



Minutes
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
October 21, 2019

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas Von Malder called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Present were selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page. Assessors Agent Tom Edwards, Michael Voncannon, Sophie Gabrion, Adra Lovley Jr, Terry Morang, Lynn Williams, Vivien Kelley, Patricia Hornsberger, Bill Gay, Walter Guptill, Lynn Chaplin and William Lane from Gartley & Dorskey. Representatives of Knox Country Sheriff's Department, Officer Reginald Walker, Officer Paul Pinkham, and Chief Deputy Patrick Polky.

ASSESSORS MEETING: Assessors Agent Tom Edwards presents the Selectmen with two abatement's and 2 supplement's for account number 1184 for signatures.

Motion: 4:03 Linda makes a motion to approve the two abatement for account number 1184. The motor home is located in Woodmans Trailer Park. One abatement for \$50.31 and the other \$53.82 for a total of \$104.13. Gordon seconds the motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed.

Motion: 4:05 Linda makes a motion that we supplement the properties for Thomas Gleason for the amount of \$53.82 and the second for \$50.31. Gordon seconds the motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed.

Assessor Agent Tom Edwards says the State Treasure's office wanted information supplied from the Town by November 1, 2019. Mr. Edwards prepared what he was able to complete and sent with an e-mail copied to Chairman Von Malder, explaining why he wasn't able to complete it. Mr. Edwards is leaving for Florida for 6 months on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. He also states that he has a Skype account should the Selectmen want to speak with him face to face.

4:07 Chairman Thomas Von Malder closes as assessors and opens as Selectmen

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: 4:10 Gordon makes a motion to accept the minutes as corrected for the meeting. Linda seconds that motion

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

OLD BUSINESS: Adra Lovely gave an overview of the possible drug exchange happening down on Crocketts Beach. Officer Paul Pinkham and Lieutenant Reginald Walker from the Knox County Sheriff's Department were present. Lieutenant Walker brought in a call log from 2017 through 2019. 37 calls were made about the activities going on at the beach. Lieutenant Walker states the Sheriff's Department needs calls and or videos when the residents believe something is going on. Lynn Williams asks the Lieutenant what it is that they, the Sheriff's department, can do. Lieutenant Walker says that they aren't able to do anything without catching the individuals themselves. Officer Pinkham states that the department only had 14 complaints in 2019 for Crocketts Beach and none have been drug-related. In the entire town of Owls Head, they received only one drug-related call. Officer Pinkham says there have been 461 complaints for the year, 14 of them from Crocketts Beach but the main complaints were alcohol-related. Selectmen Gordon Page says that it puts a lot of responsibilities on the neighbors to identify and make those calls but they are the ones who benefit and/or suffer any activities or solutions to the activities. Selectmen Page wants to insure the neighbors that calling dispatch 4-5 times a day will not be a burden on dispatch but important for the Sheriff's Department. Lieutenant Walker says the sheriff's department keeps a file of all the complaints. A decision was made to have three signs made. The best advice the Sheriff's Department can give is to call and write down the correct plate details.

Motion: 4:38 Linda makes a motion to authorize three signs be made and have our Fire Chief Frank Ross place the signs.

Gordon seconds the motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Deputy Chief Patrick Polky spoke up and stated that he is aware of the problem and also recommends that the residents call to fill complaints.

Michael Voncannon, Bill Gay, and Walter Guptill gave an update on the tree that was removed from Ingrahams Cemetery. Ms. Voncannon has concerns about dead trees on the abutting property. She would like to know if it's possible to let the abutter's know, that if the tree falls, they are responsible for any damage caused by the trees. Ms. Post says it would be best to contact Attorney Fredrick Newcomb for advice. MacPhail Cemetery still has some trees that are dead. Walter Guptill said that Benners Tree Service did work for him in the past with very good results. They gave an estimate of \$600 to \$800 for the total job. Mr. Guptil says he's not suggesting we use that person. What he's hoping is that the Selectmen would authorize and expenditure up to \$1,000 for work to conclude the project. Chairman Von Malder asks if the committee has enough money in the budget for the tree removal project. Ms. Voncannon said the committee requested \$1,500, so she assumes there is enough money for the two trees. She goes on to say that she isn't sure which budget line it's included in. The committee would like to see a specific line item for the cemetery budget. Selectmen Page suggests that Ms. Voncannon gets in touch with Treasurer Pam Curtis to find where the \$1,500 went. Approval was given to remove the two trees as long as there is money in their budget.

Chairman Thomas Von Malder read the bids for the Dublin Rd Clean-up.

Farley Inc	Rockport Maine	Base Bid \$35,200
Jake Barbour Inc.	Owls Head Maine	Base Bid \$42,040
Ford Enterprise	Hope Maine	Base Bid \$43,900

Motion: 5:02 Gordon makes a motion that we accept the bid for the site clean-up and building demolition of the property on Dublin Rd for \$35,200 submitted by Farley Inc. Linda seconds the motion.

William Lane from Gartley & Dorskey adds that he attended the per-bid walk and that Farley Inc is a known, reputable, responsive contractor. He recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder. The estimated time-frame to be completed is December 16th.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Lawn mowing contract for 20-23 for Terry Morang was broken down as shown below.

20-21 total sum of \$16,000, payable in five equal payments on:

July 2020 - \$3,200
August 2020 - \$3,200
September 2021 - \$3,200
October 2021 - \$3,200
November 2021 - \$3,200

21-22 total sum of \$16,200, payable in five equal payments on:

July 2021 - \$3,240
August 2021 - \$3,240
September 2022 - \$3,240
October 2022 - \$3,240
November 2022 - \$3,240

22-23 total sum of \$16,400, payable in five equal payments on:

July 2022 - \$3,280
August 2022 - \$3,280
September 2023 - \$3,280
October 2023 - \$3,280
November 2023 - \$3,280

Approval of the contract will be at the next Selectmen meeting on November 4, 2019, when the verbiage of the contract is corrected.

Adra Lovely gave an update on the Nature Conservancy Maine Grant for the Energy Efficiency Maine. Mr. Lovely was given a list of contractors authorized to place a bid. Hickey's Lighting will be in on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, to do an estimate. If the Selectmen choose to move forward with the quoted project, then the municipality becomes eligible for an additional incentive from The Nature Conservancy in Maine, equal to 50% of the estimated Efficiency Maine incentive (up to a maximum of \$5,000). Combined, the Efficiency Maine and Nature Conservancy incentives will cover roughly 75% of the project cost. The application is to be submitted by Friday, October 25, 2019. Chairman Von Malder signed the application.

NEW BUSINESS: Sophie Gabrion, Communication Manager for the Owls Head Transportation Museum, present the Selectmen with a press release. The Owls Head Transportation Museum is excited to announce Owls Head Resident Days, a new community giving program starting this fall. Every fourth Sunday of the month from November to April, the museum will offer free admission to residents of the Town of

Owls Head. A direct mailer will be sent out to residents letting them know. Selectmen Page would like a copy of the PDF to be put on the Owls Head website. Selectmen Post asks for a donation recommendation from the Owls Head Transportation Museum to the Town of Owls Head in lieu of taxes. Ms. Gabrión states she will pass along the information to the corresponding personal.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Chairman Thomas Von Malder along with Pam Curtis and Susan Wilson, met with Tammy Gross, Chief Safety and Health Inspector for the Maine Department of Labor OSHST regarding the accident with the fire engine. Ms. Gross was meeting with Fire Chief Frank Ross at 1 PM. She wants to interview the two firemen involved, and other fireman looking for any safety or training violations. Selectmen Page states he was very disappointed that Fire Chief Ross didn't attend the Selectmen meeting with an update regarding the accident. The absence of the fire chief at tonight's meeting upsets Selectmen Page because there have been a half dozen Facebook post specific to the incident that occurred on Thursday, Oct 17, 2019, in St George, talking about what happened, what the injuries were, what's wrong with the fire truck, lots of information that one can gather from Facebook, but he doesn't find that suitable alternative to an actual report by the fire chief by writing or in person. He states that he is "flabbergasted as to why the Fire Chief Ross does not think it's important to come to this board and talk about what happened and the injuries that occurred." He feels that the Board of Selectmen should have equal information at the same time so they are all hearing the same thing from the person in authority. Chairman Von Malder stated that Pam Curtis did call him to say she had done some paperwork. Selectmen Post states that the Selectmen should have requested a meeting the following day after the accident for a follow-up. Fire Chief Ross will be asked to make it a point to be at the meeting on November 4, 2019.

Susan Wilson put in a request to have a message board with a plexiglass cover attached to the front of the Town Hall. The purpose of the board is to remove all notices off the front door.

Motion: 5:39 Gordon makes a motion to spend up to \$300.00 to purchase and install an information kiosk. Linda seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OTHER BUSINESS:

APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT:

Motion: 5:51 Gordon makes a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Linda seconds the motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed.

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

Motion: 5:52 Linda makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Gordon seconds the motion.

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed.