

Select Board Minutes

November 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Donald Burke. Present were Select Board members Marlene Libby, Scott Wiley and Donald Burke. Also present were Webmaster Peter Beckett, Jen Pendleton, Lorie Costigan, Fred Brown, Attorney Riley Fenner and Dwight Collins from the Camden Herald.

Minutes of November 10, 2015 were accepted as corrected.

Road Commissioner:

Highway account balances were discussed. There will be a shortfall in the *bridge repair loan payment account* of \$4,833.25 that will have to be taken from another highway account or addressed at a town meeting. The annual installment was \$48,157.25 and LRAP (state highway funds) will only be \$43,324 this year, leaving a shortfall of \$4,833.25. Road Commissioner Starrett recommended that the Board hold off sending a letter to Maine DOT addressing additional roadwork in Appleton Village, as the DOT has marked Rte 131 from Belmont Corner to Appleton Village for roadwork. An estimate of \$4,700 for an abutment and up to \$3,000 for roadwork on the rock culvert on Town Hill Road was given. A request to check a culvert on Sennebec Road was received and will be checked by Starrett. Lorie Costigan questioned if Town sand would be used to sand the school driveway as the same person holds both contracts.

Select Board:

On a motion by Marlene Libby and seconded by Scott Wiley, the bid for *Parking Lot Snow Removal* from Erik Hedberg for \$1,500 was accepted on a vote of 2-0 with Select Board Member Burke abstaining.

The issue of *Statutory Discontinuance* of the Miller Cemetery Road rather than *Statutory Abandonment* was discussed briefly.

A municipal quitclaim deed for the Alden Trull property was discussed and could be a warrant article in a special town meeting.

Attorney Riley Fenner, representing John Fenner and Susan Sherman, was in to discuss a *Freedom of Information* request. Attorney Fenner felt that information requested in paragraphs 2 & 3 of his request was not adequately provided by the assessors' agent or the Select Board. Attorney Fenner was offered the opportunity to come in and inspect or copy information pertaining to *tree growth* assessments for a Freedom of Information request for Joel Gushee.

A question about the revocation of a homestead exemption for Richard Hathaway & Mary Lehto was discussed, and the Board decided not to abate the amount of the exemption this year, but could reinstate the exemption for tax year 2016.

An abatement for 2015 taxes was granted to the Clifton and Agnes Fuller Sr. heirs in the amount of \$10.11 due to an error in assessment.

An abatement for 2015 taxes was granted to Faustina Bryant in the amount of \$145.88 due to an error in assessment.

Possible warrant articles for a special town meeting were discussed. Peter Beckett suggested that the Town's Forest Management plan for the Town Forests be updated. Scott Wiley requested that the Board read the Town's personnel policy.

On a motion by Scott Wiley and seconded by Marlene Libby, (voted 3-0) the Board went into executive session to discuss general assistance.

On a motion by Scott Wiley and seconded by Marlene Libby, (voted 3-0) the Board went out of executive session.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by D. Burke