

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING SUMMARY September 11, 2013

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 September 4, 2013, selectmen's meeting was approved as written.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve a payroll warrant of \$2,542.20 and an accounts payable warrant of \$34,499.45 which included the annual payment of \$20,184.20 for the fire department tank truck loan and the quarterly Tri-county Solid Waste payment of \$7,483.28. After payment of this week's warrants the online accounts at Machais Savings Bank indicated \$100,000.00 in the operating account and \$356,722.14 in the interest bearing sweep account.

Jonathan Daniel, Road Commissioner, was absent but provided a written report of his activities Sept 1-7. The selectmen voted unanimously to accept his report.

Town Clerk Ann Dean requested that she be allowed to split the time allotted for Deputy Town Clerk vacancy between two applicants. That way she would have more depth to cover vacancies in the future. After discussion, the selectmen voted unanimously to authorize Ann to fill the vacancy as she deems best for the workload and the future of the town but not to exceed the current 24 hours per week.

Don will complete the annual property tax levy limit report and will forward it to Maine Municipal Association.

The town has received the title to P-300, the new plow truck that the town leased to purchase in 2008.

Mildred Melgard, representing the Washington Scholarship Committee, was recognized and reported that 6 Washington students received scholarships in 2013 from the \$3000 interest on the scholarship trust funds. She stated that with the escalating costs of higher education the committee would like the selectmen to request the voters appropriate \$1,000 for the scholarship fund at next annual town meeting. The selectmen had no immediate objections, to the idea but asked Mrs. Melgard to have the scholarship committee submit a written request that the selectmen will bring forward to the budget committee and the voters in 2014.

Bob Temple, Code Enforcement Officer, gave an update on the following issues:

- 1) Due to the unfortunate lack of a secretary for the planning board and board of appeals, the town has purchased a digital voice recorder to record the meetings. For the immediate future the town will hire someone to transcribe the voice recordings into meeting minutes. This service will be charged to the applicant.
- 2) Bob reported that he and Wes had done a visual inspection from Calderwood Road of the Read property and reported that the Read's had made 'substantial progress' in cleaning up the yard. However, an impervious fence has not been erected. Complicating the issue now is a letter from an attorney hired by the Read's which now requires any correspondence to the Read's must go through him. The Read's are still scheduled for court on September 24<sup>th</sup> on a contempt of court order.
- 3) The land use violation at the Robert Steinmeyer property is still at the town attorney's office. Bob will check on the status.
- 4) Norman Casas, Appeals Board Chairman, informed the selectmen that Peter Drum has been retained by the board to assist in the variance request by J.C. Stone on property off Old Union Road.
- 5) Victor Oboyski reported that he had had a congenial discussion with Edward Blake, contractor for Berkley and Nancy Linscott at the unpermitted gravel pit on McDowell Road. After Mr. Blake explained to Mr. Oboyski what was being done to complete the actions required by the town to get the pit reclaimed, Mr. Oboyski better understood the concept. To ensure that there is no additional confusion with Mr. Blake, Duane will meet with him and lay out exactly what can and cannot be done.

With no further business to come before the board, the selectmen adjourned at 8:14 pm.