

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday September 5th, 2017

5:00 PM

Special Town Meeting
At the Town Office

ATTENDANCE: David King, Dale Chadbourne, Allison Hepler, Jason Shaw & Allen Greene.

6:00 PM

Regular Selectboard Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Prior to the beginning of the regular Select Board Meeting the Town Administrator, Suzette Cloutier, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 21st, 2017 meeting as written.

Old Business: Chair David King asked to address old business item A, contract with Ecomaine before Board Comments, as Representative from Ecomaine was at the meeting. Lissa Bittermann from Ecomaine noted that, with respect to a 20-year contract, the "latest and greatest" in solid waste and recycling processing is with the yet-to-be-opened Fiberight plant, and if there were something new in the pipeline, it would take many years before anything came to fruition. Also to be considered is how close such a plan would be to Woolwich. It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to sign a 20-year contract with Ecomaine for Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling processing. Having a 20-year contract for recycling would make Woolwich an "Associate member."

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Allen Greene: Attended recent RSU #1 meeting, along with Jason, Allison and David. Vote was taken to return half of the extra State funding; \$58,000 will be coming to Woolwich which will help with Mill Rate. The other \$58,000 is being used to reduce the Bond amount for the new High School.

Jason Shaw: Woolwich Historical Society holding a Nequasset Cemetery Tour led by Allison Hepler at 1 pm on September 24. Encourages anyone interested to attend. It is free.

Allison Hepler: Will be unable to attend the September 17th Select Board meeting, will be attending the annual AARP Age-Friendly Community Workshop, and will also be attending the Central Maine Power Stakeholder's Meeting on 9/6/2017.

David King: Read letter from Maine Municipal Association congratulating Town Administrator, Suzette Cloutier, for obtaining Certification as a Municipal Treasurer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lloyd Coombs wanted to remind attendees that RSU #1 will be holding a straw poll on Tuesday the 12th, at 6 pm in the Bath Middle School in regard to the new High School.

Fred Kahrl commented that he will be doing the needed gardening with Mr. Meade's permission at the monument. He may bid on the contract in the spring.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Jack Shaw reports that Hockomock Road has been ground in preparation for new pavement. Culverts have been changed and gravel added. 3200 feet of new pavement going down next week, weather permitting.

EMS CHIEF'S REPORT: Brian Carleton reported that there had been 5 calls. WEMS responded to 5, Northeast to 4, and Wiscasset to 1. Bills have been turned in.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Mike Demers working; LT Brian Carleton reported on his behalf that there were 6 calls since the last meeting: 1 brush fire, 1 mv accident, 1 smoke investigator, 1 Hazmat call, 1 tree on wires and 1 mutual aid to Edgecomb. Training continues all month. All passed pump testing and hose testing coming right up. They have 2 new members, 1 EMT/FF and 1 JR. firefighter. David mentioned several false alarms at the building, asked that they do alarm training as well.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: CEO Bruce Engert reported 3 new internal plumbing permits issued, checked 3 subsurface wastewater installations. Attended a meeting with Reed & Reed and the Ferry Road Neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ecomaine: Discussed previously (see above).

B. Tax-Acquired Property Status: Discussion of report from Tax Collector of several properties that are tax acquired; no action taken at this time.

C. Comcast Franchise Agreement: There continues to be concern from some residents about the limitations of Comcast, Board members encouraged anyone who would like cable to contact Comcast directly and work with their neighbors to share the costs. Moved, seconded, & voted unanimously to sign the Franchise Agreement with Comcast as recommended by the Public Communications Committee.

D. Trees in Municipal Lot: WellTree submitted 2 proposals, first to prune 6 ash trees and remove debris for \$975, the second to prune 5 trees and remove 6th tree that is causing property damage, for \$1175. Removal and/or pruning was pursued because of tree limbs falling and posing risks to visitors and staff. It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to hire WellTree to remove 1 tree and prune 5 additional trees in the interest of safety.

E. Committee & Board Applications:

Jack Shaw, Board of Appeals. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted (with Jason Shaw abstaining) to appoint Jack Shaw to Board of Appeals.

Keslie Tardif, Recreation Committee. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to appoint Kelsie Tardif to the Recreation Committee.

Brandon Cahill, Recreation Committee. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to appoint Brandon Cahill to the Recreation Committee.

Joan Jordan, Agriculture Committee. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to re-appoint Joan Jordan to the Agriculture Committee.

Joan Jordan, Conservation Committee. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to re-appoint Joan Jordan to the Conservation Committee.

Fred Karhl, Solid Waste & Recycling Committee. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to re-appoint Fred Karhl to the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee.

Collette Coombs, Special Events Committee: Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to re-appoint Collette Coombs to the Special Events Committee.

Gregory Doak, Board of Appeals. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to re-appoint Gregory Doak to the Board of Appeals.

Robert Meade, Road Committee. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to re-appoint Robert Meade to the Road Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Phipps point Rd sign missing: Allison Hepler mentioned to Jack Shaw that the sign for Phipps Point is down. Believes that Ted Hoch picked it up so it would not be destroyed.

B. Old Town House: David King would like to allow the Garden Club to plant some flowers and trees around the Old Town House. As Chair of the Old Town House Committee he supports their request to plant a tree and other plants for \$400. Would like Board to vote on expenditure. Moved, seconded, voted unanimously (with David King abstaining) to approve expenditure.

C. Childhood Cancer Proclamation: Request to Dale Chadbourne from a citizen to sign a proclamation in support of children and their families for Childhood Cancer month. Proclamation was read and it was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to sign.

D. Pedestrian Tunnel update: Jim Gabor has requested permission to ask businesses for the donation of materials & labor for painting the underground pedestrian tunnel, and asked if community service labor was available from the Two Bridges Regional Jail. Suzette said that TBRJ is short-staffed & has not made contact with Administrator as of yet.

Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzette J. Cloutier
Town Administrator

Approved: 
cc: Selectboard/Staff

