



**Minutes  
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
May 6, 2019**

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Chairman Thomas R Von Malder calls the meeting to order at 4:02pm. Present were selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page. Also present are Don Blackman, Cassi Dean, Cor Bergren, Marsha Guptil, David Gravison, David Geddis, Meg Gaunce, Bill Leppanen road commissioner, Scott Freeman, Mark Nystrom, Louis Edwards, Lynn Chaplin

**2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Selectman Approve the Minutes May 20, 2019 4:02pm

**Motion: Linda approves the minutes as presented. Gordon seconds the motion.**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

4:01 Tom joins the meeting stating he is back from Florida and will working Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Suggests that at next meeting the exemption application from the Monroe Island Maine Coast Heritage trust be addressed.

4:03 Tom closes the Assessors meeting and opens up to the selectmen.

4:03 Gordon motions to approve April 1<sup>st</sup> minutes, Linda accepts

4:03 Linda motions to approve April 16<sup>th</sup> minutes, Gordon seconds. Approved 3-0

4:05 Linda motions to approve April 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes, Gordon seconds. Approved 3-0

4:05 Linda motions to approve April 24<sup>th</sup> minutes, Gordon seconds. Approved 3-0

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**4:06 Public Easement Roads**

Fred Newcombs speaks of his concerns of the snow plowing. States the town should consider taking over the town roads.

Bill Leppanan talks about the disadvantages of doing so. One disadvantage being the cost as well as the surveying expense to private land owners.

4:23 Lynn Chaplin asks about the right of ways and standards. Also ask for a maintenance agreement be made

4:25 Don Blackman wants to have a better understanding as to what the meeting means as far as agreements being made and better understand what

will happen in the future. 4:30 Fred states that if the town gives up public easement they would not be held accountable. He also states that decisions should be made on a case by case, road by road basis. Current situation is not desirable.

4:33 Dave Geddis voices concerns over the time frame that any decisions would be made claiming he is looking into having repairs made to the road but if the town has decided to take over there would be no point in doing so.

4:34 Tom said it could be about a year from August and would most certainly be a lengthy process.

4:35 Marsha Guptil ask if it would make more sense, because of expense, for the town to review the roads for disrepair and hold the people occupying the said road be held responsible for maintenance.

4:38 Linda explains that any decisions made are up to the voters at a town meeting, it is not the selectman's decision to take over any roads.

4:41 Bill Leppanan asks what the next step would be. Will someone have to put an article on a warrant stating they want a certain road taken over by eminent domain.

4:42 Tom says a report of the town roads, done by Bill would be a good start.

4:43 Linda would like feedback from the people on the roads and brought back to the selectman.

4:44 Chris Maclean a lawyer from Camden who represent Louis Edwards, wants to clarify if Fred Newcomb is attending as the towns lawyer or a private citizen. Fred confirms hes present as the towns attorney. Chris says that his client, Louis Edwards, is willing to bear the expense of plowing the lower section of Coopers Beach Road. "Lee is willing to enter into an agreement with the town to avoid further litigation."

4:53 Tom thinks a snow agreement is a great idea.

4:54 Louis Edwards say he has the equipment at his disposal to do the work. He also states that the town would then be responsible for the storm debris that occurs during high waters, which can be very costly. He is perfectly fine with anyone using the side driveway.

4:55 Bill is concerned with the general public being able to use the round about circle. Mr. Maclean says he is willing to sit down with Bill and discuss how he would do it.

4:57 Gordon Page attests that on two of the storms, Mr Edwards emailed him photos showing the activity of the equipment in the process of clearing the snow. His only concern being the timing of the snow removal.

4:58 Mr Edwards says he will make it his best effort to have it done so he knows there will be no damage to his property.

5:06 Question was asked if the purpose of this meeting was because of Coopers Beach Road.

5:06 Fred Newcomb suggest that all private land owners collaborate and have their own homeowners association.

5:09 Gordon Page asks Bill Leppanan if he knows the cost to GPS and Bill says it really all depends on how the selectman would want it done.

5:10 Tom Von Malder wants to reaffirm that this is a non-smoking facility.

5:11 Gordon Page motions to reaffirm the no smoking policy as it states in the states statue and all signs be posted. Its agreed upon that no smoking

within 25 feet. Linda seconds. Bill asks if the stump dump shed is included Tom says the building is not part of the campus with Gordon agrees but brings up the Thomaston Transfer Station and the letter we received from the Attorneys Generals office. He wants to make sure we are following the rules.

5:13 Tom motions and its approved 3-0

5:13 Snow plowing Bids are to be advertised in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Courier Gazette and to be opened and read at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

5:20 Tom moves on to New Business

The disposal of deceased animals. Bill Demmons introduces himself and ask the selectman if they want him to dispose of the animals. Linda states they have always been disposed of at the stump dump in the past. A decision was made that Bill be responsible. Lynn Chaplin wants to know if dead animals are being checked for a chip reader prior to disposal. Bill does have a reader and does his best to find one. Bill is then given permission to have keys to the dump stump.

5:25 DM & J waste contract is up. Josh Wellman was present with a new contract. Gordon has a concern as to why a contract hasn't been put up for bid. Wants too make sure all procedures are being followed properly.

5:26 Linda Post states there really wasn't any reason to in the past.

5:27 Josh states they have done business with us since either 2006 or 2007.

5:28 Gordon motions that a bid go out and DM & J will continue doing the work on a month to month basis. All bids will be opened and read at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

5:29 Linda seconds the motion, Tom opposes. Vote passes 2-1

## **5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

5:40 Tom says that David Walker would like to be on the budget community. Gordon makes a motion to accept and Linda seconds. Vote passes 3-0

5:42 Linda Post wants to move forward with the Sno Farm dangerous building. Gordon wants Scott to prepare a document as to what needs to be done, and presented at the next meeting.

5:43 Gordon talks about an email that was received from Mr Christie's lawyer wanting to speak over the phone but thinks it best if we invite him to a meeting to discuss over an open forum to discuss.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

5:59 Gordon states that he will be going in for knee surgery but will make it his best effort to be at the next two meeting.

## **8. APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT**