

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 12, 2014

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

The summary of the February 5, 2014, selectmen's meeting was approved as written.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve a payroll warrant in the amount of \$4,334.22 and an accounts payable warrant of \$15,305.55. After this week's warrants were posted, an online review of town accounts at Machias Saving Bank indicated \$100,000.00 in the operating account and \$532,835.41 in the interest bearing sweep account.

Jonathan Daniel, Road Commissioner, was absent but provided a written report of his activities February 2-8. The selectmen voted unanimously to accept his report.

Robert Temple, Code Enforcement officer, was present and briefed the selectmen on the following on-going issues:

- 1) The case against Robert Steinmeyer for a land use violation will be heard February 19th at Knox County District Court. Don will attend with Bob.
- 2) The cases against George Hall & Son, Thomas and Tracy Hoffman, and Berkley and Nancy Linscott for land use violations will be heard on February 24th. Bob and Duane will attend.
- 3) Bob informed the selectmen that he had just issued his first permit for 2014 and that he will have a summary of 2013 permits next week.

Kevin and Sue Hix, 209 Jefferson Road, were recognized and asked why there was no cable television in Washington. Mr. Hix is planning to open a business that requires high speed internet and wants to get it through cable TV. Wes and Don explained that a survey had been done by a cable provider approximately 20 years ago and the company determined the number of citizens showing interest in signing up was not enough to justify the cost of stringing the wires. Now, it may be different. Duane will look into it what it takes to begin the process and let Mr. and Mrs. Hix know.

The selectmen discussed turning the responsibility for issuing concealed weapons permits over to the Maine State Police. Duane will contact Sgt. Pat Hood, Maine State Police for further information.

The selectmen reviewed the draft 2014 Municipal Warrant for town meeting and compared it to the proposed budget approved by the budget committee. After review and corrections were made, the selectmen vote 2-1 (Wes and Duane – "Yes" and Don – "No") to approve the municipal warrant. They will review it one more week and sign next week.

With nothing additional to come before the Board, the selectmen adjourned at 8:35 pm.