

APPROVED MINUTES/FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 17th 2015 **REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Ken Overlock. Also in attendance were Erna Keller, Rod & Bettyann Luhn, Ron & Barb Littlefield, Steve & Kim Holmes, Scott Holmes, Richard Spinelli, Jim Waterman, Marilyn Perry, Sallyann Hadyniak and Gerald Spaulding.

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from August 10th 2015 were reviewed. Steve/Ken, made motions, to accept with corrections and place on file; motions passed. (**Super, maintaining, remove all of CEO info**)

CITIZEN'S ISSUES:

- * Rod & Bettyann Luhn had a survey done awhile ago and brought to the selectmen's attention that they had been paying for 4 acres that the town actually owns. We bought in Feb 1991 and sold some to Tony Grassi 3 years ago.
- * Ken: Was this in writing?
- * Ron- Yes, Jackie and I both have looked at it but have not fixed yet
- * Ken- We need to sit down with Jackie and these folks to get this taken care of
- * Bettyann: We leave August 23rd and will be back on Sept 11th -19th
- * Ken- How bout we meet Monday Sept 14th @ 4:00 pm
- * All accepted to meet then, selectmen will call Jackie

TREASURER:

Erna reported:
Payroll Warrant..... \$3132.42
A/P Warrant..... \$34,408.65
Second AP Warrant..... \$44.38
Ending checkbook balance.....\$ 222,536.54

- * Payroll Warrant this week is \$2132.42 (clerk, treasurer, cleaning lady & road crew)
- * A/P this week is \$34,408.65 (Sullivan's, Yankee CT, PERC, BMV, IF & W, Eagle Rental, Fire Tech, Glenn Sporie, Thomas Stevens, Leonard Chadbourne, US Cellular, TJ Farrington, TO Knox, Clint, Northern Tool, AE Hodsdon, Dwight Gould, & Derek Larrabee) **Remove Thomas Stevens \$5520.00 and AE Hodsdon \$564.88 for new total of AP \$29,453.53**
- * Second AP Warrant for mailing \$44.38 added at meeting
- * **Ending Checkbook balance.....\$222,536.54**
- * We received a check from Veteran's Exempt Reimbursement 2014-\$949.00 and a check from MRC for 3rd Qtr \$1507.37
- * **Our IT person Ryan Vines has now a contract that we need to look into. I have given each of you copies and have talked with Cindy about being well worth it. Ask Ryan to come next Monday at 6 to discuss**
- * Platinum yearly cost would be \$1620
- * Monitoring systems-(load software, hardware, temp. files, hard drives errors, monitored daily report goes to Ryan about any problems)
- * Updates-done behind the scenes, any updates that aren't needed he will remove, any we need he will update
- * Tech support
- * Maintenance-Available to access remotely at anytime
- * Virus/malware-detects immediately so that Ryan can prevent any problem that needs to be addressed
- * Online data backup-This is done nightly not affecting any work we do
- * Remotely fix computers- access to fix problem behind the scenes without disrupting any work that Cindy and I are doing. He wouldn't have to take control of computer
- * Faster results, less expensive= Outsourcing all IT to Ryan's company means he is instantly at our fingertips... ICON on each desktop... click and send message directly to Ryan, sets up a **ticket**, emails back with all progress work being done. Maintains system as they stand, software that is already in them and will work with TRIO

- * Not covered –Have to replace parts or install new computer, etc.
- * This list is 95% done, might be a little different
- * Still working on free banked hours (.1 per computer per month, roll over each month. Every 3 months) If an emergency free onsite visit up to 1 hour
- * **Rec Committee met and decided:**
- * Cindy recommended 2 separate storage buildings and the rec pay for them (Rec having the Backyard Builders: Gabel 12x20 for \$2360 plus \$100 for non standard door plus \$324 to move)
- * **Sallyann/Tina** made motion to buy Gabel 12x20 for \$2360 plus \$100 for non standard door plus the \$324 to move. (All in favor) Plus one set of ramps \$75.00
- * **Tina/Sallyann** made motion to give \$1700 towards a storage unit to house generator, lawn mower, etc... for the town office. (All in favor) Plus one set of ramps \$75.00
- * Rec would also like to have both buildings here at office and have security system set on both. Could you contact seacoast about cost and if willing to add this.
- * **Cemeteries:**
- * Penny Cemetery- Need to fix entrance, it was torn up when they ditched Mitchell Road
- * Bradstreet Cemetery- Derek and I was mowing there yesterday and I run over a yellow jacket nest... I got stung around 10 times... I am going back with some spray when I finish it up. Lawnmower is still there...
- * **Ken/Steve** moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed.
- * **Ken/Ron** moved to sign both A/P warrants, 1 warrant with 2 items removed; motion passed.

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

- * Cindy handed Steve a Priority Envelope from BRW (unopened)
- a. Dismissal from Property Tax Review
- b. **Ron/Ken** made motion for Steve to sign dismissal form on behalf of the board.
- c. Cindy notarized.
- * Cindy also handed selectmen a second request from the post office that nobody from the Town owns the post office and also works for them
- d. **Steve/Ken** sign on behalf of the board that the Town doesn't work for the postal service.
- e. If anyone in town does, that fine. The town clerk has gone for the postal testing but doesn't work for postal system-She also lives in Jackson.
- * Meredith asked for a survey to be added to town mailing
- * Ron asked who would be collecting
- f. Erna stated "After reading survey, they will be brought back or mailed back to Cindy."
- g. Ron asked Cindy if she was ok with that
- h. Cindy replied- she would just put them in their mailbox
- i. Selectmen approved
- * Cindy mentioned to Ken that GA report needs to be done
- * October 3rd is the day that college students are available to help
- j. Cindy needs to call Mary back with info if town is interested
- k. Last year they worked in cemeteries
- l. Ron- who will supervise them
- m. Cindy- Last year Erna and I worked with them
- n. Any suggestions
- o. Ken- Dam
- p. Steve- Ballfield
- q. Ron- Memorial where flags needs to be weeded and cleaned
- * Maine Motor Drug Testing- Rec'd letter about hiring new firm to do testing. The last company lost several reports
- * They suggested Fleet Screen

FIRE DEPT:

- * Jim Waterman: There will be a representative from MMA on Monday August 24th around 5 at town office, then to garage and back to fire house around 6
- * Updating for insurance purposes
- * Friday there was a fire in Palermo- we was there til midnight

- * Ken asked Jim "The old car that are still sitting by the firehouse, how long will they be there?"
- * Jim- 1 is Scott Holmes and 1 is Hank Elkins. Hank's will be gone soon and the other is used for training.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

- * Cindy and Ken need to do reports
- * Poverty Abatement signed

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

Special Town Meeting info:

- * 11500 engineering plan
- * 70000 erected building, heavy duty clear span building, 24 mil canvas, 15 yr warranty, 21-25 high
- * 20000 foundation- after discussion around 10000
- * 10000 land purchase, after discussion with Gerry Spaulding 15000
- * 15000 Site Work, asphalt
- Cost around 126000**
- * Building will store around 27,000 yds salt and sand
- * 48.15 cubic yds is size of inside building, only pay around \$77,000 after state pays 51%
- * Ron- We need to ask town if we can use \$80,000 from undesignated fund and \$50,000 from capital acct
- * 51 1/2% would allow for 1600 cubic yds
- * Steve- I make a suggestion that we ask Mr. Coughlin come to next Monday nights meeting to make sure of exact details, and postpone special town meeting couple weeks
- * Ron will call him

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- * Poverty Abatement
- * **Ron/Ken** motion at 7:45 to go into executive session on Legal Consultation 1 MRSA 405 (6) E
- * Out of session at 8:25 pm
- * No decisions made

ASSESSOR'S:

- * Tax Commitment discussion
- * 18.35 Mil Rate
- * **Ron/Ken** motion to sign Tax Commitment for 2015 (All in favor)

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE:

- * Town 10x16 building for 1890 plus oversized door 100 ramp 75 and delivery
- * Rec storage unit 12x20 for ball field put on the slab by basketball court. Oversized door with ramp plus delivery
- * Steve will call to order

Cemetery Committee:

- * Steve asked who supervised when Thomas Stevens came and did the work, what was in his contract?
- * Erna said she was working
- * Cindy I was on vacation. His contract estimate was for resetting, repairing and cleaning.
- * Steve Holmes.
 - a. The Spinney Cemetery has foot stones chucked into the woods, some are broken, this is the worst cemetery for repairs
 - b. Hutchins Cemetery: Stones not attached and some broken ones. One base is completely over rock wall and broke in half.
 - c. Did a good job cleaning but not repairing
- * Richard Spinelli: These are ancient burial grounds and this is vandalism
- * Kim Holmes: We have redone 2 cemeteries and fixed the stones. We took them apart used epoxy and silicone. We called provost about the correct way to fix them.
- * Cindy asked if anyone was available to go to cemeteries tm night?

- * Tuesday Erna, Cindy, Ken, Steve, Scott, Steve and Kim will meet and go around to old cemeteries to take pictures and notes. Meet at old town house at 4:30
- * Cindy will call Thomas Stevens about coming out to meet with us.
- * Steve H. - They also went in and cleaned stones in Commings Cemetery after Drew said he didn't want them in there.
- * Cindy- I have no idea why they would go there, we haven't got them on the list to do work in that cemetery.
- * Kim has pictures of some of the damage done
- * Erna and Derek mowed Penney and the while mowing Bradstreet Erna got stung by 10 yellow jackets. Lawnmower is still there

*** Steve Bennett- Liberty Men and Great Proprietors: The Revolutionary Settlement on the Maine Frontier, 1760-1820** (Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture) This has a lot of great information- **This detailed exploration of the settlement of Maine beginning in the late eighteenth century illuminates the violent, widespread contests along the American frontier that served to define and complete the American Revolution. Taylor shows how Maine's militant settlers organized secret companies to defend their populist understanding of the Revolution.**

Ken/Ron motion to adjourn meeting 9:20 pm

Next Regular meeting will be August 24th 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary
Ernestine Keller