



OWLS HEAD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
May 18, 2020 Minutes
Zoom Meeting (COVID 19)

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 4:02 pm Chairman Thomas Von Malder calls the meeting to order. Also present were Selectman Linda Post and Gordon Page, Fire Chief Frank Ross, Richard Carver, Tom Lindahl, Susan Wilson, Bob Hirsch, Eliot Scott, Sherry Stanley, Stephen Betts, Lynn Chaplin, and Anthony Prest.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MOTION: 4:03 pm Selectman Gordon Page makes a motion to approve the minutes for May 4, 2020. Selectman Linda Post seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

OLD BUSINESS:

The opening of bids for 357 Dublin Rd was first. - Accessed value \$59,980.

- Bid #1 in the amount of \$20,050 with contingencies. Chairman Thomas Von Malder states that no decisions will be made until the next meeting on June 1, 2020.

Bids for 20 Owls Head Ln is second. Accessed value \$100,550.

- Bid #1 in the amount of \$15,000 “as is”
- Bid #2 in the amount of \$15,001 with contingencies
- Bid #3 in the amount of \$5000
- Bid #4 in the amount of \$24,000 with contingencies
- Bid #5 in the amount of \$65,000 with contingencies
- Bid #6 in the amount of \$37,510
- Bid #7 in the amount of \$23,500

Von Malder suggests to not accept the Dublin Rd bid and contact a real estate agent involved. Linda Post suggests the person who made a bid make a counteroffer. Gordon Page agrees with Von Malder to get a professional to market it broader. Tom Lindahl states he is willing to make a larger counteroffer, he just does not have that kind of money laying around. Linda says that the Dublin Rd is much cleaner than the Owls Head property. She reports that anything that is contingent on a title search we would want to reject. States a lot is owed on Owls Head Ln and

there is a 5-year window that no one can do anything. The town cannot give a clear title, we give a Municipal Quitclaim Deed without covenants and that would be all. Sherry Stanley states she did do a title search, but she would like to have her lawyer investigate it and can possibly work with us on that. Ms. Stanley would like to be given a week to do more research. Page states that because he is not a realtor, he would not be able to speak intelligently with regards to the pitfalls that may come from this time of situation. He is in favor of the bid numbers and would certainly bid in favor. Richard Carver cautions that no bids be accepted until the selectmen have had a chance to discuss it further. Thomas Von Malder gives Linda Post the go-ahead and contact realtors. Page advises Stanley to hold off until the selectmen officially accept the bid.

Town Clerk Susan Wilson is present to ask if we can open the town office on June 1, 2020, with restrictions. Selectmen Page asks that she do some research as to the official number of people allowed to gather as of June 1st, 2020.

Ken Wexler is present with an update on approval of the Interlocal agreement. The current agreement expires in June 2021. The county feels that we cannot approve this at a special town meeting it has to go forward and be approved at a regular town meeting which may be in Aug or Sept 2020. He disagrees with the county. The Airport Committees plans to have suggestions for the revision to what the county presents. The agreement they are given us is watered down. The good news is the county is willing to come up with a new agreement, we just need to see that it is favorable to the town. Page asks if the airport committee has had a chance to come together to make comments to offer thought to the different aspects to the agreement. Mr. Wexler states that they have, and he plans on writing them up and present them at the next meeting. Page would like him to include all individuals included in gathering the information.

General parking ordinance is discussed. Selectmen Page requests to have the names of the individuals removed and only authorize the positions for the minutes back in 2010. Fire Chief Ross states he is comfortable with continuing.

MOTION: 4:37 Gordon makes a motion to alter the directive from the board of selectmen to rename the fire chief and harbormaster authorized to take action with any cars parked in designated no parking zones. Motion is amended by Selectmen Page to any authority that is given to these individual positions by the select board as per the current orders.

Selectman Linda Post seconds that motion. Vote passes 3-0 all in favor.

Morton Salt won with the bid amount of \$52.75 per ton.

Sand Bid Results: FY 2019-2020

D.R Flagg & Son Trucking Co. Inc won with the bid amount of \$37,500

Health Officer Eliot Scott updates the board about the current COVID-19 pandemic. As of date, he states nothing new to report, other than the what the CDC has reported. Maine has had no

change in the amount of new cases or recoveries. They are about even he states. Also, the state is no longer doing priority testing, testing is now available to all who are suspected of having the Coronavirus. Stats to date for Knox County are 20 confirmed cases, 17 recovered and 2 hospitalizations. He states the importance of following the CDC's rules. He asks what is to happen if people coming in from out of state are not following the governor's 14-day quarantine regulations. Von Malder states that it will have to fall on the Knox County Sheriff's Department.

Bob Hirsch from the budget committee asks if there had been any updates on the negotiation letter that was sent out to the Rockland EMS Ambulance Agreement. Gordon Page states that the city of Rockland is currently in their budget process with meetings twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays. He does not believe that any discussion on their fire department EMS budget. He also says that he was speaking with Peter Orne from RSU 13, and Mr. Orne states they are putting their numbers together and the pressures they are under. MMA says to expect major shortfalls from the state. Hirsh states that because Knox County is the second largest line item after RSU, we should register present with them and ask for no county tax increase. A scheduled budget meeting date has not been set at this time.

Town Clerk Susan Wilson asks to approve the opening of the Town Office beginning June 01, 2020, restrictions will be posted per the governor's executive orders. Approval was given.

APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT:

4:57 pm Motion: Linda makes a motion to approve the warrants unless there is one, they have one they are uncomfortable with, they will pull that one. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

4:59 pm Motion: Gordon makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconds that motion.

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed