



**OWLS HEAD**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**June 15, 2020 Minutes**

**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, Richard Carver, Lynn Chaplin, David Eaton, and Dale Martin.

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MOTION:**

**Gordon makes a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's meeting on June 1, 2020, as corrected. Linda seconds that motion**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion about scheduling the town meeting resulted in tentatively scheduling in for August 31, 2020, at 6 pm pending the ability to hold it in a hangar at the Owls Head Airport.

An e-mail was sent by Andrew Hart regarding the Interlocal Agreement. In the e-mail, he stated that the changes that were requested no longer exist from when it was first formed 20 years ago. Selectmen Page says he spoke with Mr. Hart after the last Selectmen's meeting and Mr. Hart stated that the county has no obligation to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the town and according to him, there is no other County in the State of Maine that currently have an Interlocal Agreement with the host community. Information that Ken Wexler provided on his behalf and the Owls Head Airport Committee, Andy Hart thought that there were certain recommendations that would not fly with the FAA. Lynn Chaplin spoke on behalf of the committee stating that she understands that the County has no obligation to do that, in fact, the first offer seemed like it would help them to back something up in court by giving Owls Head the ability to have any input but to only suggests things, there was absolutely no authority to the town. Ms. Chaplin asks the question, "why do we have an agreement if we have no leg to stand on." Mr. Page says the agreement in force now talks about the abilities to do certain things as reasonability necessary to comply with the directive regulation requirement directed by the FAA. The committee scratched that part of the agreement, and instead inserted, and then with only full agreement with the town. Ms. Chaplin states that the first agreement was an offer, the second was a counteroffer and then they would gather to negotiate. A meeting has been set up by the county on July 14, 2020, and all three selectmen will be present, also Ms. Chaplin was advised to have the Airport Committee attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The announcement was made that our Assessor Tom Edwards has retired a year earlier than expected. The office staff was given the go-ahead and temporarily hire an Assessor, Amy Dunn to start beginning July 1, 2020.

**4:40 pm Motion: Gordon makes a motion that we temporarily employ, Amy Dunn as the town's Assessors Agent through the end of September.**

**Linda seconds that motion.**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

A quit claim deed needs to be signed for 20 Owls Head Ln. The property was sold at the last meeting. Clerk Susan Wilson asks if we need to include \$174 in the transfer tax. The Selectmen are ok with that being included.

Signature is needed for the Certificate of Substantial Completion by JBI for the work done at the Richard Carver harbor park waterfront project.

**4:46 pm Motion: Linda makes a motion to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the harbor project. Gordon seconds that motion.**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

Selectman Page asks Dick Carver if he is satisfied with the progress. Mr. Carver says that JBI did a great job and even did a little extra work for us. He hopes that Prock can complete their work before Christmas.

Chairman Von Malder mentioned an e-mail sent regarding work done on Lighthouse Rd. Mr. Page did respond to the lady but has not heard back from her.

He asked the Road Commissioner, William Leppanen, if there was road work being done on the road and his response was yes. Page then explained to Bill the complaint that they received, at which point the road commissioner stated he would investigate it.

Bill states that there was a point in time that their heavy equipment had to be on Garthannon Rd which is a private road.

A warrant and notice of elections from the Regional School District 13 budget were signed with duress. The town of Owls Head will have an increase of nearly \$185,000 more with its annual share rising to \$3.58 million.

A vacation request from Town Clerk Susan Wilson was presented.

**4:55 pm Motion: Gordon makes a motion to approve the requested vacation for the Town Clerk, 2 out of the 3 weeks that she is due.**

**Linda seconds that motion.**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

A request to find volunteers to remove the old picnic tables and town signs. Selectmen Post would like Susan Wilson to ask Terry if he would like to do it.

David Eaton comes forward requesting to purchase the property on Dublin Rd. He offers the town \$45,000 with a contingency that the zoning be changed to commercial. He is interested in putting his landscaping company or using it adjacent to his kennel across the street. Post mentions that a public hearing would need to happen before the town meeting. Page says that a request for soil testing gets done at the last meeting, it would be premature to accept his offer without knowing those results.

**APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT:**

**5:15 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:**

**5:16 pm Motion: Gordon makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconds that motion.**

**Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed**