



OWLS HEAD SELECT BOARD

Minutes

December 20, 2021 @ 4pm

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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

4:00 pm Chair Gordon Page calls the meeting to order. Also, present are Select Persons Linda Post and Thomas Von Malder. Also present, Dick Carver, Marilyn Meserve, Nancy Wolfertz, Russel Wolfertz, Jeremy Shaw, Joe Siviski, Gregg Cohen, Maria Devery, Ken Wexler, Barbara Wexler, Tiffany Monroe, Lynn Chaplin, Brad Ketcher, Lauren Dillard, Paul Rosen, Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Bickford, Lauren Abbate with the Bangor Daily News, Pam Maus, Susan Page, Rodney Mason, Kerry Hadley, Maine State Representative, Valli Geiger, Lauren Swartzbaugh, John Greene, and recording Secretary Eleanor Stone.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: 4:01 pm Linda Post makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended for the meeting held on December 06, 2021. Tom Von Malder seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Residents, Richard Carver, and Pam Maus express their disappointment with the public comments being before the agenda items. They asked that it be moved back down to the bottom of the agenda, so they are able to speak about the matters on the current agenda.

RSU #13 Representative, Maria Devery updates the Select Board regarding RSU #13. Devery states that the teacher's contract is ending and new negotiations for a 3-year contract will begin in January 2022. She also mentions that bids have gone out for solar panels to be installed at that the Owls Head Community School as well as the Cushing School, and there has been talk about purchasing an electric school bus, which cost approximately \$380,000 compared to a regular school bus that cost approximately \$88,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: 4:51 pm Thomas Von Malder makes a motion to deny the request from Attorney Kristen Collins to have the two Planning Board members removed. Linda seconds that motion. Chair Gordon Page turns the gavel over to Select Board member Linda Post to read his statement.

Vote passes 3-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Town of Owls Head Tax Collector/Town Clerk, Susan Wilson, is recognized by Maine State Representative Valli Geiger for her 13 years of service for the town of Owls Head and Select Board Chair Gordon Page recognized Susan with a plaque from staff and all Select Board members who served during Susan's tenure.

Owls Head resident, Tiffany Monroe, requests sponsorship for any child of Owls Head who would like to play Little League/Softball. The registration cost would be \$30.

Linda Post states that the town received three applications for the Tax Collector/Town Clerk position, and they will be in contact with those three to set up interviews. Interviews will begin after the New Year.

Linda mentions that the Town of South Thomaston has sent out a letter to local businesses stating that any employees who continued work throughout the pandemic from March 2020 through June 30, 2021 would receive a stipend of up to \$.50 an hour from the American Rescue Plan money. Post says that she has passed along the information to Budget Committee members Bob Hirsch and Bill George. (see attached)

MOTION: 5:20 pm Linda Post makes motion to accept the resignation of Animal Control Officer, William Demmons, effective December 31, 2021. Thomas Von Malder seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0

MOTION: 5:22 pm Linda Post makes a motion sign the paperwork from the Secretary of State appointing Eleanor Stone as Interim Bureau of Motor Vehicle agent. Thomas Von Malder seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0

MOTION: 5:24 pm Thomas Von Malder makes a motion to give permission for the floats at Richard Carver Harbor Park be removed from the water. Linda Post seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT:

MOTION: 5:30 pm Thomas Von Malder makes a motion to approve and sign the warrants as presented. Linda Post seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0

MOTION: 5:33 pm Thomas Von Malder moves that the Select Board go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405[6][A] - To discuss a personnel matter. Linda Post seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0

6:03 pm Executive Session ends.

MOTION: 6:04 pm Thomas Von Malder makes a motion to appoint Eleanor Stone to be Interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector at the rate of \$19.50 effective Monday 20 December 2021. Linda Post seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

MOTION: 6:05 pm Linda Post makes a motion to adjourn. Thomas Von Malder seconds that motion.

Vote passes 3-0