

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 9, 2014

The weekly selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Selectman Wesley Daniel. Selectman Donald Grinnell and Selectman Duane Vigue were also in attendance.

The summary of the April 2, 2014, selectmen's meeting was approved with one correction.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve a payroll warrant in the amount of \$3,828.64 and two accounts payable warrants of \$3,861.96 and \$7,775.86. The selectmen reviewed the TRIO expense report dated April 9th. Ann announced that she had mailed out 183 notices of impending tax liens.

Jonathan Daniel, Road Commissioner, was absent but provided a written report of his activities March 30 – April 5. The selectmen voted unanimously to approve the report. One of the road crew was selected randomly for drug screening by Health Connections in accordance with the town's substance abuse policy. He is the first one to be tested. The road crew employees must make their determination to participate in the health insurance program by April 11th to be effective May 1st.

Robert Temple, Code Enforcement officer, was present and briefed the selectmen on the following on-going actions:

- 1) Bob has been working with a consultant from Pike, Inc. to ensure that all requirements for pre-blast survey and notification are being met before beginning blasting operations at the old Marriner quarry.
- 2) The Hoffman case for a land use violation will be heard at Rockland District Court on April 18th at 2:00 pm.
- 3) On April 8th Bob briefed the planning board on legal opinions received from MMA regarding accepting applications for permits while a property is in court for a land use violation.
- 4) On April 10th the board of appeals will hold a pre-hearing from J.C. Stone for a variance to mine rock below the water table. The full hearing will be held on May 22nd. Announcements have been published in the newspaper.
- 5) Bob will attend a meeting with the Whitefield planning board on April 16th. They have an interest in adopting a mining ordinance similar to ours.

Liz Casey, 659 Old County Road, complained to the selectmen about speeding commercial trucks on Old County Road. She felt that 35 mph is too fast and wanted it reduced. Duane explained that only MDOT could change speed limits, even on town ways. She also asked about posting the road as "No Thru Trucks". The selectmen requested that she get a petition to start that process as has been done with other roads.

The selectmen voted unanimously to adopt the written Town of Washington Code of Ethics.

The selectmen unanimously to issue quitclaim deeds for the property at 5 Old Union Road. The quitclaim deeds were for tax liens dating back to 1956-57 that had never been cleared after back taxes were paid year ago.

The selectmen voted unanimously to grant property tax abatement on Map13/Lot 28L for a mobile home that was removed two years ago. The abatement was solely to clear the tax books.

The selectmen voted to once again participate in the Knox County bulk purchase of road salt. They requested 800 tons.

With nothing additional to come before the Board, the selectmen adjourned at 7:32 pm.