

SELECTMEN and ASSESSORS MEETING SUMMARY

June 24, 2015

In attendance: Selectmen – Wesley Daniel, Duane Vigue and Berkley Linscott; Town Clerk/Treasurer – Ann Dean; CEO – Bob Temple; Public: Dorothy Sainio, Henry Sainio, Cathy Blake, V. Stevens, Mindy Gould, Mildred Melgard, Priscilla Packard, Jan Birk, Tom Johnston, Andy Thompson, Janet Martucci, David Martucci

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

Duane Vigue moved to accept the summary from 06/17/2015 as written, Wesley Daniel seconded, all in favor.

Duane Vigue moved to accept the warrants as written \$3,974.37/payroll and \$115,549.28/vendor, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor. Warrants read, approved, and signed.

Public Works Report – Duane Vigue reported on last week – Picked up and installed springs on the P500, patched pot holes, ditching on Crystal Lake Road, body work on P200, FC Work completed grading on all the town roads. Duane moved to accept the Public Works Report as written, Berkley Linscott seconded, all in favor.

CEO Report – Bob Temple reported that he met with Mr. Leighton regarding Dube's tree house. Mr. Leighton believes he owns the property where the tree house is located. Bob explained to Mr. Leighton that the town does not get involved in property line disputes.

Bob received a call from DEP Monday saying they received a complaint about an oil spill in Jackson's Junk Yard. Bob asked who complained so he could ask what they were referring to. DEP said it was an anonymous complaint. Bob went by Jackson's Junk Yard after the rain and walked the property noticing the berm is still around the property. Bob did ask them to fix one portion of berm in case there was a spill it would not go off site. Bob did not see any sign of an oil spill.

Bob has the cell tower meeting on Friday.

Town Clerk/Treasurers Report – Ann Dean called Mike Sproul from Appleton for rug cleaning. He came in to measure and explained it would need two treatments. It will cost \$300.00 and he could do it July 12. Wesley Daniel made a motion to have the rugs cleaned on July 12, Duane seconded, all in favor.

Joe Seekins, Road Crew, is eligible for health insurance. Ann gave him three plans to choose one from and he will review and return.

Paving Bids – After some discussion Wesley Daniel made a motion to have Lane Construction do the paving, Berkley Linscott seconded. Voted 2 in favor (Wesley & Berkley) 1 opposed (Duane Vigue).

Mill Rate – Duane Vigue made a motion to set the mil rate at .0149 for 2015, Wesley Daniel seconded. Voted 2 in favor (Duane & Wesley) 1 opposed (Berkley Linscott).

Building Use Policy – Tom Johnston said that the summary from 6/17/15 stated that the FD and library are not considered community organizations. They are not considered a town organization but ARE considered a community organization. We do need to have the building capacity in the policy. Tom suggested to contact other communities to get a sample of their policy. The FD truck bay and meeting room are run separately. Tom suggested that the meeting room be available with prior scheduling with

the town and fire department taking priority and the right to displace even if someone schedules months in advance. Have the truck bay used for non-profit entities only whether incorporated or not; limiting it to one day per organization per month, between 5/1 and 10/15. Tom and Ann Dean will work on a policy and run it by the town attorney. Wesley Daniel made a motion to rescind the Building Use Policy from October 2014, Duane seconded, all in favor.

Scholarship Committee – Duane Vigue apologized to the Washington Community Scholarship Committee for the previous Select Board’s decision saying they should have investigated further before allowing them to re-write their by-laws. He thanked Dorothy Sainio for bringing this matter to their attention. Looking through past records we have not been able to find the original by-laws. According to the Attorney General, as a Select Board, they do not have the authority to instruct the Scholarship Committee to change any by-laws nor can the committee change them on their own. The Attorney General stated the trust fund law was changed in 2012; any trust fund that has \$50,000. or less can legally have the by-laws changed by drafting new by-laws, presenting them to the Select Board who in turn would present them to the town. Duane asked the Scholarship Committee to revisit their by-laws, bring them to the Select Board for review; then they would go to the town meeting in March. If a Special Town Meeting is scheduled, the new by-laws could be presented to the town for a vote, at that time. Mildred Melgard said the committee will not be fundraising until this matter is resolved.

Tax Acquired Policy – Ann Dean passed out the revised policy; Fred Newcomb had made some changes. Ann has the minimum bid prices for each property (taxes and fees). Tom Johnston will auction the properties on July 11 at 9am. A deposit of cash or certified check for the minimum bid amount, for each property, is due from each bidder at the time of the auction. The new owner will pay the balance within 30 days.

Truck – Duane Vigue said HP Fairfield has a Freightliner (\$137,000./automatic and a Western Star (\$143,700/standard) Johnathan Daniel will call to request a shelf wing and get a new quote. These prices are within our budget. Berkley Linscott asked Duane if they called other places, giving them the same specs and see what price they offer. Berkley suggested a couple of places in Bangor. Duane will contact them.

Chief Johnston Awarded Safety Enhancement Grant for traffic safety equipment – The grant in the amount of \$573.33. will cover about 2/3 of the cost for cones, barricades, and led strobe lights.

There is a court date for the Hoffman case on July 8, 2015 at 1PM at the court house in Rockland.

Public Comments and Questions

Dorothy Sainio stated that when anyone gives money to the town to handle it is considered a trust fund. The town should appoint the committee members. Duane Vigue gave Dorothy the telephone number to contact Linda Conti at the Attorney General’s Office with her questions.

David Martucci stated that the Commercial Solar Energy Ordinance Committee is making good progress. He believes they will be done before the moratorium expires in October. They will present two proposals one for solar only and the second with all the other kinds of arrays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson

