

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary
October 05, 2016

In attendance: Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; CEO – Bob Temple; Public – Jane Carroll, Lynn Carroll, Dave Cichowski, Cheryl Cichowski, Kit Lascoux

Wesley Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Ann Dean had General Ledger, Expense, and Revenue Summary Reports for the Selectmen.

Berkley Linscott moved to accept the summary from 09/28/16 as presented, Wesley Daniel seconded, all in favor.

Tom Johnston moved to pay the warrants as presented \$3,880.90/payroll, \$235,042.73/vender (includes County tax 141,000., Fire Truck chassis -Metal Fab 86,419.), Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report – 09/25 – 10/01; 26th-28th finished brake work, painted frame, and sprayed with fluid film P400; started front brake work on P500, picked up P200 from Stiman Steel from having dump plate fitted. Tom Johnston moved to accept the Public Works Report as read, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

CEO Report – Bob Temple reported that he met with Larry Sukeforth and the person that want to operate the pit on Monday. Bob drafted an agreement that the Selectmen will consider. He basically agrees to pay \$500. in fees that he didn't pay for inspections (if the extraction exceeds 5 acres the fee will be adjusted). He has two violations – use of pit as a stump dump which will be remediated by commencing the removal or processing of the stumps by 11/15/16 with complete removal by 7/1/17. Bob read the letter in full and will make changes as suggested (give Larry 30 days to sign the agreement, after agreement is signed by Selectmen - 10 days to pay the fees and the Stop Work order does not get rescinded until the fee is paid) and bring the letter back next week for The Selectmen's signatures. Bob will speak with Larry to let him know what is being discussed.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report – Ann Dean reported that she signed the loan paperwork for the pumper and sent a check to Metal Fab. Absentee ballots are now available. Shredding on site will be here Friday, 10/14 at 9am for .20/pound. Ann attended the MMA Convention today and will attend tomorrow.

Cheryl Cichowski was present to give an update on the School Board. Cheryl found out, from the last discussion, the student turnover is 40% each year this includes transfer in and out for many different reasons. This is much less than it has been in the past. Two years ago the high school was up for re-accreditation, the process was started two years ago. A couple of teachers moved ahead and the accreditation team has been here since Sunday. The Board Members met with the accreditation team and it seems like they were pleased with what they were hearing as far as the Board operations, the input that it has at the school's level and administration. The Board is part of Maine Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy. This grad level literacy is offered to all staff which increased literacy among the staff, helps teachers to improve their teaching methods and each student has a personal learning plan. Financially: There was a donation of \$500. from Medomak Valley Football to Union Elementary School to improve the athletic field there; and a donation of \$1,000. from an anonymous to Friendship Village School; a lease/purchase was approved for two buses – the fleet will be repopulated in ten years. Some of the projects came in under estimate from the bond issued. The money from unspent funds, approved by the finance committee and board, went to Union School - oil tank; Medomak Middle School - heat controls; Friendship- a chimney repair; Prescott - concrete steps; district wide – parking lot striping; Warren – clocks; Medomak Valley – kilns. There were contract negotiations for support staff. Tom Johnston asked what happens to the surplus school buses. Cheryl will find out. Ann Dean asked how many students from Washington go to Mid Coast Technology. Cheryl said RSU 40 does send the most but will check into it.

There was some discussion on changing the Selectmen's meeting to every other week. Tom Johnston said a calendar should be published. Wesley Daniel said we would need to give a month's notice before changing. Tom Johnston asked Ann Dean if it would make any sense to go to every two-week payroll but it would not save her time or money. Ann stated that it would be a good opportunity to have each of the Selectmen to look at the payroll even though only one Selectmen needs to sign it. Jane Carroll stated that she really likes every other week, it would be more productive. Berkley Linscott moved to change the Selectmen's Meeting from every week to every other week, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor. Wesley Daniel stated the Town Clerk will make up the schedule starting in November.

Tom Johnston moved to do town business with Peter Drum, Wesley Daniel seconded, all in favor. Wesley Daniel will contact Peter Drum.

The Selectmen have a copy of an auto graveyard/junkyard inspection. Tom Johnston suggested it be used as a guide and make up a check off sheet.

Questions and Comments

Wesley Daniel stated he received an email from Ray Sisk regarding a Community Shelter Sharing Session scheduled for October 12 from 5-7. Kit Lascoutx will attend and bring the information back to the next Selectmen's meeting.

Berkley Linscott has not received any information on when the monument will be cleaned.

Jane Carroll stated that this Board has discussed the Sukeforth pit conversation for many weeks now we sort of have a letter and wants to know why he is only asked to pay a measly cost and has a year to clean up a mess that he has been making forever illegally. Jane said it's not much of a slap on the hand. Why isn't he told, you've been doing this illegally, you have a month. Is this a point that we would have the lawyer, that's going to do business with the town, look at this and see why this is going on and he's not really being held accountable. There are pits in Washington that are doing the right things and he's not being held accountable. Wesley Daniel stated, hopefully this new attorney is going to give us different/better advice. Wesley told Jane she is right about the fine and other things. We have not concluded the letter yet. Tom Johnston would be inclined to be a little harder if he was current in the stump operation. If he signs the letter we have taken a good step to take the stumps out of there. Our goal is to get him into compliance. Kit Lascoutx said he would be interested in the other person who the operator of the pit is. DEP could also come in to fine him.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson