

October 25, 2018 – Select Board Meeting

Present selectboard members: Buddy Martin, Eric Vainio, Brita Cronkite. Town Manager, Daniel Swain.

Townspople:, Tyler Adkins, Bob Jarvis, Bobbi Crockett, Dee Adams, Gerald Nessmann (H.A.D #4 Board Member from Sebec)

- 1) Meeting opened at 7:00 PM
- 2) Selectboard reviews and signs unapproved meeting minutes.
- 3) Buddy Martin officially opens meeting to public comment

Dee Adams inquired whether anyone besides the Fire Department is keeping track of the call sheets. Daniel stated that only the Fire Department keeps track and the call logs are turned in once per year.

Gerald Nessman came before the group to explain what is going on in regards to the merger between Eastern Maine Medical Center and Mayo Hospital. He discussed his concerns and explained the charter. Bobbi Crockett also expressed concern and says that she feels as though the matter is being pushed too fast, and there has been no time to discuss the matter with the community. It has been determined that Monson has 1.4 million dollars in assets in Mayo, that would just be “given” to Eastern Maine. Gerald has filed a lawsuit, which has put a temporary hold on the merger. He stated that he hopes the selectmen will sign his affidavit in support of his efforts. Eric Vainio suggested that they decide now in order to avoid an emergency meeting by Monday. Buddy Martin made a motion to create an affidavit to support Gerald’s injunction to keep the merger on hold until more information is provided by all parties. Eric Vainio seconded the motion and Gerald will type up an affidavit for the board to sign.

4) Town Committees:

Gym Committee: Daniel stated that the gym renovation is over budget by several hundred dollars and suggests taking the money from the TIFF account. He also stated that the exterior stairs need repair, the door/lock needs to be replaced, side doors need to be replaced, as well as the flashing on the South side, and ice and water shield has been ripped off. Daniel explained that he has worked out a deal with Libra and Arvo Korsman to get the work done ASAP. Buddy Martin suggested that on future projects, roof and foundation work be done before any other work is started.

Rec. Committee: Dee Adams inquired as to whether or not she will receive a key to the gym and Daniel told her that yes, she will. She also stated that the back stop on the field has been vandalized again and she would like to see game cameras set up on the field to catch the vandals. Soccer season finished last week and the team had the best turn out ever. Buddy Martin stated that any repairs or surveillance can wait until spring.

Festival Committee: Dee Adams stated that the committee is gearing up for Snowroller day and will not be pursuing a Halloween Festival this year.

Old Business:

Snow Plowing: Daniel explained that Herrick’s would not be attending tonight’s meeting as Zak had a prior engagement and Travis is in the hospital. Daniel will confirm with Herrick’s that Zak will be the new

contact person if Travis is unable. He also stated that Steve Lawson is going to plow the Barrows Falls Rd and Herrick's will be plowing Blanchard Hiss in Blanchard. Buddy Martin expressed concern about having to pay someone to plow Blanchard Hill if Herrick's does a poor job. He is concerned that without an addendum the town will not be able to deduct it from Herrick's bill. Daniel said that is currently in the budget that is the town has to seek outside contractors for plowing it will come from Herrick's payment. Daniel will discuss the matter with Zak.

Transfer Station Fence: Had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Brush Cutting: Daniel wonders if the town will move forward with Chris Roberts. He is concerned about lag damage to the roads, however, if the work is done when the roads are frozen, it will not be a problem. The town will hold off on the project for now.

Steward Rd: B&B Paving is scheduled to come in the morning to put down the shim coat. Concerns were raised about whether or not the weather would be warm enough for the work to be done. Daniel will call B&B in the morning as they didn't respond to a text message sent during the meeting and the board decided to move forward.

New Business:

Daniel presented the select board with a copy of the audit. The board will read and review.

Buddy Martin made a motion to accept the 2018-2019 General Assistance limits. Brita Cronkite seconded.

Daniel presented the Municipal Tax Return due to Maine Revenue regarding valuations in the town. Daniel stated that the valuation of the town has decreased, Select board signed the return.

Select board was shown a list of foreclosures that will take place on Nov. 26.

The cell phone petition was brought up again. Daniel explained that the select board is not obligated to move forward on the matter. Daniel requested a copy of the report from the Planning Board pertaining to proposals from cell phone companies from years past. He suggested having a special town meeting on the matter to possibly propose a tax break for a cell phone company if the planning board wanted to move forward with trying to attract a cell town company.

Planning board is working on a strengthened large animal ordinance.

Daniel Swain stated that Tim Anderson had stopped by the office to suggest putting a crosswalk across from the Arts Center. Daniel called the state and they will send a crosswalk application form.

Select board signed warrants.

Daniel explained that Alaina Woodard has been hired as the new MUD clerk/Deputy Clerk and will be starting next Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30