

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2019

Attendance: Tim Cook, Jenna Domer, Ryan Fowler, C. Wayne Miller and Ron Shorey

Ryan called for the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Wayne made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 13, 2019, Ron 2nd the motion and it was approved (2-0).

Wayne made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Emergency BOS meeting on August 21, 2019, Ron 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ryan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2019, Ron 2nd the motion and it was approved (2-0).

Visitors: Miriam Gibely, Town resident, Morris Gibely Town resident and PB member, Kevin Taylor, Town resident and PB member as observers.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

ACO- no report

Administrative Assistant- Jenna presented an abatement sent from Assessors JE O'Donnell for Justin and Bernadette McIver, R08-28-5 to be approved. Ryan made a motion to approve the abatement for the McIver's, R08-28-5 in the amount of \$528.81, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Several BOS meetings needed to be rescheduled due to upcoming holidays and schedule conflicts. The new schedule for the remainder of 2019 will be posted on the Town website as well as the Town Office bulletin board for the public.

Jenna informed the BOS that the Fire Station Building Committee is not a valid committee at present due the fact that all appointments ended on July 31, 2019. Any votes taken after this date are null and void. The BOS decided to have the AA contact all FSBC members to invite them to the next scheduled BOS meeting on Tuesday October 8, 2019 to be re-appointed beginning October 8, 2019 for a one year term and to discuss their letter to the BOS regarding engineering costs for the future Fire Station Building. The BOS would also like the committee to hold bi-monthly meetings and report monthly to the BOS. This will be discussed at the October 8, 2019 meeting.

AA stated the furnace room at the TMH is need of a cleaning. She contacted the Town's cleaning service and was quoted \$75.00 for the clean. The budget will allow the expense. Wayne made a motion to spend \$75.00 to clean the TMH furnace room, Ryan 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Cemetery maintenance account has been overspent by \$150.00 due to a Spring Cleanup that was requested by the Cemetery Sexton that was not budgeted. The budget for 2019 for the Cemetery account was lowered from \$2,500.00 to \$2,000.00. The 2020 budget will need an adjustment back to at least \$2,500.00 to support this expenditure every year and also to repair any Veteran's headstones as it

is the Town's responsibility. Wayne made a motion to take \$150.00 out of contingency to cover the over expenditure, Ryan 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Jenna discussed the Town Property Maintenance items to be included in budget year 2020.

CEO- no report

Clerk- AA presented on behalf of Town Clerk, Alberta Ridlon the following appointments to the BOS.

Wayne Miller as General Assistance Officer

Linda Bradley as Warden

Abigail DeWildt as Warden

Ryan made a motion to appointment the above individuals, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Laws LD 917, 1528, 1627 and 1487 that were recently passed were discussed, all of these laws will increase motor vehicle, registration and agent fees. Ryan made a motion to increase all fees according to the public laws for the municipality, Ron 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Fire Chief- Engine 4 is almost complete with repairs. He is concerned about the FSBC committees' actions not going with the 3 original conceptual designs. He believes the FSBC meetings are being held inconveniently for some members and he is not being notified of the meetings scheduled.

Road Commissioner- Ron Shorey stated the gravel on the side of Berry Road was not finished in front of his home. He has contacted the RC for information. We do not have dates for paving on Tapawingo Road, a completion date for Kyle Cooks driveway repair from the damage of a Sweden Fire Truck. AA will contact him to get this information.

Tax Collector/Treasurer- Ryan made a motion to approve the Warrant dated July 24, 2019, Ron 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The BOS asked the AA/ Deputy Treasurer to draft a letter to the Chair of the Planning Board regarding an invoice from Attorneys Bergen Parkinson in the amount of \$52.50 for a telephone conference by L. Chadbourne and J. McQueen regarding the inquiry of the "Planning Board Assistant" position that is not a valid position in the Town of Sweden. The BOS has the ultimate authority to approve all Town expenditures. If the Town receives any additional legal fee invoices from the PB regarding this matter, they will not approve the expenditure. They also asked to include in the letter that the AA would no longer be responsible for filing PB documents. The documents to be filed will be stored safely in a fireproof filing cabinet in the Town Office for the PB to access and so that documents are easily accessed in the event of Freedom of Access request.

Old Business-A recommendation from MMA was reviewed regarding a Winter logging request on Trull Brook Road.

A draft Volunteer Policy not applicable to Elected or Appointed Officials was reviewed by the BOS. Ryan made a motion to adopt the amended Volunteer Policy for the Town of Sweden, Ron 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

A private driveway naming request (Nature's Way) from Jolene Barker R09-18-03 was reviewed. She has been in contact with E-911 Officer Bruce Taylor regarding the request. Wayne made a motion to accept 593 Nature's Way as a privately named driveway in the Town of Sweden, Ryan 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

New Business- Alberta Ridlon, Town Clerk accepted a check from Maine Obsolete Auto League in the amount of \$200.00 for fuel assistance. It was determined that the Town can not accept the generous donation as it does not have a fuel assistance account. The BOS asked the AA to contact the organization to ask them to redirect the check to the Sweden Community Church to be added to their fuel assistance program.

Ryan made a motion to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) (A) to discuss personnel matters at 7:33pm, Ron 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ryan made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:35pm, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ron made a motion to offer the position of Tax Collector/Treasurer to Patricia Patnaude, Ryan 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The second candidate Patricia Porter will be contacted as to her interest in the Town Clerk position that will be vacant after the retirement of Alberta Ridlon in March 2020.

Communications and Correspondence-

- Copy of letter from the PB to Sven Cole, Bridgton Academy regarding request for log-Bridgton Academy Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, September 17, 2019
- Email dated September 22, 2019 from Laura Chadbourne, PB Secretary regarding Shawn Shea 78 Marr Road
- Email dated September 23, 2019 from David Johnson, PB Chair regarding Winter Logging on Trull Brook Road
- Letter from State of Maine regarding retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Subsidy Program, September 2019
- Letter NPO Litigation regarding Class Action Notice and Frequently Asked Questions regarding Opioids Negotiation Class

Ryan made a motion to opt out of the Opioids Negotiation Class Action suit, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 8:39pm, Ron 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Domer
Administrative Assistant

