

SELECTBOARD MEETING

February 26, 2018 6p.m.

Present: Chairman Mark Humphreys, Vice Chair Drexell White, Board Member Shelly Patten, Town Administrator Barbara Ashe, Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker, Finance Director Vicki Eugley, Road Commissioner Amon Morse, Residents Shirley Prescott-Moulton; Randi Davis and Joel Prescott. Northport Village Representative Paul Nyren was excused.

Executive Session:

Under motion by Vice Chairman Drexell White, second by Chairman Mark Humphreys, pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(C) the Board voted 2-0 to enter into Executive Session at 6:02p.m. for discussion of acquisition of real estate. Board Member Shelly Patten recused herself.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chairman Drexell White, the Board voted 2-0 to exit Executive Session at 6:24p.m.

Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker briefed the Board on procedural motions that Town Attorney Bill Kelly said they must follow. Tucker explained that the procedural steps are derived from the Town Municipal Lien Acquired Property Policy. She stated that the first motion the Board would have to make before allowing the property owner to make payment toward taxes in an effort to redeem the property. The first decision being serving a notice that the property will be sold through the bid process, this announcement would allow the property owner thirty days from the date of notice to pay all past due taxes and costs associated with the property in an effort to reclaim their property.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chairman Drexell White, the Board voted 2-0 to place a Notice of Sale of Tax Acquired Property for the 10 Blueberry Road property that had become tax acquired through the lien maturity process.

Tucker stated that the second decision the Board would have to make would be to accept the payment being made on behalf of the property owner by a second party. Tucker added that policy dictates only two forms of accepted payment methods, cash or certified bank check, for taxes that are in arrears to the point of becoming tax acquired. She stated that the Board has the authority to allow a one-time exception so that the payment could be made by credit card.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chairman Drexell White, the Board voted 2-0 to accept payment on behalf of the former property owner for all balances due on the 10 Blueberry Road property, including all costs and expenses, and to authorize an exception to the Office Policies; Practices and Procedures to allow payment by credit card.

Tucker informed the Board that the final decision they would have to make would be to grant the Town Administrator the authority, on their behalf in behalf of the Town, to issue a quitclaim deed without covenants.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chairman Drexell White, the Board voted 2-0 to authorize the Town Administrator, Barbara Ashe, to issue a quitclaim deed, on behalf of the Selectboard and the Town, back to the former owner once all funds due the Town are received.

Roads & Bridges:

Road Commissioner Amon Morse told the Board that he had posted the roads with 23,000 pound limits. He stated that some roads are getting quite soft. Morse was asked if he would be placing sand or gravel in areas that have larger dips or potholes. Morse replied that he will be filling them in with sand. He noted that he would like to see the purchase of a trailer that keeps asphalt hot enough to spread instead of using cold patch. Morse explained that cold patch doesn't stick very well, but the heated asphalt would.

Morse told the Board that the sand/salt shed has been re-stocked and there should be plenty to finish the season.

Chairman Humphreys asked Morse if he has completed his work list for the upcoming budget; he stated that he has, but he has not written it out for the budget yet.

Job Descriptions:

Road Commissioner:

Ashe presented the Board, and Morse, with draft copies of the Road Commissioner job description for review and approval. The Board approved the job description as corrected.

Transfer Station Supervisor and Transfer Station Attendant:

Ashe provided the Board with draft copies of job descriptions for the Transfer Station Supervisor and Transfer Station Attendant. The Board reviewed the descriptions and approved them as corrected.

Transfer Station Fees:

The Board began discussion on consideration of increasing per bag fees to \$2.00 for household waste. The Board, and Ashe believed it has been nearly nine years since the last increase. The Board also discussed having residents decide at Town Meeting, through a warrant article, whether or not they would like to continue with the ZeroSort program. Finance Director Vicki Eugley would gather the necessary information about what costs the Town pays as a result of the recycling program and how that cost is passed on to everyone.

Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker had to leave the meeting at 7:30p.m. Town Administrator Barbara Ashe took minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Tucker
Town Clerk

Ordinances:

Ashe reviewed two proposed ordinances and one current ordinance; Local Food Sovereignty, a Marijuana Moratorium and the Special Amusement Ordinance. The Food Sovereignty Ordinance had some changes made by the Legislature which maintains the Federal Government standards regarding

their oversight of meat and poultry. Those Maine producers would still need to go through the Maine Department of Agriculture for the proper permits. The Maine Legislature also clarified producer to consumer transactions. The law states this is a direct, face to face, transaction at the place where the food was produced. Ashley talked with Town Attorney Bill Kelly about such an ordinance. He saw no problem with it as long as it stated there must be compliance with Federal laws, rules and regulations.

Ashley asked if there was any more thought on a Marijuana Moratorium regarding retail sales and commercial production of marijuana. She had talked with Bill Kelly who said the draft he had prepared is still valid if the Board wants to go forward with a moratorium. Kelly felt it was a good idea to have something in place while the State figures out the sales and growing processes as well as permitting. With no State permit process in place, White did not think a moratorium was necessary since no one could apply for a permit that did not exist.

Ashley went on to discuss the Special Amusement Ordinance. She noted the State change is not in the ordinance but the permit. The ordinance outlines what types of entertainment can and cannot take place in businesses with liquor licenses. The change is the permit should list those activities that cannot take place. Bill Kelly did not feel it was necessary to change the permit since it refers to the ordinance where those activities are outlined.

The Board agreed to speak more with Kelly when he comes to the March 12th meeting. White asked that Town Clerk Tucker also bring the time line of when hearings would be necessary if any of these are presented for approval at town meeting.

Finance Director:

Vicki Eugley stated funds had been appropriated last year to start a records preservation fund. The actual fund had not been set up and she asked Board approval to do so.

Under motion of Shelly Prescott, second by Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to set up a Records Preservation Special Reserve Fund at The First.

Eugley also requested permission to transfer trust funds for better interest to The first.

Under motion of Shelly Prescott, second by Mark Humphreys, the Board voted 3-0 to transfer the Cemetery Trust Fund, the Wyman Needy Trust Fund and the Children's Community Christmas Fund to The First.

White asked if a revision of the Comprehensive Plan is past due. Ashley stated the last addendum was in 2003. White asked if this is something Mid-Coast Planning could help us with. Ashley stated we are not members but could rejoin. She will check with other managers and see how they approached updating their plans. White also stated mention could be made at town meeting looking for volunteers to form a committee to update the Plan.

Under motion of Mark Humphreys, second by Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 8:03pm.

Barbara Ashley
Town Administrator