



# **OWLS HEAD SELECT BOARD**

## **Minutes**

### **September 07, 2021 @ 4pm**

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#### **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**4:00 pm** Chair Thomas Von Malder calls the meeting to order. Also, present Select Persons Linda Post and Gordon Page. Also present were, Michael VonCannon, Kathryn DerMarderosian, Russ Wolfertz, Lynn Chaplin, Bill George, Frank Ross, Lauren Dillard, Paul Rosen, Lauren Swartzbaugh, Maria Devery, James Devery, John Walker, Jeff Smith and recording Secretary, Eleanor Stone.

#### **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION: 4:02 pm** Gordon makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended for the meeting held on Aug 16, 2021. Linda seconds the motion.

*Vote passes 3-0*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Owls Head Fire Chief Frank Ross is asked for a quarterly update for the Owls Head Fire Department. Ross states that the department is still training and doing monthly truck checks. They are no longer assisting Rockland with any calls due to the COVID-19 case increase. (see attached report)

Treasure Pam Curtis requests permission to set up a savings account for the Cemetery Committee. She states that she has saving accounts already for the Conservation Committee, and the Kitchen Committee. Curtis says that because they are raising money and it makes it easier. It would save some money by not having to buy checks, she can have the checks cut when she goes to the banks.

**MOTION: 4:40 pm** Linda makes a motion to set up a savings account for the Cemetery Committee for their projects. Gordon seconds that motion.

*Vote passes 3-0*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Russell Wolfertz explains the postage receipts regarding the letters sent out by the Planning Board informing the town about the Public Hearing.

**MOTION: Gordon** makes a motion to reimburse Russell Wolfertz for postage in the amount of \$179.90 with the understanding that it is his intent to return that money back to the town. Linda seconds that motion.

*Vote passes 3-0*

**MOTION: Linda** makes a motion to elect Gordon Page as the new Chair for the Owls Head Select Board. Gordon seconds that motion.

*Vote passes 2-0* Thomas Von Malder abstains

**MOTION: Linda makes a motion to approve and sign the General Assistance Ordinance for 2021-2022. Thomas Von Malder seconds that motion.**

**Vote passes 3-0**

**MOTION: Linda makes a motion to approve the committee members presented by Town Clerk Susan Wilson with the exception of one, pending a discussion with Sherry Stanley about the mask mandate. She will be added to the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.**

**Vote passes 2-0 Thomas Von Malder abstains**

**MOTION: Linda makes a motion to approve a refund to James Shaw in the amount of \$67.30 for an overpayment when paying his excise tax. Thomas Von Malder seconds that motion.**

**Vote passes 3-0**

**MOTION: Linda makes a motion to approve the expenditure of \$100 for services rendered as moderator at the annual town meeting held on Aug 30, 2021 to Mike Mayo. Thomas Von Malder seconds that motion.**

**Vote passes 3-0**

Katheryn Dermarderosian, Chair for the Conservation Committee informs the Select Board about a piece of property adjacent the Plaisted Preserve that has recently gone on the market. Any development on Map 11-037-001 would really impose negatively on the preserve, she says. She adds that the land has a significant amount of wetland which makes it valuable to the preserve. The sellers of the property approached the committee about selling but have put it on the market as a secondary choice. There is much interest in the property for people looking to purchase in Owls Head. The owners are not in a place to donate but would like to give the committee first refusal. The purchase of this property would not cost the town any money, rather the monies would come from grants, and donations.

The Conservation Committee would like permission from the Select Board to go forward with the project gaining funds. With Select Board approval, the sellers would take the property off the market for one month. The committee would offer the sellers, \$120,000.

**MOTION: Thomas Von Malder gives permission for the Conservation Committee to proceed with the potential purchase of the property adjacent Plaisted Preserve. Linda seconds that motion.**

**Vote passes 3-0**

Resident Lynn Chaplin asks what the percentage is of non-taxable property's in Owls Head at this time. Budget member Bill George say that it is approximately 30% but would like to defer this discussion until Budget Chair, Bob Hirsch can clarify. Chair Gordon Page asks that the town assessor, Amy Dunn be invited to the next Select Board meeting with those figures.

A FOAA was received at the town office on 09-03-2021. Secretary Eleanor Stone would like guidance regarding the request. Chair Gordon Page states that this FOAA is a duplicate of an FOAA that was completed not too long ago regarding the Airport. An acknowledgement of the letter was given on September 20, 2021 with advice from the Attorney Ben McCall.

Currently the office is down by one team member due to a medical problem. Select Person Linda Post recommends hiring someone to do the current FOAA. Chair Gordon Page states that it is his opinion that little to none of the request has to do with the town but more through the County.

## **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Linda Post recommends using the sandwich boards to advertise all of the town's monthly meetings.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT**

**MOTION: 5:30 pm Linda makes a motion to approve and sign the warrants as presented. Tom seconds the motion.**

***Vote passes 3-0***

### **ADJOURN THE MEETING**

**MOTION: 5:31 pm Linda makes a motion to adjourn. Tom seconds the motion.**

***Vote passes 3-0***