

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
April 9, 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; Robert Richmond; Barbara Cook; Omer Demers; Mike Knowlton; Alexis Haskell; Tara Enman; Paul Holmes; Karen Grant; Darryl Couture; Austin Couture; Gretchen Krout; Keith Swett; Savannah Cole; Michael Schaedler

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** 6 p.m.

2. **Minutes:** M/M/S Judy/Keith to approve the minutes of March 26 as written. Vote: 4-0-1 (Gary)

3. **Old Business: Firewood from East Jay-** Discussion regarding the firewood cut on East Jay Road was tabled at the March 26th Select Board meeting in order to obtain more information on insurance requirements. Maine Municipal Association, as the Town insurer, recommends that anyone coming on Town property carry insurance. Shiloh asked MMA for clarification on the difference between someone coming into the Share Shack and picking up an item, to someone picking up the wood at the East Jay lot. MMA maintained that they recommend requiring insurance, but it is ultimately up to the Town to decide the circumstances and what kind and how much insurance would be required. For example, if the wood is to be further processed from the current 4-foot length, the Town could require more insurance than if it is just being picked up as-is. Gary questioned why the wood was cut. Public Works Director, John Johnson stated that the side of the East Jay Road has been impacted for the past few years because it does not get enough light. Cutting the trees will allow light to dry out the road quicker and add years to the life of the road. John's crew will shape the banking, seed it and make it look nice. Terry stated that in the past, revenue from the sale of wood has been put in the Recreation Fund. M/M/S Judy/Tim to sell the wood as-is, where-is and request proof on insurance if the wood is to be further processed on site, and that the revenue from the sale be put in the Recreation Fund. Vote: 5-0-0.

4. **Tax Acquired Property Bid Opening** - 35 bids were opened for 4 foreclosed properties. See list attached. After the last Certified mailing went out for the foreclosed properties, the Town received word from Attorney Paul Mills that the bank holding the mortgage to the Jewell St. apartment building had submitted paperwork for foreclosure with the Registry of Deeds. Because the Town has already foreclosed on the property, the mortgage bank would lose all rights to the property. Ronda had received verbal word from the Mortgage company that they had no interest in the property, but Attorney Mills came across the foreclosure paperwork while researching the properties at the registry and wanted to make sure all parties were aware of it. The Town will quitclaim its interest in the Jewell Street property to the winning bidder. Attorney Mills recommends that the bidder of the property talk to their own legal counsel regarding the bank's possible interest in the property. Winning bidders will have 10 days to submit a certified check to the Town of Jay. M/M/S Judy/Gary to accept the high bids on each property as follows: Map 6

Lot 8 - Jason Lucarelli, \$7,100.00; Map 11 Lot 53 - Caleb Dionne, \$9,120.00; Map 15 Lot 133 - Thomas Harville, \$16,251.00; Map 15 Lot 140 - Matt Knowlton, \$9,100.00. Vote: 5-0-0.

5. **MDOT – Construction Overlimit Permit** - The Maine Dept. of Transportation will be doing a project from Church St. to Bean’s Corner area this summer and is requesting that the Board issue a permit that will allow them to transport construction equipment that exceeds legal weight limits, over municipal roads, if necessary. John Johnson stated that the Town has signed this type of agreement in the past, and doubts that this project would require construction equipment that would exceed the limit. If that type of equipment is found to be needed, however, there is a process to be followed which could include videotaping the road and any required permitting would be taken care of at that time. M/M/S Judy/Keith to approve issuing a permit to Maine Dept. of Transportation if needed. Vote: 5-0-0.

6. **Food Sovereignty Discussion** - M/M/S Judy/Tim to take no action. No ordinance will be proposed to the voters on this subject. Vote: 5-0-0.

7. **Other Business** - Gary questioned the personal property taken from the foreclosed property on Church St. Shiloh explained that, per State law, the former property owners were informed and given the opportunity to remove the items. Any unclaimed items will remain with the property at the time of sale, including 3 vehicles. There was a formal process followed including certified mailings, notification in the newspapers, and vehicle identification numbers and license plates run by the police department. The owners of the vehicles were notified. Of the property that remained unclaimed, only the items useful to the Town, such as the gear oil and tools, were taken. The Town has the right to sell any, or all, of the unclaimed property, however, the proceeds of the sale would have to be given to the State of Maine and would not remain with the Town of Jay.

8. **Executive Session** – Union (All) - M/M/S - Tim/Judy to go into Executive Session under MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6 for the purpose of discussing Unions (all). Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session.

M/M/S - Judy/Tim to agree to a one-time wage adjustment for the Police Dept. equaling 1% of their total W-2 wages for 2017, a total of \$3,262.26, to be paid before the end of June 2018. Vote 5-0-0.

M/M/S - Terry/Gary to adjourn at 6:59. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bryant

April 17th: Planning Board Meeting – 7:00

April 11th: Recreation Committee Meeting – 6:00

April 12th: Broadband Meeting - Niles Library 6:00

April 23rd: Select Board Meeting 6:00

April 24th: Town Meeting 8:00 – 8:00