

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary
May 10, 2017

In attendance: Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott; CEO – Bob Temple; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public – Traci Hoffman, Brian Alves, Peg Hobbs

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

Tom Johnston moved to accept the summary from 05/03/17 as written, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Tom Johnston moved to pay the warrants as presented \$3,510.64/payroll, \$10,603.77/vender Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report –04/30 – 05/06: 1st did a driveway entrance on Old County Road, greased P100 and P400, put risers on P100, one man out sick. 2nd revised hazards manual, spread gravel on Sprague Road, met with Albert Hutchinson on Calderwood Road and Old Union Road. 3rd Public Works Safety Day at Union Public Works, working 10 hr/day for 3 days for 30 hours. Time cards attached.

CEO Report – Bob Temple stated DEP went out to look at the oil spill on Nelson Ridge Road. Daryl Flagg was ordered to clean it up. This should be overseen by DEP. Brian Daggett will either replace or expand his camp. Bob started working with him regarding calculations. Jim Bowers, at the last Planning Board meeting, gave Bob his files regarding past gravel pits going back 10-15 years. Bob will scan them and give the town office the information electronically as well as the paper copies. Bob called Pike regarding the crusher and will meet with them to explain the standards and give him a copy of the provisions of the ordinances. The Selectmen received a summary of the permits to date. Wesley Daniel stated that there is a driveway entrance on the Old County Road that is not supposed to be there. Bob said he will check it out tomorrow.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report – Ann Dean gave the Selectmen a copy of the Expense Summary and General Ledger Report to date. We received 150 state absentee ballots for the 6/13 election. Jud Butterman posted the RSU 40 Warrants for the 6/13 election. Ann prepared the Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector papers and swore in Mary Anderson and Denise Hylton. Ann ordered the wreath for the monument from Bernhams Bloomers for Memorial Day. Ann moved \$4000.00 from the fund balance to the equipment shed and \$1500. from Registrar line to Deputy Clerk II line. She adjusted \$834.94 from Deputy I to Deputy II because the Deputy I line was used for Deputy II in error. Ann spoke with Jake Miller, the First, regarding the title for the firetruck who will originate the title. There was also a nice compliment at the window. A gentleman came in and stated “this town office has restored my faith in town offices”. He has lived in a few towns, that won't be mentioned. Bank balance \$320,873.39

The Selectmen reviewed, the bid package to be sent out for road maintenance. After discussion Tom Johnston moved to schedule a pre-bid conference is scheduled for Tuesday, 5/23 at 9am. The bid application will be mailed out on Friday, due back by 12 noon 6/13 and opened on 6/14 at the Selectmen's scheduled meeting, Wesley Daniel seconded, all in favor.

Tom Johnston wanted to discuss hiring a general laborer if we can't find an operator. Potentially we will need two flaggers for the road work scheduled for the summer; maybe consider contracting a flagging outfit. If we don't get another operator we'll need the two truck drivers hauling while ditching is being done and/or another thing to consider is, if we still just have two, we may seriously think about moving them up to 40 hrs/week; we are losing 30 hours of employment now. We may need to hire someone seasonal. The road work has a potential starting date of 8/1 instead of 8/15 which is reflected on the bid package.

Wesley Daniel read and accepted, with regret, Cheryl Chicowski's letter of resignation from RSU 40 School Board, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

Wesley Daniel read a letter from Medomak Valley High School inviting the Select Board to the 2017 Commencement Exercises.

Wesley Daniel marked the trees to be cut on Old Union Road and noticed the Doe Mill Road sign and post is missing.

Peg Hobbs, Recreation Committee, she is requesting a release of fund to start the building of the new equipment building. Peg gave Ann Dean all the paperwork needed. The concession stand will be refurbished through Hammond Lumber supplies and door from Lakeview by Evan Morrison who has proof of insurance.

Brian Alves, Health Officer, has been in contact with Vicky Ray in terms of the tick and mosquito issue.

Separate from local Health Officer issues Brian Alves brought up the oil spill on the Flagg property. It has been deemed a petroleum spill by the Maine Forestry Service. Brian stated the highlights of a letter he will submit to the Selectmen. Daryl Flagg bought the property and started harvesting around 12/4/16. By the first week of February he ceased timber harvesting and removed his equipment. Brian spoke with Bob Temple, Bob spoke with Tom Gilbert of the Maine Forestry Service, Tom spoke with Daryl Flagg. Daryl freely admitted knowledge that an oil spill had occurred before the timber harvesting was completed, in the first week of February. This has been in and on the ground since then or earlier. Tom Gilbert ordered Daryl Flagg to clean up the mess. The Flagg operation was there this Monday and spent a couple of hours bringing in a tractor and, from what Brian could tell, when they left the property he didn't see

any barrels that could transport contaminated soil, wood chips, and/or water off the property. He did observe a tractor going back and forth on the property and about 20 absorbent pads laid down on the property. Brian is under the impression that the Maine Forestry Service will go back to check the site. He is worried this will not be followed through. Wesley Daniel asked if the DEP has gotten involved. Brian said not yet according to Bob Temple. Brian stated that this was a reportable issue and should have been reported when it happened. It should not have been reported when Mr. Flagg was coerced into stating that yes, in fact, he was aware of a hydraulic leak that lead to a petroleum spill. This is not only an issue for Brian but for the town as well; this is going right down into the brook obviously into Davis Stream, finding its way into Damariscotta Lake, and in other people's soil. Brian's drilled well is 150 feet from where this spill visibly begins. Brian had a sample of his well water and water from the spill 'after the cleanup'. After some discussion, Wesley Daniel stated he will contact Bob Temple tonight to call DEP tomorrow.

Wesley Daniel asked for a moment of silence in memory of Tom Ford, Town Meeting Moderator for many years, who passed away May 4, 2017.

Questions and Comments

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson