



Minutes
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 15, 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 Kay Dodge, Marty Shaw, Stuart Thro, John Hansen, Rod Weeks, Carolyn Philbrook, Chuck and Sally Allen, Bill Lane-Gartley & Dorsky, Steve Cook, Frank Ross, Dick Carver, Beth Birmingham, Frederick Newcomb and Michael VonCannon

MOTION: Linda makes a motion for Gordon Page to be the representative for the Family Member Leave Act. Tom seconds the motion

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed

2. OLD BUSINESS: Russ Wolfertz and members of the American Legion, Winslow Holbrook Merritt Post 1 presented The Town of Owls Head a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition and sincere appreciation for our Loyalty and Respect that has been shown by continually displaying our country's American Flag. Pam Curtis, Michael VonCannon were presented a pin of the American Flag shaped like the United States

3. OLD BUSINESS: Bill Lane presented the bids for the removal and disposal of identified asbestos containing material.

Eastern Maine Environmental, LLC	Base Bid \$3,400
Atlantic Environmental Contractors, Inc	Base Bid \$7,000
New Meadows Abatement, Inc	Base Bid \$8,800

MOTION: Gordon makes a motion to accept the bid from Eastern Maine Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$3,400 for their proposal for the removal and disposal of identified asbestos containing material at 371 Dublin Rd in the town of Owls Head. Linda seconds that motion

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Linda makes a motion to approve the Selectmen meetings minutes for July 1, 2019 as amended. Tom seconds that motion

VOTE 2 in favor – Gordon abstains, he was not present for the meeting

5. NEW BUSINESS: Stump Dump fee were discussed. Budget committee recommended having a significant increase in the stump dump fees. Current stump dump cost are more then \$73,000 while revenues are less then \$10,000. Gordon recommends having a small committee of people do research on what costs are comparable to other local towns

Motion: Gordon makes a motion to raise the current stump dump fee to \$15 for a period of time pending more information. Then look at it as a per item thing.

Frank Ross was asked to form a committee and gather information for a new stump dump price list

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

During the budget meeting, a conversation was had in regards to the overall cost of compensation, not only for the chief but for the entire department. Budget committee is responsible for setting a budget based on dollars spent. The committee want budget hours for training. Gordon suggest having an annual plan with a training curriculum. Bob Hirsh and Frank Ross are to get together and work out the budget figures for the fire department

A couple of recommendations from the budget committee was to have the cemetery committees \$4000 reserve account be only \$2000 for the upcoming budget.

The next one is \$25,000 towards the reevaluation of property, the committee is suggesting it be limited to \$15,000 in the first year and make up the difference in the future years.

Gordon feels that we should set a minimum dollar amount before we send projects up for bid.

Motion: Linda makes a motion that any expenditures above \$5000 be put out to bid at the discretion of the selectmen.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Motion: Tom makes a motion to increase the donation budget line from \$500 to \$1000. Linda seconds the motion

VOTE 2 in favor – 1 opposed. Gordon opposed

Kitchen rental fees, it was suggested by the Budget Committee that it be raised to a flat fee of \$160. Not sure of the breakdown for the deposit. To be voted on at a later time.

\$400,000 was added into this years budget for the Owls Head Harbor-Park Project. Tom states he believes it should not be added to this years budget as an expense because any expenses were being taken out of the reserve money and the grant money. Linda states it shouldn't be added because we will be borrowing the money the only expense would be the payback. Linda reads the article 30-1 details. A grant revenue line will be set-up Linda believes.

Tom states that the Transfer Station should not be added as an expenditures because that project will not begin within the next year, and should be eliminated entirely.

Also the Dublin Rd project expenditures should be removed from this years budget.

The Budget Committee had voted unanimously that we not sign the EMS agreement. But it was already been voted on to go with option 2. A discussion was had to get a joint board started with members of Rockland.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

6. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: Linda makes a motion to take from surplus un-designated funds \$40,000 to pay for the partial clean up for 371 Dublin Rd property.

Gordon seconds the motion

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Motion: Linda makes a motion that we move from the budget line abatement's, \$3,701.60 to the 371 Dublin Rd property clean up account.

Gordon seconds the motion

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Last year we raised \$2000 for the conservation committee and we need to move that into the reserve at Machias Saving Bank

Motion: Linda makes a motion to move the \$2000 from the Machias Bank account. Gordon seconds the motion

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Motion: Linda makes a motion to sign the Hazardous Mitigation Agreement. Gordon seconds the motion

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

9. APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT: 5:35pm

Motion: Linda makes a motion to sign warrants as presented. Tom seconds the motion

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed

10. ADJOURN THE MEETING

5:45 Motion: Linda makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Gordon seconds the motion

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed