

Select Board Minutes: December 22, 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 Fred Brown, and Jen Pendleton.

Minutes of December 15, 2015 were accepted as corrected. The minutes of November 10, 17, 24, December 1 & 8 were amended to include Road Commissioner Starrett as being present.

Road Commissioner:

Wiley brought up the issue of the sand trucks getting out before the school buses begin their routes in the morning.

Select Board:

After discussion, Article # 6 of the draft warrant was changed from voting to set up a 5-member Select Board to an article authorizing the Select Board to research the possibility of hiring a full or part time administrator. The motion was made by Libby and seconded by Wiley. Vote was 3-0 to replace the draft article. Warrant for the special town meeting set for January 12, 2016 was signed. Buddy Savage will moderate and the school is available.

Abatement # 2015-9 to the Nature Conservancy of Maine for \$.97; # 2015-10 also to the Nature Conservancy of Maine for \$.19; and # 2015-11 to Rent-Way, Inc. for \$9.73 as "error in assessment" were all signed.

Burke reported on the December 17th meeting of TCSWMO in which Appleton's annual assessment could increase 12.28%. The TCSWMO charter will expire in 2016 so the member towns will need to agree on a new term.

December 24th has been declared a State holiday so our office staff will get that day off.

Jacob Boyington was appointed to fill the vacant position of Planning Board Member until June 15, 2016. Patrick Costigan was appointed to fill the

vacant position of Associate Member of the Planning Board until June 15, 2016.

Updating the current personnel policy and adding job descriptions was discussed by the Board. A policy for which town employees may utilize the services of MMA legal will be developed.

Libby suggested that we look into small claims court for personal property taxes going back to 2006, beginning with a letter from the tax collector.

Wiley said he followed-up on a FOI request made by Attorney Riley Fenner for all abatements granted by the Board going back to 2006.

A motion was made by Burke and seconded by Wiley to go into executive session to discuss a GA case. A motion was made by Burke and seconded by Wiley to go out of executive session.

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

D. Burke

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Burke".