



**OWLS HEAD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes
August 17, 2020 @ 4 pm**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

4:00 pm Chairman Thomas Von Malder called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Present were selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page. Also presented are Lauren Swartzbaugh, Richard Strong, Bill Leppanen, Frank Ross, Dale Martin, Alan Marriner, Joella Marriner, Lynn Chaplin, Greg McElroy, Airport Manager Jeremy Shaw, Richard Carver, Ken Wexler, Sherry Stanley, Bradley Nystrom, Camrynne Jones, Michael Mullins, and Marci Annis Casas.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MOTION: 4:04 pm Gordon makes a motion to accept the minutes for August 17, 2020, as amended. Linda seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

OLD BUSINESS: Ken Wexler talks about the Interlocal agreement and some changes the Owls Head Airport Committee would like to suggest. On page 1, paragraph 2A, they would like to suggest that the word consultation be replaced with the word agreement. Also, in paragraph 2A, about the boundaries, the current agreement states depicted in the most current Airport Master Plan, the airport master plan is changed quite frequently, the committee thought the wording would be that the map is attached to the current Interlocal Agreement. The committee would like to clarify what the boundaries are. There is a map attached to the back of the current Interlocal Agreement. 2B, the second line from the bottom, the committee would like to delete the wording with the directive regulation, requirement, or recommendation by the FAA, and substitute it with a written directive from the FAA. Wexler states that if the FAA says in writing that this is done for FAA reasons, the committee thinks that is stronger than just a simple recommendation from the FAA. 2D. The Town will allow an Airport representative to part of any Land Use Ordinance amendment or Comprehensive Plan Committee. Wexler asks, “why would the committee want an airport representative on a town committee.” The meetings are open and public, and they are welcome to come in and listen if they want. He states that the only people allowed to vote are the taxpayers and residents of Owls Head. Wexler said he took it that the FAA said at the meeting that what they control the airspace and what they control on the land is spelled out in the deed, he disagrees given the FAA full control in the matter, the town should have some say. 3G, the paragraph states that the Interlocal Agreement shall be approved by each party’s legislative body. Wexler states that the committee is unaware of who the legislative body may be. Selectmen Linda Post states that the Selectmen and the County Commissioners are considered the legislative body. Wexler would like to tighten up exactly what the FAA can direct the town to do. And to make sure we are all in line as to the bound-

aries. Post says that she thinks it would be helpful to have a representative on the board, so they can give some input. Selectmen Page also agrees that it would be appropriate for the airport to appoint someone to have a seat on the board but not be able to vote. Wexler states that the six bodied committees decide then tells the county and the selectmen accordingly. Both Page and Post speak up to say that the committee can advise, not tell them what to do. Wexler suggests that we present the county with the draft and not make them guess.

Lynn Chaplin asks for clarification on line 3C, upon submission by the Knox County Commissioners, the Joint Board shall review any proposed expansion of the Airport under paragraphs 2a and 2b above. After notice and a public hearing, the Joint Board shall take a public vote on whether to recommend the proposed expansion of the Airport to the Knox County Commissioners. Is the town going to have a special town meeting, Chaplin asks? She states that the way that it is written, she is not sure if the Joint Board was a public hearing or do the citizens have a chance to state what it is, they want or do not want.

Wexler updates the selectmen on Phase 1 of the hanger project. The project, when completed, would allow for up to 33 hangers between Ash Point Rd and the current airport. He states that the county does not build the structures, the county does the infrastructure which is mainly the paving. Anything else would ultimately be up to the hanger owners, but the sites will be prepared for the hanger owners. Wexler states that he just wanted to let the selectmen know that this plan has come before the planning board. There have not been any approvals yet. He provided the selectmen with some photos of the designs. Airport Manager Jeremy Shaw says he understands the changes that are needed, some he has no issue with, and there some that the FAA will not agree with, but that is part of the process to agree upon prior to sending the Interlocal Agreement to FAA.

Sherry Stanley updates the Selectmen on her progress on purchasing 20 Owls Head Ln. She states that just prior to the meeting, received an e-mail for her attorney. She has not had time to view it. She believes that she is all cleared for the loan from the bank, she believes there may be a glitch with DHHS. The Selectmen gave her a 30-day grace to complete the purchase, otherwise they will need to put it out to bid again. Resident Alan Marriner states he made a bid for \$20,000 as is and feels that whoever made a guaranteed bid should be allowed to purchase. Chairman Von Malder states that he is unable to see a bid for \$20,000 and Mr. Marriner states he put in a bid for \$20,000. Selectman Page points out that he is only seeing a bid for \$15,000 as is. Von Malder brings up the point that there were 3 other bids better than the bid Marriner put in. Selectmen Post states that we will go through the audio for the correct bids that were made through our Zoom meeting held on May 18, 2020. Marriner expresses his frustration with how the Selectmen handled the bidding process, he states there should have been a deadline. If Ms. Stanley has not completed the purchase by September 08, 2020, 20 Owls Head Ln will be offered to the next highest bidders.

Dale Martin, the Broker for the sale of 371 Dublin Rd updates the Selectmen on the offer for the property. Nancy and Mark Nystrom have made an offer in the amount of \$52,000. The selectmen would like clarification that the buyers are not interested in making the property commercial. Nancy Nystrom states that the property will be for residential use.

MOTION: 4:40pm Linda makes a motion to accept the purchase and sale agreement bid from Nancy, Bradford and Mark Nystrom, the only change is that it be conveyed that it will be changed to a quit claim deed, in the amount of \$52,000. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Concerned residents from Crescent Beach Road would like to know what can get done with the parking during the summertime. Road Commissioner Bill Leppanen said he spoke with some residents about the problem and he is not sure what the cure may be. Visitors are parking on the right side of the road so if they leave enough room for emergency vehicles to get past, not sure of any other solutions. He states that anyone who moved onto a road named Crescent Beach should expect beach traffic. Selectmen Post says there are signs posted saying not to park between signs or they could get towed. Fire Chief Ross says that if the resident called him, he could go down and tow them, but he is not always around to do so. Selectmen Page would like to know if the beach is public. Ross states it is a public landing, not a public beach. Resident Louise Duffy Betz expresses her concern with the overwhelming traffic and the children. She is overly concerned with a child being hit and would like the selectmen to have more signage installed, so she has come to them for help. Selectman Page asks the Road Commissioner and Fire Chief if stripping may be an option. Mr. Leppanen states that it is doable, but people would be parking on the resident's lawns. Richard Carver says he believes the town is only responsible for the right of way and to the high tide mark. He thinks a person of private interest should determine what the rights are to the public. Selectman Page requests that the Secretary, Eleanor Stone reach out to MMA, Maine Municipal Association, to find out if the beach is private or public and what rights does the town have.

NEW BUSINESS:

Selectman Post would like to see another sign in the area banning fireworks. Chairman Von Malder says he thinks that residents will still ignore the signs. Selectman Page recommends having an insert added to the upcoming tax bills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Mullin is running for the House of Representative in Augusta for Owls Head and Rockland and introduces himself.

Richard Carver lets the Selectmen know that there is a problem with overnight parking down to the harbor. He presents the Selectmen with the parking ordinance for Owls Head that states that if someone is to park without a permit, they will get towed. His solution is that if there happens that a vehicle gets towed; a standardized letter be written letting them know that their car was towed. Mr. Carver says that he is willing to write up such a letter and submit for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT:

MOTION: 6:39 pm Gordon makes a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Linda seconds the motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

MOTION: 6:40 pm Gordon makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconds the motion.

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed