

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009**

PRESENT: Craig Poulin, Chairman; Paul Rooney; Denise Lindahl; Jack Driscoll, Town Administrator Scheduled Absence; Amon Morse, Road Commissioner; Barbara O'Leary; Town Clerk

Citizen Concerns:

Plowing Contractor for the Town Office and Beech Hill Fire Station, Scott Pelletier, was present to discuss plowing during the last few storms. He has spoken with Jack Driscoll who expressed the concern of the Board that the plowing is not being done in a timely manner. Concerns regarding the Fire Station were also addressed. Paul Rooney asked the contractor to look at the parking area at the Bluff Road Fire Station. Mr. Pelletier will look at this and include it in his plowing.

It was noted the plowing contractor for the Town roads was not present.

Construction Debris:

Josh Wellman of DM&J Enterprises was present to discuss removing the Town's construction debris from the Transfer Station. Mr. Wellman presented a 2yr proposal for review by the Board. (Copy attached)

DM&J haul debris for several Towns including Belfast, Searsport, Hancock and South Thomaston. The debris is taken to their facility in Winterport and sorted into reusable and recyclable materials. Craig Poulin asked if they charge a hauling fee. They charge \$240 for transportation, per trip, which is \$60 less than Pine Tree per trip. DM&J would provide a 50yd container they would haul away and replace with another. The materials are not mixed with other towns and the town would get a weight slip.

The Board thanked Mr. Wellman for the proposal and agreed to look it over. Denise Lindahl will contact some of the Towns mentioned for references and see what their costs are. Craig Poulin noted Pine Tree is a larger company, but commended DM&J for their recycling efforts.

Transfer Station Recycling:

Denise Lindahl stated Barbara Peabody would not be present tonight to discuss recycling at the Transfer Station. She will attend the next meeting. Denise explained Barbara Peabody is doing a project with students at Unity College on recycling. They hope to get more information out to encourage recycling. Paul Rooney stated recycling with Pine Tree seems off and on at best. It would be good to know why they don't recycle more and find out just what they will take. Denise agreed to call Pine Tree.

Health Issue:

Denise asked if the health issue of a home with mold has resolved itself. Paul Rooney gave a brief update for the Board. The Code Officer was called last Friday by a social worker with health concerns of a client with mold in the home. She requested the mold be looked at. The Code Officer and Health Officer went to the home and agreed there was a mold problem and the family would have to move out. The Health Officer, Peter Simpson, has the authority to order the removal of the condition posing a health risk. The Town Administrator was notified and he contacted the landlord. The landlord was unaware of any problems, but agreed to put the family up at a local hotel until the family could find another place to stay. Town Clerk, Barbara O'Leary, reported she has been involved with phone calls with Jack Driscoll and the landlord Jane Nealey, regarding this issue. The family was offered a place to stay, a refund of their security deposit to use towards rent money and the family refused to leave the home. The Clerk had a late afternoon phone call from Jane Nealey who stated the family has found a place to rent and they will be moving out over the weekend. Mrs. Nealey has agreed to have a mold specialist come and inspect the home. She will take the necessary steps to correct the problem.

Paul Rooney stated the Health Officer has the name of a mold specialist and instructed the Clerk to notify the Health Officer that the landlord will have the mold specialist inspect the home.

Roads & Bridges:

Road Commissioner, Amon Morse, reported the roads in Town have been posted as of today. The No Parking This Side of Street sign was placed near the Golf Course. The sign limiting the use of sand by residents was also posted at the sand pile.

Discussion followed on the plowing contractor. The Road Commissioner felt there were enough drivers, but frequent equipment problems have plagued Bobby Patterson this year.

Paul Rooney asked if the Board wanted to go forward with a sand-salt garage this year. If so, the amount of money to be appropriated at Town meeting need to be determined. Craig Poulin did not want to give up on co-locating with the State on their Route 1 site. He would like the Town to push harder on using this site along with the State. He will instruct Jack Driscoll to talk with David Cole at the DOT and see what can be arranged. He also suggested a letter be sent stating the case of the Town to co-locate our sand and salt pile at the Route 1 site, and if not, why.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk presented two Warrants for approval.

Nomination Papers: Nomination papers are due back in the Town Office no later than close of business on Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

Audit: The audit is complete. There were no major deficiencies but some recommendations were made. The Auditors would like the hourly pay rate of employees accruing personal days to appear in their Employee Folders. This rate is necessary to calculate the dollar amount of any personal time that is carried forward to the next year. Denise Lindahl asked if this is in the Employee Policies & Procedures. The Clerk explained the P&P were given to the auditors but they have not been updated with the changes and the copy did not address any accrued time. The auditors have requested a copy be sent to them when they are updated.

It was also recommended to have hourly employees keep a time card. The number of hours worked should be documented.

Budget Workshop:

There will be a budget workshop on Monday, March 16th at 8am. The Clerk will not be present but the Bookkeeper, Vicki Eugley will. The Clerk has given Vicki Eugley the figures agreed upon at the last budget meeting. These will be reviewed at the workshop and other numbers finalized. The Clerk reminded the Board the budget needs to be finalized before the Town Report goes to the printer the first week in April.

Concealed Weapons: a request for a concealed weapons permit was presented.

Donation: the Town received a donation to the Wyman Needy Fund. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. The Board thanked the generosity of the resident.

Ordinance Hearing: the hearing will take place on Monday, March 30th at 6pm at the Drinkwater School. The CEO has made 30 copies of each ordinance to be reviewed. The Clerk was instructed to make more copies.

Warrant Articles: a review of the warrant articles was deferred to the end of the meeting.

Minutes: the minutes of 2-16-09 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

New Business:

Paul Rooney asked if the Board would present a wind turbine ordinance at the Town Meeting. Discussion followed. It was agreed to hold off for now and wait for the State to finish working on their model.

Cemetery Funds: Craig Poulin asked if using the funds from the cemetery account for repairs to the cemeteries would need to be a warrant article. Vicki Eugley asked the auditor, Dave Shurette, if the Town could do this. From an accounting perspective, he would not oppose this since there is nothing in writing stating the funds could not be used in the cemeteries. However, he recommended the town attorney be asked for an opinion since there is nothing in writing. Craig asked how much money was in the funds. Vicki reported there is \$5400 in cemetery stock and \$6900 in cemetery savings. The auditors

recommend selling the stock, but the expense to do so has been prohibitive. The Clerk and Bookkeeper will check with Bangor Savings Bank and see if they would sell the stock pro bono.

Warrant Articles:

Denise Lindahl asked if the changes to the Administrative Ordinance regarding adding a Town Administrator and the two-year term for Road Commissioner needed to go before the Town. Since those items were previously approved at Town Meeting they do not. She mentioned adding the Northport Food Pantry as a separate article and the Scholarship Fund. It was agreed to make these Articles 12 & 13.

Art 3 Selectmen's salaries will be addressed during the budget workshop.

Art 12 & 13 will be added.

Art 14 budget figures will be updated following the workshop on Monday, March 16th.

Art 17 change second tax payment date to March 1st, 2010.

Art 21 revise figures following the close of the audit.

Art. 25 delete

Art 27 review figure to reduce tax commitment

Art 28 revise property tax levy limit based on the finalized budget

Vicki Eugley asked if the Town Meeting date should be changed to June. This would allow more detail in the audit and allow sufficient time to close the books and have the audit. Discussion followed. It was agreed to have a warrant article asking to move the meeting to the first Monday in June 2010 with Town Elections being held the Saturday before town meeting.

Select Board Meetings

Paul Rooney stated his work schedule is changing and will require a change in Board meeting dates. His new schedule will not be known until mid April and a new meeting date will be set at that time.

Vicki Eugley, Bookkeeper, presented YE Financial statements to the Board. She also presented budget figures based on the last budget workshop. These will be reviewed at the Monday workshop.

Denise recommended the Board also review the revised ordinances at the budget workshop and discuss at the Board Meeting that evening.

Paul Rooney asked for an update at the next meeting on the Carnahan septic violation.

Under motion of Craig Poulin, second by Denise Lindahl, the Board voted 3-0 to enter Executive Session at 7:45pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Under motion of Craig Poulin, second by Denise, the Board voted 3-0 to return to Regular Session at 8:00pm.

With no further business, the Board voted 3-0 to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara O'Leary
Town Clerk