

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
February 26, 2018

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Keith Cornelio; Gary McGrane; Judy Diaz; Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager

Guests: Donna Perry, Sun Journal; Tom Goding; John Johnson, Public Works Director; Dan Latham, Mechanic; Dot White; Clint Coolidge

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance:** 6 p.m.
- 2. Minutes:** M/M/S Gary/Judy to approve February 12th minutes as written. Vote: 5-0-0.
- 3. Old Business:** Terry thanked the Recreation Committee, employees, volunteers, and sponsors of the Sled-In and Winter Family Festival for all their hard work putting on another successful event.
- 4. Notification of Road Postings:** M/M/S Terry/Gary to confirm the road postings. Vote: 5-0-0.
- 5. Notification of Andro Hydro, LLC Abatement Request:** The Jay Assessors have received 6 tax abatement requests from Andro Hydro, LLC (Eagle Creek Renewable Energy.) Paul Binette, Assessing Agent to the Board will be putting together a Title 36, Section 706 letter requesting additional information from the applicant. Andro Hydro believes the value of their property is less than what the Town is currently assessing them for, however they did not include supporting documentation. The 706 letter will allow the Assessors to gather more information to make a determination. Abatement requests were also sent to several other Towns where Eagle Creek owns property. The Board will be updated at a future meeting.
- 6. MRDA–Rural Manufacturing & Site Redevelopment Program:** Maine Development Foundation is seeking signatures of support from mill communities. Gary requested that AVCOG review the information and give an opinion before the Board signs. MDF is seeking signatures by March 2nd. After a short discussion, the Board agreed that if AVCOG did not have any concerns then they will support the Program and sign the document. M/M/S Gary/Keith to authorize the Town Manager to sign the document once AVCOG reviews. Vote: 5-0-0
- 7. Approval of Town Meeting Warrant:** M/M/S Judy/Keith to approve the Town Meeting Warrant. Vote: 5-0-0.
- 8. Capital Accounts–Establishment and Realignment:** Gary stated for the record that he opposes combining Capital Accounts, as he believes it won't provide transparency to the citizens. He believes it will make it difficult to track expenses between departments. Shiloh explained how the accounts were originally set up, and how and why they are being combined in a way to maintain transparency, and to reflect the changes that have occurred due to budget cuts and each department's effort to find efficiencies. The Board has total control of the Capital Accounts and any funds expended from the accounts must have prior Board approval. M/M/S Judy/Keith to

combine the Capital Accounts. Vote: 4-1-0. (Gary). M/M/S Terry/ Tim to add a Public Works Contracted Service Capital Account. Vote: 4-1-0. (Gary).

9. Other Business:

Dot White was present to ask permission to build a Gazebo on Town property, at the Town Office lot, on the small strip of land adjacent to Smith St. Dot has been fundraising for many years and it has been her dream to have a Gazebo that is visible to traffic traveling through the center of Town. Board members expressed concern that there is inadequate space for a Gazebo at the proposed site. There is no power source, and winter snow is currently piled in the area Dot would like to put the Gazebo. Dot was informed that the Recreation Committee is currently working on a project that would build a Pavilion at the French Falls area. Dot was invited to attend the upcoming March 21st Recreation meeting. The Board agreed that it is not feasible to build a Gazebo on the Town Office lot.

The Board was informed that John Johnson and mechanic Dan Latham purchased a salvaged parts truck from another municipality for \$1,000. John estimates that there is over \$20,000 of usable parts on the truck. They had bought a similar truck in recent years and have used every part of it, saving the Town thousands of dollars. Terry thanked the pair for their cost-saving efforts.

M/M/S Keith/Judy to adjourn at 7:55pm. Vote: 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bryant

February 28th: NIMS Training 6:00 Academy Hill School, Wilton

March 5th: Franklin County Caucus 5:00

March 12th: Public Hearing on Warrant 6:00 SMMS Café

March 12th Select Board meeting after Public Hearing SMMS Café

March 21st: Recreation Committee Meeting 6:00

March 23rd: Absentee Voting Starts

March 26th Select Board meeting 6:00

April 5th: RSU District Vote 6:00

April 24th: Town Meeting 8:00 – 8:00