

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Summary
December 7, 2016

In attendance: Select Board – Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott; CEO – Bob Temple; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; Public – Kathleen Ocean, Steve Ocean, Kit Lascoutx, Laura Silvia, Peter Drum, Brian Alves, Mildred Melgard

Wesley Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Tom Johnston moved to accept the summary from 11/16/2016 as written, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Tom Johnston will attend Wreaths Across America with Wesley Daniel.

Tom Johnston moved to pay the warrants as presented \$3,972.29/payroll, \$28,557.99/vender Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Public Works Report – None.

CEO Report – Bob Temple stated he checked the property across the street and will send him a letter to find out what his plans are regarding disposal of waste water. He has stopped at the property on Bill Luce Road and explained to the owner there is a limit, in our ordinance, to have no more than 55 tires. The owner wants to put a go-cart track on his property. Bob will check with the state ordinances and get back to him. Wesley Daniel asked about the Sukeforth pit. Bob explained Sukeforth said everything will be done by June. Tom Johnston asked about Sukeforth's plans for the stump pile. Bob said he would continue to stop in to make sure everything is moving along. DEP is also working with Sukeforth to bring him into compliance. Tom Johnston asked Bob to check to make sure our ordinance permits co-cart tracks.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report – Ann Dean reported she took a grant writing class last Tuesday. She renewed the town information on Sam.gov (system for award management) that was set to expire 1/4/17. Ann will check to find out if the panic button is working/paid for. She has started sending town report information to the printer. She took a GIS class today with Leticia vanVuuren at the Knox County EMA Office. Ann emailed the social service agencies to remind them to send their petitions in to be included on town meeting warrant.

Wesley Daniel motioned to go into executive session at 7:15PM with Peter Drum regarding the Consent Decree: Town of Washington vs Berkley & Nancy Linscott (discussion with legal counsel 1MRSA 4056E) Tom Johnston seconded, Berkley Linscott recused himself. Wesley Daniel motioned to move into regular session at 7:40PM, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

Wesley Daniel moved to sign a Lien Release Deed (release any interest the town has on the property) – Municipal Quit Claim Deed, Tom Johnston seconded, all in favor.

Regarding the request from Beth Connor and Kathy Ocean for the library; Wesley Daniel suggested they get a petition to put the request on the town meeting warrant. Tom Johnston stated he would like to know how they will use the funds. Wesley Daniel has spoken with Susan D'Amore, Treasurer of the Library, who said she would be willing to attend a Selectmen's meeting to answer any questions. This discussion will continue when Susan is able to attend a meeting.

Wesley Daniel and Tom Johnston will attend the General Assistance Winter Issues Workshop, through MMA, Friday, December 9, 2016. Berkley Linscott said he is not able to attend.

Tom Johnston made a motion to schedule the Annual Town Meeting to commence, Friday, March 24th with open meeting on Saturday, March 25th at 10:00AM, Wesley Daniel seconded, all in favor. Nomination papers will be available December 29th.

Wesley Daniel and Ann Dean will attend the Knox County Budget Committee Public Hearing on 12/8/16 at 6PM.

Wesley Daniel reminded the Selectmen of the Annual Washington Manor Christmas Party on December 16 from 12:00 – 4:00PM.

Wesley Daniel stated he would like to go back to weekly meetings. Kit Lascoutx asked why. Wesley stated he thinks he can do a better job getting everything ready, see the flow of the money being spent and what items are coming up. Tom Johnston stated the meetings won't be as long. Tom Johnston motioned to have weekly Selectmen/Assessor's Meetings, Wesley Daniel seconded, all in favor. This will start December 14, 2016.

The Selectmen signed the awarded contracts for mowing Raymond Gushee-cemeteries, Christopher Armstrong-town grounds and Dana Kennedy-roadside. Wesley will contact them to come in to sign their contracts.

Wesley Daniel and Kit Lascoutx will attend the Knox County Hazard Mitigation Plan on December 13 from 12:30 – 2:00PM. Kit also stated that Donald Grinnell is reviewing the revisions to the Emergency Operations Plan and the Warming Shelter Plan. They should be ready within the next week.

Wesley Daniel will fill out the paperwork for Kit Lascoutx's Membership on the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission. Ann Dean will make up the appointment paper.

Tom Johnston made a motion to schedule a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, December 21 at 7PM, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

Questions and Comments

Wesley Daniel stated that Lowell Freiman donated the Christmas tree for the Town Monument.

Mildred Melgard asked if the Scholarship Committee needs to request money each year or is it automatic? The Selectmen asked Mildred to bring in a petition requesting money. Mildred stated that the Scholarship Committee will retain their post office box. She will go to the post office, fill out the application and the annual fee will be paid through the Scholarship Committee.

Brian Alves, Town Health Officer, attended a meeting held by Drexel White the Mid-Coast District Public Health Liaison of Division of Public Health Operations, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, and Maine Center for Disease Control. They are trying to, with the local Health Officers, expand their duties to work with CEO's, ACO, Selectmen to address more issues than have been addressed in the past. The Health Officers are expected to attend more of their meetings. Brian gave a summation of the meeting along with a hand out to the Selectmen. Brian would like to be on the agenda for next week to talk more about this. He also inquired about a commercial logging on his road and wondered if he should have been notified being a contiguous land owner. Wesley Daniel stated no, they do not have to contact abutters. Brian asked if the wetland has been addressed. Brian will contact Maine Forest Service to find out what is going on with this permit. Wesley Daniel reminded Brian to turn in his miles after attending any classes/meetings.

Ann Dean explained that someone had come in today who abuts the town property and asked if it is okay if they can walk through the town property. The Selectmen said, it's not posted.

Wesley Daniel adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anderson

