as long as you don't charge. If you charge it then becomes a social club. While looking through the Land Use Ordinance which regulates social clubs already; in the rural/commercial district it says that you need a CEO permit for a retail business or a tradesmen shop. John asked Bob Temple to define retail and tradesmen shops. Bob explained there are definitions at the end of the Land Use Ordinance. John could not find the definitions on the website. There was discussion regarding commercial enterprises. John stated we sued our neighbors and lost because, he believes, the Land Use Ordinance is poorly put together maybe before we just buy into the MMA's model legislation and model moratoriums maybe we ought to step back and say we don't need to do this because we don't need to stop anybody in the town. John asked what the purpose of the ordinance is. Bob explained the ordinance spells out what you can and can't do in a specific place. Bob explained the permit process. There was discussion regarding the consequences regarding not following the ordinances. John stated the problem with the ordinance is every time he wants to do something different on his property he needs a permit, which is not clear. Wesley Daniel stated maybe that can be fixed through the Planning Board. John wanted Bob's take on the ordinance because it states the purpose of each section before the section. Rural/Commercial purpose is to allow for the continued growth and development on major highway. It is to allow, not restrict or question or stop or prevent. The entire ordinance purpose is to promote the growth of the community. Tom Johnston stated that the town's people, legislative body, will decide on the moratorium or not. Bob explained he does not have the entire ordinance committed to memory he looks up the information when he gets asked questions. John asked Bob to look up the definition of a social club during the meeting. Wesley stated that John can request Bob to look it up and has seven days to get back to him. John's final comment is he believes the CEO should know his job much better. Bob reiterated that the definitions are on the website under the Land Use Ordinance.

Cynthia Rosen asked Bob Temple if she needs a permit to change uses on the property. Bob said they are the same classification, so no. Cynthia said ordinance changes that affect the use of her

property, should she concern herself or is she 'grandfathered' in. Bob told her to look at the non-conforming section of the ordinance which states any use in existence at the time of the adoption of another ordinance or an amendment to the ordinance if it were to prohibit it would not affect what she is doing, unless you discontinue it for a period of a year. Cynthia stated she did not report that she is praying with friends on her property and in the ordinance, there is something regarding religion which is not under agriculture. Bob said he didn't think anything would happen but would look at the ordinance and no one is complaining. Cynthia wanted to know when her activity becomes reportable. Bob said the uses on the property are not a problem, if she has a question to call him. John Stewart had multiple examples of town that have done things to people that have cost tens of thousands of dollars because they have done things until someone complains. He wants a written letter from Bob saying he drives by the house every day and finds nothing out of compliance; it's not fair to be treated as if they are doing something wrong. Tom Johnston stated that if you're not doing anything wrong, don't worry. Wesley Daniel stated that John could be on the committee to write the Marijuana Ordinance if the moratorium passes after the vote at the town meeting.

Berkley Linscott stated that Andrea Boynton is classified on tri-axles and has worked with Kevin Esancy. Tom Johnston stated that Jonathan Daniel stated he should have bought her in to plow during the storms.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anderson