



**OWLS HEAD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
Minutes  
November 16, 2020 @ 4 pm**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

**4:00 pm** Chairman Thomas Von Malder calls the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Present were Selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page. Also present are Lynn Chaplin, William George, Mr. Lussier, Richard Carver, Katheryn DerMarderosian, and Airport Manager Jeremy Shaw.

**ASSESSORS AGENT:**

Assessors Agent Amy Dunn presents the Selectmen with a supplemental bill request.

**MOTION: 4:02 pm Linda makes a motion to approve the supplemental assessment request in the amount of \$597.00 for account number 1455, Map/Lot 010-004-001. Gordon seconds the motion.**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

No minutes to approve at this time, they will be approved at a future meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The rep from CMP did not show for the meeting. Chairman Von Malder decided to table the discussion until further notice.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Code Enforcement Officer presents the Selectmen with bids for a piece of property on South Shore Dr. The Small Community Grant is being funded by the State for a new septic system.

- Ford Enterprises: \$22,900
- Dube's Construction: \$22,498
- Wilson Construction: \$15,495
- Bill Grierson Excavation: \$16,250

Wilson Construction in the amount of \$15,495 wins with the lowest bid.

**MOTION: 4:06 Gordon makes a motion to accept the bid from Wilson Construction, South Thomaston in the amount of \$15,495. Linda seconds the motion.**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

Owls Head Airport Committee Member Ken Wexler states he spoke with the Owls Head Airport Manager, Jeremy Shaw regarding a piece of property on Benner Lane that was

mentioned at a previous meeting, Wexler feels that no discussion is needed at this time with the Selectmen.

Approval of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 30, 2020. Selectmen Post states she would like to postpone the meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on how many are allowed attend.

Bill George suggests compromising with the town and have a gathering to go over the Interlocal Agreement piece by piece to give the residents a better understanding of what it all means. Chairman Von Malder feels that it is becoming too dangerous to hold public meetings at this time of the pandemic and states it is his opinion to begin holding all meetings via ZOOM and therefore the town would not be able to hold a town meeting under that format. Selectman Page feels that holding another public hearing like the previous meeting where one person dominated over 75% of the meeting with no regards to anyone else, would need to be better controlled. He states that the lack respect towards the County Commissioner Andrew Hart's ability to speak was unfair. He does not believe a second public hearing would accomplish anything more than what they, the Selectmen, already have done. Selectmen Page states that the selectmen have done their job with help from the town's lawyers, and now it is in the hands of the towns people.

Chairman Von Malder asks Airport Manager Jeremy Shaw if there was any chance that a representative from the FAA could make the meeting, at which Jeremy Shaw states, he cannot speak for the FAA but because most are working from home due to COVID-19, he highly doubts that they would attend a meeting.

Katheryn DerMarderosian states she would like to have some clarified statements prior to another meeting. She feels if people were more informed, it would cut down on the frustration and a meeting would go forward smoother.

Mr. Lussier says he spent 3 hours studying the newest Interlocal Agreement. He believes that if the town wants an agreement that allows the airport to grow beyond their existing boundaries, then the new Interlocal Agreement is designed for that.

Ken Wexler says the town should go to the County and ask for a ninety-day extension, so they can regroup and rewrite the Local Agreement. Chairman Von Malder then asks Mr. Lussier if he would be willing to rewrite it. Mr. Lussier says he would love to but would need to meet with the Selectmen and the towns people to better understand the goals for all parties involved.

Airport Manager Jeremy Shaw states that the FAA can not come in and state that they want larger airplanes, so you need to expand your runway. He states the airport has a pavement classification number to avoid larger planes from landing. Selectmen Page clarifies that the FAA does not state who can land at Knox County but rather the airport that makes that decision.

**MOTION: Linda makes a motion to approve the warrant for the special town meeting being held on November 30, 2020. Gordon seconds that motion.**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

A discussion about having the Selectboard meetings via ZOOM is had. Selectman Page says he was the one in charge of the ZOOM meetings in the beginning and feels that it should be the responsibility of the staff rather than himself. Chairman Von Malder would prefer to go to ZOOM for the months of December and January then see how the pandemic has progressed by then.

**MOTION: Chairman Von Malder makes a motion that the Selectboard meetings be held via ZOOM for the months of December and January. No one seconds the motion.  
VOTE 1 in favor – 2 opposed**

**ADJUSTMENTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT:**

**MOTION: 5:34 pm Linda makes a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Gordon seconds the motion.**

**VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed**

**ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

**MOTION: 5:34 pm Gordon makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Linda seconds the motion.**

**Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed**