

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary
May 16, 2018

In attendance: Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Mary Anderson; CEO – Bob Temple; Public – Denise Hylton, Traci Hoffman, Charlotte Henderson, Michael Brown, Ted Muhlie, Julie Keizer, Abden Simmons, Jeffrey Pierce, Larry Reed, Sam Chapman

Wesley Daniel called the weekly Selectmen Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Tom Johnston moved to accept the summary from 05/09/18, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Tom Johnston moved to pay the warrants as presented \$4,403.60/payroll; \$10,732.11 /vendor, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report – 5-6 / 5-12: 7th – 2 men surface grave on Dorman and The Firs Roads, 1 man mixed gravel in pit; 8th – 3 men went to safety class, 2 men after class put surface gravel on The Firs Road,; 9th – 1 man went for drug test, 2 men put surface gravel on The Firs Road, 1 man sick day; 10th – 2 men worked on generator and propane tank pad, later put surface gravel on Old County Road. Time cards attached.

CEO Report – Bob Temple stated he updated the letter ‘Notice of Violation’ to Tim Jackson. The Selectmen agreed Bob will sign and mail the letter with proof of mailing.

Town Clerk/Treasurers Report – Mary Anderson stated she and Wesley Daniel had a phone meeting with Peter Yanz, FEMA on Tuesday at 2PM. A meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 23 at 9AM in the Bryant Room to go over all the paperwork with Peter. The School Budget Meeting on the 15th was attended by Wesley Daniel, Berkley Linscott, Tom Johnston, Denise Hylton, Registrar of Voters, and Mary Anderson – the budget passed. Sandy Patrick graduated from college on Saturday and will take on the responsibility of Selectmen Secretary next Wednesday, May 23. Her permanent hours will be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday's and fill in if needed. A gentleman requested a name be added to his Quit Claim Deed for a plot in Marr Cemetery which had not been registered through the Registry of Deeds; Tom Johnston moved to sign the Quit Claim Deed, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Abden Simmons, State Representative, stated Sam Chapman has done an excellent job restoring the Medomak River with Alewives. We realized that Washington Pond was a big key to the estuary all the way up through from Medomak. Jeff Pierce, Director of the Maine Alewives Association, and Abden met with Mike Brown, Biologist for the State of Maine. Mike laid out some guidelines of what needed to be done to be able to harvest Alewives in the Medomak River. We also realized we needed the Selectmen of Washington to be part of this so we can get the Washington Pond open and get access to it to increase our chances greatly of being able to

harvest. Sam has done a great job of restoration on Middle and Little Medomak Rivers but getting from there to Washington Pond has been a struggle and we would like to work together to get it opened up. Washington Pond, with the acreage, could sustain up to 100,000 fish. Jeff Pierce stated restoring the ponds and lakes with Alewives is their great, natural pond cleaners as far as taking out phosphorus and bringing valuable nutrition from the ocean and depositing it; great for helping game fish, trout, salmon, etc. A lot of the Alewives are eaten everything feeds on them, predators, birds, eagles, etc. They have looked at the system as a whole and what the value is; Little and Big Medomak's are great pieces of pond but the key to making a sustainable run that benefit lobstermen is Washington Pond. The passages need to be open. This is not a quick process, if everyone agreed today it would probably take 6-8 years. It is a long process due to data collection. The hurdles are dams that need some passage through it; they work with Mike and others to secure funding for passage so it is not a cost to our town or Waldoboro, it's a great economic driver for the state. Without Washington Pond the run would not be deemed sustainable or it would be so small it would be depleted quickly which is not good for anyone. Mike gave a bit of history of the coast wide moratorium on Alewives fishing from Florida to Maine in 2010. The State of Maine supports this effort, and will continue to support, it's a renewal resource, available to local communities for the residents that live there when they want to eat some, smoke some, use it for lobster bait, an ecological resource, bird watching, etc. It's no different than a Forester looking at a wood lot you don't want it to just be there without serving any purpose, it needs to be harvested and have some value to the landowner and community to the end user for the folks that use the wood. It's the same way with the fish. This is a resource that comes back year after year, you're not using fuel to chase it, you're not spending a lot of money to obtain, what comes to your doorstep. Tom Johnston mentioned a private dam and a publicly owned one on Washington Pond to keep the water level up. Jeff said they would have someone go out and look at the dams, speak with the private owner, engineering gets done, and grants are applied for to move on. Charlotte Henderson stated the private owner could be part of figuring out how to get around the dam, not taking it down. More discussion occurred regarding the water and beaver dams. Tonight is the first of many informational meetings if the town is interested in moving forward opening up Washington Pond for Alewives. Charlotte Henderson is hopeful that the Selectmen get behind this project; the Lloyd Davis Trust has been looking at trying to get passage open to the Washington Pond for years. The thing we had lacked is people with power and knowhow to get with us to help that work. Denise Hylton suggested stressing all the positives, of this project, during additional meetings. Jeff Pierce suggested sending a letter of interest to the Town of Waldoboro and Department of Marine Resources. Wesley Daniel moved to send a letter of interest to move this project forward, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

The April Bank Statement was signed.

Wesley Daniel stated Medomak Valley High School has invited the Selectmen to their Commencement Exercises, if they would like tickets.

The Selectmen signed four copies of the Warrant and Notice of Election Paperwork.

Questions and Comments

Wesley Daniel is waiting to hear from the landscaper with a proposal. He has purchased a reel and 2 hoses to reach the gardens. Wesley Daniel moved to allot up to \$200.00 to purchase plants from the Town Grounds Maintenance line, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

Don Grinnell will order the monument wreath for Memorial Day.

Wesley Daniel read the 2017 Nancy Brook Bridge Inspection (Fitch Road).

Wesley Daniel reminded the Select Board of the pre-paving bid meeting on Tuesday at 9:00am.

Tom Johnston continues to work on the generator installation at the garage.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson