



**OWLS HEAD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes
September 21, 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 present Frank Ross, Lynn Chaplin, Richard Carver, Ken Wexler, William George, Steven Hallett, Tom & Linda Christie, Assessor Agent Amy Dunn, and Secretary Eleanor Stone.

ASSESSORS AGENT:

Assessors Agent Amy Dunn presents the Selectmen with supplemental bills and abatements. One supplemental bill is for a resident who had received two homestead exemptions for two different pieces of property. Second is an abatement and supplement for a resident who sold the property, and the third is abatement and supplemental for a property that was adjoined.

MOTION: 4:02pm Linda makes a motion to supplement the tax for Alan and Diane Drinkwater map/lot 006-003-003 in the amount of \$25,000 because they had the homestead exemption on two properties. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

MOTION: 4:04pm Gordon makes a motion on behalf of Robert and Kathleen Pratt map/lot 007-024, abatement for their second account in the amount of \$402 and a supplement in the amount of \$26. Linda seconds that motion

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

MOTION: 4:08pm Linda makes a motion that we abate the property for Irene Antoniou, map/ lot 002-066 in the amount of \$2,861.28 she sold that property to the Pietroski's. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

MOTION: 4:08pm Linda makes a motion that we abate the Pietroski's map/lot 002-066, total tax amount of \$2,861.28. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

MOTION: 4:09pm Linda makes a motion that we exit as Assessors and enter the Selectmen meeting. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: MOTION: 4:12pm Gordon makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented for meeting on September 08, 2020. Linda seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

OLD BUSINESS:

At the last meeting, Chief Ross was asked to gather information about the policies other communities may have regarding charging for false alarms. He states he contacted the Knox County Fire Chief and they stated that they have no policy in place for Knox County. Captain Steven Hallett states that the Town of Rockport has many false alarms between the Samoset, Pen Bay, Quarry Hill, and various other nursing homes in the area, and they have not considered charging. He goes on to say that Rockland has not considered charging for false fire alarms, however, the police department has considered charging for false burglar alarms. His theory is that a fire alarm gives the fire department time to get on the road and get to the fire. His problem with charging for false alarms is that we would set precedence with residents, that if you have an alarm system and have a false alarm, we are going to charge you for that call. He is concerned that people will not put those kinds of systems or even disconnect the systems already in place. He states that false alarms are good training exercises for the department.

Bill George states that after some research on the matter, he believes that if a fine was placed, it would give the owners some incentive to have the problem fixed, then taxpayers money would not go to waste. Selectman Page believes the issue needs to be resolved. Although he agrees with Captain Hallett that false alarms are good training, it is also costly and not a budgeted item. The Selectmen agree that any false alarm calls will be dealt with directly through the homeowners and fines will not be set at this time.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Charles Betz and Helen Duffy regarding the Chamber of Commerce advertising that Crescent Beach is the best spot to visit. Selectman Page is going to talk with the Executive Director of the Chamber to see what can happen to remove any articles about Crescent Beach. Chairman Tom Von Malder asks Secretary Eleanor Stone to draft a letter to the Betz's informing them that the selectmen are currently working towards a resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: 4:27pm Gordon makes a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation from John Ware and Richard Matlack from the Conservation Committee. Linda seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Selectman Page states that the current Health Officer Elliot Scot has resigned and ask Fire Chief Ross if he is aware of anyone in the department who may want to step up and take the position of Health Officer. Captain Hallett asks what the qualification are. Selectman Post states there are some state requirements. Mr. Hallett was informed to see Town Clerk Susan Wilson for all information.

MOTION: 4:30pm Gordon makes a motion to approve the list as presented, the memo dated September 21, 2020 for the appointments of members to the various committees. Linda seconds that motion

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

MOTION: 4:31pm Gordon makes a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation by Elliot Scott as Health Officer. Linda seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

MOTION: 4:33pm Gordon makes a motion to appoint Steven Skip Hallett as the Health Officer for a 3-year term, expiring September 2023. Linda seconds that motion

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Signatures are required for the disbursement policy regarding the disbursement warrants for employee wages and benefits.

MOTION: Linda makes a motion to approve the disbursement policy regarding the disbursement warrants for employee wages and benefits for the upcoming year.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Signatures are required for the General Assistance Ordinance for year 2020-2021.

MOTION: 4:35pm Linda makes a motion to approve the General Assistance Ordinance for year 2020-2021. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

MOTION: 4:38pm Gordon makes a motion to adjourn from the Selectmen meeting and enter Executive Session 1M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A), Personal.

MOTION: 5:09pm Linda makes a motion to exit the prior Executive Session. Gordon seconds that motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

MOTION: 4:55pm Gordon makes a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(E), regarding the town's legal rights and obligations. Linda seconds that motion.

MOTION: 5:37pm Tom makes a motion to exit the Executive Session. Both Gordon and Linda so move.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Chairman Von Malder states that the amended Interlocal Agreement will be added to the agenda for the meeting on October 5, 2020.

ADJUSTMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OTHER BUSINESS:

APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT: MOTION: 5:41pm Gordon makes a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Linda seconds the motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

ADJOURN THE MEETING: 5:42pm Gordon makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Linda seconds the motion.

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed