

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Monday June 16, 2008 Town Office

Attendance: Richard Korhonen, Bernal Lake, Carroll Bowie, Miriam Buchanan, Cora Briggs, Martin Puckett

Board Members present: Louise Chabot, David Lemire, Ernest Souther III, Jackie Knight and William Demaray.

1. Meeting called to order by Knight. Knight welcomed Demaray to the board and added to the agenda a need for a new chair for the board that is required after the first selectboard meeting after the municipal elections. Knight nominated Louise Chabot as Chair of the Board, Lemire Second. Approved 5-0.
2. Consideration of minutes from June 2, 2008: Chabot made a motion to make the addition to the minutes to reflect the discussion of a four, ten hour work week for energy savings, and training for personal property tax collection and lien procedure. Lemire made motion to approve the minutes with the additions, second, approved 3-0, with Knight and Demaray abstaining.
3. Old Business:
 - A. Maine Association of Broadcasters: Susan Coucher, President and CEO, explained the new legislation to have all television stations switch their broadcasting from analog to digital by February 17, 2009. Television sets connected to cable or satellite will not be affected, but analog television sets not connected to cable, satellite or telephone company service provider, or without a DTV converter box will not receive any television signal after the date of the switch. Coucher passed around two handouts and showed an example of a converter box and explained the coupon process.
 - B. Sewer Superintendent: Kent Mitchell explained the sewer pipe maintenance to be performed on Franklin Street involving not only the residential customers but Wausau and the rail road due to pipe locations. A permit and declaration of adequate insurance is required. Ted Berry Company can perform the work of relining the pipe much cheaper than excavation of the road and new pipe installation. There were no objections to the superintendent's recommendations. Puckett presented an agreement to the board prepared by the town's attorney for a retirement/rehire for Kent Mitchell. The rehire would save Jay and Livermore Fall's sewer users over \$4,000 in FICA, Social Security, Maine State Revenue Contributions, and vacation without pay. There is a 30 day termination clause for the town to cancel the agreement. Souther made a motion to accept the agreement as written, Knight second approved 4 to 1 with Demaray in opposition.
 - C. County Commissioners' Meeting: Puckett handed out the draft of the Dispatch study to the board; the finalized version should be ready on July 25. The study evaluates different funding structures based on valuation, number of calls, and populations. After the report is finalized a representative from the committee will discuss it with all Androscoggin Communities.

4. New Business:

- A. Real Estate Bid: There are no bids for 16 Richardson Avenue. An attorney for the previous property owner, James Halliday is working on claiming the property back from the mortgage company who has already foreclosed on the property. The mortgage company is willing to establish a new payment schedule if the town is willing to accept payment in full of all back taxes, lien fees and associated legal costs a total of \$2763.35. Demaray made a motion to accept the agreement if the property owner will regain ownership, Knight second, approved 5-0.
- B. Voting Results: Puckett reviewed the voting results of the recent elections. A total of 303 people voted and the only ballot question that did not pass was to increase the tax levy limit. Since the municipal budget was under the limit, the approval was not required.
- C. FOA Laws: Recent legislation requires most elected officials to receive freedom of access to information training within 120 days of taking office. Puckett will look into who is required to receive the training.
- D. Benefit Approval: The benefit approval is required for each new fiscal year for wages and benefits. Knight made a motion to approve and sign the adjusted wages and benefits, Souther second, approved 5-0.
- E. Building Repair: Puckett reviewed quotes to fix the retaining wall for \$5,000 at the town office and the \$5,700 quote to fix the fire department wall. Puckett recommends having the public works repair the town office wall and build a spot for flowers to enhance the corner. Bill Nichols estimate \$500 for materials to do the work. Souther made a motion to have public works repair the wall for \$500, Knight second, approved 5-0. Repairing the Fire Department Wall is tabled until further information is available.
- F. Budget Review: The treasurer printed a report showing the building account is \$2,699.45 over the budget amount due to increased fuel usage.
- G. CDBG Grant: Puckett present a request for qualifications to advertise for an architect/engineer to help with the grant. The RFQ was designed by CDBG. Demaray mad a motion to approve the RFQ, Knight second, approved 5-0.
- H. Visioning and Goal Setting: The Betterment group has been using a facilitator to assist in the goal setting process. Puckett discussed the possibility of a similar process with the selectboard in the near future. Puckett gave a list of appointments for the new fiscal year:

Animal Control Officer: 1 year term- Wayne Atwood

Appeals Board: 3 year term - Betty Nadeau

Assessment Review Board: 3 year term - Betty Nadeau

Budget Committee: 3 year term- Nick Rehagen, 1 year term- Melanie Rounds

Code Officer: 1 year term: Kenneth Pratt

Excise Tax Collector: 1 year term: Dawn Young

Planning Board: 2 year term: Melanie Rounds; 4 year term: Elicia Pillsbury 3 year term: Nancy McManemon

Registrar of Voters: 1 year term: Dawn Young

Tax Collector: 1 year term: Dawn Young

Plumbing Inspector: 1 year term: Kent Mitchell

Lemire made a motion to approve the appointments, Knight second, approved 5-0.

5. Additional Business:

- A. Public Session: Nichols told the board Boralex has 2,000 gallons of liquid calcium chloride it would like to donate to the town. There is room to store 1,000 at the garage. Nichols will look into ways to safely store the remaining amount before accepting the donation.
- B. Review Correspondence: No action required.
- C. Quit Claim Deed/Abatements/Supplements/Permits: The VFW requested a permit for function at Murray Hall on July 26. Lemire made motion to approve, Souther second, approved 5-0.
- D. Sign Warrants: Knight made a motion to approve warrants and adjourn, Lemire second, approved 5-0.

