MINUTES
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday December 17, 2018

1. Call the Meeting to Order
Chairman, Thomas R. Von Malder called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Present were Selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page. Also present was Joan Linscott, recording secretary and members of the public (see attached sign in sheet).

2. Approve the Minutes

a.) Approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting

Motion: Gordon Page to approve the minutes of December 3, 2018. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor – 0 opposed

b.) Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Executive Session

Motion: Linda Post to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor – 0 opposed

3. Old Business

a.) Review the proposal of Fred Newcomb to hire Gartley & Dorsky to oversee the bid specs for the cleanup of 371 Dublin Road

Motion: Linda Post to engage Gartley & Dorsky to handle the whole process from preparing specifications, solicit and award the bids and oversee the cleanup process for a cost not to exceed $5,000.00 as stated by Bill Lane to Fred Newcomb. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor – 0 opposed

b.) Discussion with the Owls Head Airport Committee members and the APAC members as requested at the November 19, 2018 meeting by the Board of Selectmen (see minutes 11.19.18 other business continued)
**Thomas R. Von Malder** – The Selectmen have brought the members of OHAC and APAC committees here tonight to see how they work together. First would like to have the members from each committee announce themselves.

**OHAC MEMBERS**
Ken Wexler
Peter Harrison

**APAC MEMBERS**
Adam Philbrook - Owls Head
Katie Shaw – Pilot Owls Head
Maynard Curtis – Owls Head
Vivian Newman – South Thomaston

**KNOX COUNTY**
Jeff Northgraves
Andrew Hart

**Ken Wexler OHAC** – Has served on this committee for 19 years and has helped the Town sort through a lot of issues with the airport such as the fence screening. The business plan at the airport leaves a lot of issues that need to be monitored by the Town. This is about how the airport is going to grow. Jeff’s job is to grow revenue for the airport and the Town needs to be aware of what they do over there. There could be the potential for 16 hangers that could have two jets each in them.

**Linda Post** – We do have a Code Officer and Land Use Ordinance that monitors what goes on over there as far as building and improvements. The jets do get off the ground and are gone a lot faster so the noise is not quite as bad. The hangars at the airport are mostly private the county gets rent for the land the hangar sits on.

**Ken Wexler OHAC**- Has always tried to work with the airport in a positive light while looking out for the best interest of the citizens of Owls Head but the airport/county makes it hard to do that. He talks with the APAC Committee and the airport employees but feels they are trying to shut him down. Even though there are several members on the APAC Committee from Owls Head they are working for the County not the Town.

**Gordon Page** – Is there a record of complaints about the airport?

**Peter Harrison OHAC** - This year through October there were nine complaints of noise or low flying aircraft. In 2017 there were four complaints for the year.

**Jeff Northgraves COUNTY**– This year the military used a lot of different airports around the state for maneuvers and Knox County Regional Airport was one of them. They came in with big helicopters etc. We had no say in the matter and this did generate a few of those noise complaints. Also please be advised that some of the complaints we
get about noise come from other towns such as Warren, Thomaston and South Thomaston we even have had some from Camden and Rockport as well as Rockland, we do not control the airspace. As for the curfew this is voluntary the FAA does not allow us to set a time when planes can not land or take off.

Ken Wexler OHAC– There is a hotline for complaints but feels it is not advertised enough so people do not know about it so do not use it.

Jeff Northgraves COUNTY – The hot line calls that come in are handled in such away that it is not always timely to respond to. They are logged into a data base in the computer by the Administrative Assistant then given to him for a response. He only has access to some of the information for just short time period and by the time the complaint gets to him it may be too late to see who the offender may have been. It would expedite the response if for instance the calls came directly to his email or cell phone. The Airport is getting some equipment this year that will allow him to see who may have landed overnight and will allow his response time to become faster, however this equipment will not be in full use until next year sometime.

Gordon Page – Are the complaints coming from the same people mostly?

Jeff Northgraves COUNTY - There are some.

Ken Wexler OHAC– Wants to work with the APAC and Airport on what can be changed to make it better for the people of Owls Head, with the knowledge that their hands are tied by FAA in some areas. But feels that the hangars of the future could be a concern and needs to be addressed through changes to our land use ordinance to limit what goes on at the airport.

Adam Philbrook APAC - We are basically an advisory Committee to the County. There is not a lot we can do since the FAA has most of the control.

Ken Wexler OHAC– Thought we would be starting work on the Inter-local Agreement soon since there must be things in it the County wants to see changed. The Town really needs to be involved in this process to protect the residents of Owls Head.

Andrew Hart COUNTY – The current agreement will not expire for another two years we have some time to work on it.

Thomas R. Von Malder – If neither the County or the Town do anything does this agreement automatically renew?

Andy Hart COUNTY – Yes.

Thomas R. Von Malder - Are there a lot of things the county wants to change from the current inter-local agreement?
Jeff Northgraves  COUNTY -  Was not here when the last one was done but feels that there are some things in the current agreement that the FAA might frown upon, such as easements for tree cutting. The FAA should most likely review any new agreement before it takes effect.

Andy Hart  COUNTY – Would appreciate knowing when the time comes who will be representing the Town of Owls Head in working with the County on the Inter-local Agreement.

Thomas R. Von Malder – Most likely when the time comes it will be a member of the OHAC and a Selectman.

Thomas R. Von Malder - The hope is that this meeting makes things easier for all those involved with the airport. The Selectmen are asking that the members of the OHAC to work with the Airport, using a positive attitude and not to be a burr in the side of those at the airport.

4. New Business
There was no new business

5. Adjustments to the Agenda
There were no adjustments to the agenda

6. Public Comments

Adam Philbrook – It seems that the Army Corp. Engineers is collecting some data on the harbor to see how much it has silted in. This could be a good thing in getting the harbor dredged but it will most likely be into the future.

James Moulton - Resident at 59 Cooper’s Beach Road - He has come to ask that the Selectmen help in someway if they can the with the issue along Cooper’s Beach Road. He has brought along Otto Miller, Otto does not speak much English and does have a hearing defect, so his daughter Rebecca French is his power of Attorney and she has come with him tonight. Otto was working for the Moulton’s when a neighbor Mr. Edwards accused Mr. Miller of damaging a post along the edge of his property. Otto said if he damaged the pole he did not know it until he received a letter from the Edward’s Attorney at Camden Law. He then tried to go and see if he could fix this damage and then he received another letter from Camden Law accusing him of harassment and trespass. Then finally he received a third letter telling him if he pays Camden Law $35.00 the whole thing will go away. Mr. Moulton feels Mr. Edwards needs to be stopped.

Linda Post – Our Attorney is working on the issues along the Cooper’s Beach Road. But feels that the copies of these letters received by Mr. Miller should be forwarded to our attorney Bill Dale.
Mr. Miller – Agreed that the letters he received be forwarded to Bill Dale for his review of the ongoing issues along the Cooper’s Beach Road.

7. Other Business
There was no other business

8. Approve and Sign the Municipal Warrants

Motion: Linda Post to approve and sign the warrants. Gordon Page seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor – 0 opposed

9. Adjourn the Meeting

Motion: Gordon Page to adjourn at 5:13 PM. Linda Post seconded.

VOTE: 3 in favor – 0 opposed