

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SUMMARY

October 10, 2012

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

The summary of the October 3, 2012, selectmen's meeting was approved as written.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve a payroll warrant of \$3,178.18 and an accounts payable warrant of \$2,659.91. Machias Savings Bank online banking records as October 3rd showed \$100,000 in the operating account and \$831,946.11 in the interest bearing sweep account.

Jonathan Daniel., Road Commissioner, was absent but provided a written report of his activities Sep 30 – October 6. The selectmen voted unanimously to accept his report. Wesley reported that next week Cushing Diesel will be checking out an engine problem with P-400. The selectmen voted to request a courtesy inspection of the town garage and to extend the application period for on-call plow truck drives until October 17th.

Robert Temple, Code Enforcement Officer was present and provided a written report of land use and plumbing permits issued August 5 – October 2. The selectmen voted unanimously to accept his report.

Tim Lewis, Director of the Washington Food Bank, was introduced and presented a letter to the selectmen requesting additional funds for the food bank in 2013. Tim stated that the Good Shepherd Food Bank has fallen on difficult times, therefore he has to buy more food commercially than in the past. He stated that the food bank serves approximately 35 Washington families each month. Don reminded all that since the food bank has been in operation, the town has not issued any food vouchers for general assistance applicants, thereby saving the taxpayers money each year.

Victor Oboyski presented the selectmen with a letter, photos, and a complaint regarding heavy truck usage of McDowell Road. His specific complaint is in regards to a bulk milk truck which he claims is speeding over town roads and breaking up the pavement. The selectmen took no action on the complaint but may take it up at another meeting.

Barbara Carney asked the selectmen the status of the monument repair. Don stated that he had forgotten about the issue but would get an estimate.

The selectmen posted notice of a public hearing on a proposal to adopt Maine Municipal Appendices, A, B, and C as amendments to the town of Washington General Assistance Ordinance. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library. These appendices provide updated income guidelines for general assistance application approval.

Wes reported that grading of town roads would be done during the period October 24-27 and that the fire pond dredging project will be done the week of November 5-9.

Bob Temple briefed the selectmen on the status of several issues:

- He met on site with Lawrence Nash and determined that the A-frame building has one kitchen sink connected to a "grandfathered" disposal system. The disturbed soil requires a permit-by-rule for which Bob will assist in the Nash application. The trailer replaced a non-conforming structure and is now "less non-conforming". The Nash's need to complete a waste disposal plan for the RV.
- Since the Linscott application for gravel pit application was found to be incomplete at the planning board meeting, the selectmen voted unanimously to have Bob work with the town attorney in drafting a letter to the Linscott's that re-affirms the stop-work order and the violation thereof. The letter will also direct that the gravel pit in question be secured to prevent further removal of material by them or by others until the application is complete and the planning board decision is rendered.
- The town attorney will file with the Knox County Court the violations of the town's land use ordinance on three residences and for the consent decree for a land use violation for excessive tree removal along the shore of Washington Pond. The court will hear the cases at 8:00 am on November 26th.

With no additional business to come before the board, the selectmen adjourned at 8:20 pm.

