

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MARCH 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 and Attorney Amanda Meader.

Belfast Water District Right of First Refusal:

Town Administrator Barbara Ashe introduced Attorney Amanda Meader, of Ellis & Meader in Augusta, to the Board. Meader provided the Board background information about her experience at Maine Municipal Association; Eaton Peabody. Meader acknowledged that she understands the Board would like for her to represent the Town of Northport regarding the waiver of first refusal on the land in Northport belonging to the Belfast Water District that is involved in a purchase and sale agreement with the District, City of Belfast and Nordic Aqua Farms.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Board Member Shelly Patten, the Board voted 3-0 to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(E) Consult with Legal Counsel at 6:01p.m.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Board Member Shelly Patten, the Board voted 3-0 to exit Executive Session at 8:01p.m.

No decision or action resulted from Executive Session.

Bids:

Demo/Debris:

Ashe informed the Board that two contractors had submitted bids for the two year Demo/Debris contract. Results are as follows:

Contractor	Transportation	Disposal	50 Yard Container
DM&J Waste	\$240/Trip	\$80/Ton	\$50/Month
Central Maine Disposal	\$375/Trip	\$75/Ton	\$100/Month

The Board asked Ashe if what the current contract price is with DM&J Waste; Ashe replied that the only change with the bid is the disposal fee, which is up from the current \$72/ton.

Under motion by Vice Chair Drexell White, second by Chairman Mark Humphreys, the Board voted 3-0 to award the two year Demo/Debris Contract to DM & J Waste for the price quoted in their bid.

Metals Contract:

Ashey informed the Board that only one contractor, DM & J Waste, submitted a bid for the metals contract. She stated that this is the same contractor currently serving the town. Details are as follows:

Transportation	40yd Container	Freon Removal	Propane	Reimbursement
\$240/Trip	\$90/month	\$20/each item	\$10 each item	Market Price

Under motion by Board Member Shelly Patten, second by Chairman Mark Humphreys, the Board voted 3-0 to award the metals contract to DM & J Waste for the terms listed in the bid.

Heating Fuel:

Ashey provided the Board with two bids; received from Maine Energy and Maritime Farms; submitted for the annual heating fuel contract. Ashey told the Board that the current contract is held by Maine Energy and there have not been any issues. The results of the bids are as follows:

Contractor	Price/Gallon	General Assistance	Other Costs	Notes
Maritime Farms	\$2.569	\$20 fee for under 100 Gallons \$90 after hours/weekend fee \$70 same day or special schedule delivery fee	If system needs work, additional fee based on work & time.	Will allow for 10% overage on contract
Maine Energy	\$2.30	No extra charges/fees	None	None

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Board Member Shelly Patten, the Board voted 3-0 to award the 2018-2019 heating fuel contract to Maine Energy.

Roads & Bridges:

Ashey told the Board that Road Commissioner Amon Morse would not be attending the meeting and that he had nothing to report. She added that Morse will be on vacation the following week and that Frank Feener and Andy Dusoe will cover if there are any issues.

Nealey Road Engineering:

Ashey stated that she would ask Andrew Hedrich, of Gartley & Dorsky, if he could provide an estimate for the Nealey Road project so she could have the figures for budget.

Ordinances:

Ashey informed the Board that Town Attorney Bill Kelly is still working on revisions to the Food Sovereignty Ordinance, but he said the Marijuana Prohibition Ordinance is legally sound.

The Board confirmed scheduling requirements with serving notice and holding a public hearing with Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker. Tucker told the Board that public hearings on ordinances must be held not less than 10 days prior to Town Meeting; and that notice of the hearing must be posted not less than 7 days prior to the hearing. The Board set up a tentative schedule, anticipating Kelly's final draft, of April 18th for a public hearing on the proposed ordinances.

Transfer Station Fees:

Ashey told the Board that she had researched the last sticker fee increase and discovered it was Memorial Day in 2009.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Board Member Shelly Patten, the Board voted 3-0 to increase the Transfer Station fees to \$2.00 a bag, up to a 33 gallon bag effective May 1, 2018. Bags over 33 gallons will still require two stickers.

Aging Well:

Ashley said she does not have any additional information on Aging Well and struck it from the agenda.

Tax Acquired Properties:

Tucker told the Board that she had succeeded in tracking down heirs of property owners that had their land in a trust. She informed the Board that the trust prevented the Town from acquiring the property through the lien maturity process, but tax balances dated back to 2015. Tucker noted that the balance, just over \$22,000, will be paid in full.

Tucker also informed the Board about a conversation she had with someone that has tax acquired property on Stone Drive. The former property owner would like to retain the property if it would pass a soil test, but isn't sure when a test could be conducted. She added that she explained to the individual that the only way she could re-acquire the property is if the Board decided to put it out to bid and that she would have 30 days from that decision to pay all balances due. The Board asked Tucker to speak with the Code Officers to find out if there is an optimal time for such a test and bring the matter back to the next meeting. Tucker informed the Board that she had sent notice, by both certified mail and first class mail, to the former owners of the Bayside Road property inquiring about their interest in the property and the procedure of accessing their personal property left behind.

Election Clerks:

Tucker informed the Board that every even numbered year the Board needs to appoint Election Clerks. She stated that typically the various parties will forward a list of persons willing to serve as clerks, but she had only received something from the Democratic Party. Tucker contacted the clerks that have served the town in past years and all were willing to continue to serve, so long as the Board re-appoints them.

Under motion by Board Member Shelly Patten, second by Chairman Mark Humphreys, the Board voted 3-0 to appoint the following persons as Election Clerks for the 2018-2020 period:

- Dee Reid (R)
- Reeves Gilmore (D)
- Paul Sheridan (G)
- Jeffrey Littlefield (D)

Harbor:

Harbor Master Gordon Fuller had prepared a list of suggestions for the Board to review and discuss at the next meeting. The list discussed piling replacement options and float placement plans, as well as what to do with the floats that will no longer be in use.

Finance Director:

Finance Director Vicki Eugley presented the Board with Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants for review and signatures. The Board reviewed and signed the warrants as presented.

Budget:

Ashey reminded the Board that they have a budget meeting Tuesday April 3rd. She stated that she has a representative coming in the morning to look at the phone system in an effort to provide a cost to upgrade. Eugley told the Board that she would check with the original system to see if their quote is still valid.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 9p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Tucker
Town Clerk