

SELECTMEN and ASSESSORS MEETING
June 25, 2014

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

The summary of the June 18, 2014, selectmen's meeting was approved as written.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve a payroll warrant in the amount of \$3,116.98 and an accounts payable warrant of \$112,700.06 which included the monthly RSU assessment of \$109,184.84. After payment of this week's warrants an online review of town accounts at Machias Savings Bank indicated that there was \$100,000.00 in the operating account and \$200,874.47 in the interest bearing sweep account.

Jonathan Daniel, Road Commissioner, was absent but provided a written report of his activities June 15 – 21. The selectmen voted unanimously to accept his report. Bids for paving the Mountain Road are due at the town office July 1st.

Robert Temple, Code Enforcement officer, was ill and not available.

The selectmen met with Assessor Agent Stanley Millay and discussed valuations for gravel pits, rock mines, and hot top plants. After discussion of various mil rates, the selectmen voted unanimously to set the 2014 tax assessment at \$13.50 per \$1,000 of valuation. This rate is an increase over the 2013 mil rate of \$13.20 per \$1,000 of valuation. Most of the increase is due to an increase in the paving budget that was approved at town meeting. The selectmen will sign the 2014 tax commitment at the Jul 2nd selectmen's meeting. Tax bills should be mailed by the contractor the second week of July.

Duane read an email from Sean Donaghy who resigned his position as a representative to the RSU 40 school board. The selectmen accepted his resignation with regret and wanted to official thank Sean and recognize his service. The selectmen are pleased to announce the Robert Jones has volunteered to fill the vacancy created by Sean's resignation. Robert is a retired educator and previously served on the board representing Waldoboro before he moved to Washington. He lives on Davis Stream Lane.

The selectmen will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 9 to hear comments and answer questions regarding proposed changes Appendix A of the Town of Washington General Assistance Ordinance. This appendix is provided by Maine Municipal Association and sets income limits for approving general assistance applications.

Don provided a draft of an insert to go in the tax bill envelope encouraging citizens to sign up for an automated alert and information system provided by Knox county and the town.

With nothing additional to come before the Board, the selectmen adjourned at 7:36 pm.