



Minutes
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 02, 2020

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas Von Malder called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Also present was selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Post, Fredrick Newcomb, Dick Carver, David Matthews, Lynn Chaplin, Marty Shaw, Caroline Michalski, Deanna Michalski, Jamie Hopkins, and Joe Ronco.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

4:01 pm Motion: Linda makes a motion to accept the minutes for March 2, 2020. Gordon seconds that motion.

OLD BUSINESS: A letter sent from attorney Fredrick Newcomb was addressed regarding the replacement of a fire truck. Mr. Newcomb says it is in the town's best interest to have a special town meeting with the amount of money being exchanged. The decision was made to schedule a tentative Special Town Meeting for March 16, 2020, at 6 PM. Mussel Ridge Historical Society (MRHS) member Dave Matthews sent an e-mail regarding the new building. Chairman Tom Von Malder had some concerns so he forwarded that letter to our attorney Mr. Newcomb for review. Dave Matthews said when the MRHS began the fundraising process for the proposed building, the question was asked: "who is responsible for paying the bills as they accrued overtime before the construction began?" The committee is currently holding a bill from the architect that has gone unpaid. MRHS members want to know if they were responsible to pay this current bill with monies raised from fundraising or should the town make the payment with monies given to them from the fundraising. Chairman Von Malder says it is MRHS' responsibility to pay the architect. Attorney Newcomb states that the town has zero financial obligations. Marty Shaw says the committee had no question about that, they were just wondering if a bill being paid for the project should come from the town even though the money comes from the committee and was given to the

town? Attorney Newcomb says that MRHS can spend the fundraising monies in any way they see fit. Selectmen Page asks if it would not be appropriate for MRHS to phase funding into the town for the purpose of the town writing those checks? Attorney Newcomb says he does not believe that to be a good idea. The town does not want to be held accountable for the fundraising funds. David Matthews says they understand that the building is going to belong to the town and that the town will be the one to sign the contract. He goes on to say that MRHS is willing to do the legwork of soliciting bids and doing all the pre-work then coming to the Selectmen with recommendations. Selectmen Post clarifies what David Matthews is trying to get across is that "does MRHS give the money to the town and the town writes the check?" Ms. Post said that it would be best to contact the auditors to see what is the best route. Attorney Newcomb says that because the construction of the building hasn't commenced, the town has no obligations to anybody for any expenses associated with the construction of this building. Mr. Matthews asks that as MRHS accrues bills associated with the project, they should go ahead and pay them with the funds already raised. Attorney Newcomb says that at this point, MRHS has no commitment to the town, it's their money to spend as they see needed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Rockland Rotary club would like to rent the community building free of charge to hold a baked bean supper fundraiser on May 16, 2020.

Motion: Linda makes a motion to waive the fee for the Rotary clubs supper and only require a refundable deposit. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

A potential home buyer would like to know if there is any kind of regulations to have family horses on the property. Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford says there is nothing he found to stop that from happening. Selectmen Post asks is there was any consideration for manure. The homeowner states that the manure would not affect any residential. Dick Carver mentions that certain lots have covenants on the lots itself. The Selectmen suggests checking with the Realtor for possible covenants.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dick Carver says that the National Park has awarded our extension and the state will be sending an agreement for the selectmen to sign.

ADJUSTMENTS: Bid from Dale Beal for the change of the lighting at the Town Office to LED. Chairman Tom Von Malder asked that it be put with the budget material for next year's budget.

OTHER BUSINESS: Selectmen Gordon Page expresses his concerns about the town library closing.

APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT:

4:56 pm Motion: Linda makes a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

4:57 pm Motion: Linda makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gordon seconds that motion.

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed