

SELECTMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2019
4:00 P.M.

SELECTMEN: THOMAS VON MALDER, LINDA POST, GORDON PAGE

PRESENT: ANN RAFFERTY, CAROLINE MICHALSKI, KAY DODGE, MARTY SHAW,
RODNEY WEEKS, LYNN CHAPLIN, TIFFANY FIFIELD, JOHN HANSON, CAROLYN
PHILBROOK, FRED NEWCOMB, FRANK ROSS, JOHN WALKER, PAUL ROSEN

THOMAS VON MALDER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

Linda Post made a motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2019, with one change to be made.
Gordon Page seconded.
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The committee stated they wanted to go ahead with the project. John Hanson presented the plans with a few changes. Basically the changes to add a pole on Ash Pt. Drive and hook the septic into the town office system with water also coming from the office. The location has not changed. There will be two double doors at the back of the building and the roof will be a 9 or 12 ft. pitch. Also there will be the required handicap requirements with attic access for storage. The electrical will be \$14,000 plus to add power. When the project is ready to go the plans will be put out to bid. Rod Weeks asked if the committee would have some say with the final project. John should have the memorandum of understanding for the town to review and sign with the Historical Society also to preview and to sign with the initial plan and specifications to meet the deadline of 90 days.

Fred Newcomb said that this is a town project with the historical committee to raise the money and give it to the town for completion of the building. He also suggested that the pages be initialed by everyone so that there is no discrepancy. This is a town project with input from the Committee.

Gordon Page made a motion to await the memo of understanding to be prepared by Fred Newcomb for the meeting on December 16th. Seconded by Tom Von Malder.
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The bill was presented for Fred Newcomb's work. Who should pay it? Gordon Page suggested that the bill be put on hold until the bill of Atty. Newcomb is complete after the preparation of the memo of understanding. The Historical Society has little money now. They are waiting for the memo of understanding to be accepted and then will pursue the fund raising for the building.

SNO FARM: Tiffany Fifield presented her case regarding the estate matters of her father. She and her friends and Joel have been here from Kingfield, working on the place in regard to getting the buildings demolished. They are making progress but cannot get contractors to demolish the buildings until mid or late December. She is hoping to continue with the project. Tiffany suggested that she had a deed from her uncle, Peter Fifield, to be recorded and she will then be the sole owner. She had gone to the Registrar of Deeds and could not record it because they had suggested the transfer fee would be \$500.00 and she did not have the money. Fred Newcomb suggested that for \$22.00 she could record the deed. She said that they have been sorting and Fire Chief Frank Ross has been very helpful.

Tiffany also asked if she could get a reassessment of the property. The selectmen said that it would need to be done by April 1st in order to just value the land.

Tom Von Malder made a motion for extension to the end of January, 2020, for the final demolition of all buildings with final cleanup to be done by March, 2020 . Seconded by Gordon Page.

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COOPERS BEACH ROAD: Tom Von Malder made a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance to 1 M..R.S.A. Section 405 (6) (E) at 4:40 P.M. Back in session at 5:05 P.M.

DUBLIN ROAD: Question regarding the two piles of tires at the property. How should it proceed? Tom Von Malder requested that Pam call the project manager at Gartley & Dorski to see if the tire removal was part of the proposal. Linda Post asked how to handle the sale of the property after all cleaned up. She knows of two people who have inquired about it. Will be discussed later.

STUMP DUMP: Paul Rosen discussed with the selectmen the fact that he was interested in saving the town some money. Since the dump charges and hauling charges amount approximately \$28,000 to \$29,000 per year, he suggested that if the town bought a backhoe so that the material could be crushed the town could probably save up to \$15,000 per year. A backhoe would cost somewhere around \$20,000 or \$25,000 and would certainly save the town money in the long run. Frank Ross suggested that a mini excavator might be more help-ful. Frank will look into the matter as manager of the stump dump. He now makes about 15 trips a year at \$100.00 per time to take care of some removal.

FRANK ROSS: Gordon Page asked Frank about the alert system at the Fire Department. He asked if Frank was a volunteer or an employee of Owls Head? Frank stated that he was an employee of the Town.

Gordon Page asked what certification Frank had as a Fire Fighter II. Frank suggested that he had certification. He also asked if Frank had NIMS training as required. Frank said yes that they had been to Knox County EMA Dept for the training. Also concernng the Emergency OPS plan and Frank suggested he will follow up on whether it had been updated since 2009. He thought it had been updated in 2019.

Gordon Page suggested that it was impressive that the fire department volunteers were 20% female. He asked if the Fire Dept. had sexual harrassment training and were the women able to sit in on the training. Frank said yes they had such training.

Gordon Page asked concerning the Assistant Chief if he was qualified to be a fireman. Frank Ross suggested that yes he had been trained and was competent. It was suggested that the level of training of all firefighters should be improved. Gordon Page said that the challenge would be train, train, train.

A question was asked concerning the light bulbs for downstairs. They are waiting to hear back from Adra Lovely. Frank will contact Adra to see what is happening.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Gordon Page made a motion to accept the schedule as submitted by the Town Clerk. Linda Post seconded.

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Liquor License was submitted for signature for the Owls Head Transportation Museum for Dec. 14th from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. Upon Motion by Gordon Page the Liquor License was approved and signed. Linda Post seconded.

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Chief Frank Ross' pay was discussed and his five year contract stated how he should be paid. So Chief Ross will be paid as per contract.

APPROVE AND SIGN MUNICIPAL WARRANT: Linda Post made a motion to approve the warrant. Seconded by Gordon Page.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M. by motion made by Gordon Page and seconded by Linda Post.

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