

Select Board Minutes: March 29, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Donald Burke. Present were Select Board members Scott Wiley, Donald Burke and Marlene Libby. Also present were Road Commissioner Curtis Starrett, Jen Pendleton, John Fenner and Peter Beckett.

Minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting were accepted.

Road Commissioner:

Starrett presented his proposed 2016/17 budget to the Select Board, requesting a total of \$412,500, which is up \$3,400 over last year. The difference is due to a decrease in LRAP funds from the state that are used to pay our annual installment on the Fishtown bridge loan. Proposed work included in the upcoming budget includes rebuilding several sections of road on Appleton Ridge that are muddy during spring thaw as well as several paving projects. The Select Board did not make a recommendation on the budget at this meeting, but will review at a future meeting.

Burke reported that he has had inquiries about the proposed cutting by the State of the oak trees along Rte 105 adjacent to Deer Foot Farm. Burke will try to find out more information as this could be a very unpopular project with complaints coming to this office. Mr. Beckett reported that the MDOT will be meeting with the landowners on Wednesday.

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Proposals for the Bond Anticipation Note were received from Camden National Bank (.88%), Damariscotta Bank & Trust (1.34%) and The First (1.35%). Proposals will be forwarded to the bond attorney for an opinion.

The list of assessing criteria for the new assessors' agent contract was presented and will be reviewed and acted on next week.

Fred Bucklin was appointed for a 3-year term on the Budget Committee.

Warrants # 74, 75 & 76 were signed.

Jeff Korbrock from Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD) made a presentation on the benefits of their *Solarize Midcoast Maine*

program. Appleton would have to be member of MCEDD in order for Appleton residents to take part in the program. Burke suggested that MCEDD send a request letter for the town report describing the agency and requesting funds (\$1,645), to be included in the annual town meeting warrant.

Based on an opinion received from MMA and the cost of appraisal, the Board may proceed with the Statutory Abandonment method of resolving the issue of the Miller Cemetery Road.

The Town of Union will be holding a “Collaboration Brainstorming Meeting” on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 PM for local selectmen.

Upon a motion by Burke and seconded by Wiley, the Board went into executive session pursuant to 1MRSA par 405(6)(F) to discuss a general assistance case.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Prepared by D. Burke