



# Town of Turner, Maine

## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 1, 2016

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chairman Mr. Kurt Youland at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present were Mr. Ralph Caldwell, Mr. Steven Maheu, Mr. Kevin Nichols and Mr. Angelo Terreri. Town Manager Kurt Schaub, Rescue Chief Lisa Bennett, CEO Robert Boutin and Fire Chief Rodney Guptill were present along with residents Lisa Guptill, Jody Goodwin, Shelia Morris, Garret Grant, Eddie Morris and Joyce Moulin. Cindy Harthorne from the Sun-Journal was also present.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda**  
None
3. **Roadside Mowing Bid**  
Mr. Caldwell made a motion with a second by Mr. Terreri to accept the only Roadside Mowing bid received. It was from A Hood & Son Inc. in the amount of \$6,250. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Rescue Chief Report**  
Chief Bennett submitted a written report for review. During the month of July the department responded to 60 calls. There was discussion about the under budgeting of the Workers Comp account. The deficit put her over budget by approximately \$3,000. Ms. Bennett reported the new collection service, Thomas Agency, has actually started collecting past due accounts. The Maine Department of Labor conducted a workplace inspection at the Rescue Barn. The Rescue Chief has already addressed the following issues: installed eye-wash stations, checked fire extinguishers, extension cords, and need a GFI outlet near the water dispenser. Selectmen will conduct a site visit at the Rescue Barn on Monday, August 8 at 4:30pm to inspect issues with the roof. Currently there are leaks around the furnace pipes.
5. **Fire Department Report**  
Fire Chief Rodney Guptill submitted a written report for review. For the month of July the department responded to 16 calls. Out of 31 current members of the department, 22 attended SCBA fit testing. Yearly driving of apparatus and annual gear inspections were also conducted.
6. **Code Enforcement Officer Report**  
CEO Bob Boutin distributed a written report. He attended training in Hallowell and is scheduled for testing in Augusta on August 16. During the month of July he issued 6 building permits, 8 plumbing permits and 4 electrical permits. He also attended an on-site meeting at Big Bear Lane with Bob Harlow, Rob Prue, Kurt Schaub and Tim Verrill to review the project status and pending issues of the road.
7. **Discussion—Building Projects**
  - 7-1 **Town House Bell Installation**  
The current plan is to mount the bell from columns above ground atop granite posts out of reach of vandals. The Town Manager is working with a firm in Westbrook. There is insurance money still left that can be used for installation. Mr. Schaub is still researching prices.
  - 7-2 **GAR Hall**

Jody Goodwin, Garret Grant and Sheila Morris were in attendance. The outside of the building is covered with bugs, spiders and cobwebs. They feel the outside light required by the insurance company for security purposes is attracting the bugs and causing the problem. It was suggested by Selectmen to install motion sensitive lighting. A chicken barbeque is scheduled for August 13 and they would like to get this taken care of ASAP. The worst part of the building is very near the barbeque area. The selectmen also proposed giving this committee the \$3150 budgeted to install a bathroom. The committee would make all arrangements for installation and submit the bills to the Town Office for payment.

### **7-3 BQMC**

A site visit was recently conducted at BQMC. Topics discussed included a ramp for the disabled, improving the restrooms, future use of the building, perhaps raising the floor, and having the issues presented at Town Meeting. Town Manager was asked to invite BQMC Board of Directors to attend next month's meeting.

## **8. Town Manager's Report**

### **8-1 Foreclosed Property Sale**

Not needed. Tax payer paid the account in full with a bank check.

### **8-2 Paving and Construction**

The Town Manager reviewed planned expenditures for the season. Mr. Terreri motioned to finish the paving of Plains Road to Route 219 with a second by Mr. Caldwell. Motion carried.

### **8-3 Truck Purchase**

It was agreed to request quotes on Diesel, Gas and vehicle weight. Specs for Ford will be sent to Ford dealers and Dodge specs to Dodge dealers.

### **8-4 AVCOG Road Salt Bid**

AVCOG has announced the road salt cost for the coming winter will be \$56.61 per ton. We paid \$61.44 per ton last year. The Town uses approximately 1,000 tons per year. This will be an approximate saving of \$4,830.

### **8-5 Androscoggin County Budget Committee**

Mr. Kevin Nichols was nominated to act as the Town's representative on the Androscoggin County Budget Committee and his name does appear on the ballot. Each district is to have two members. Emily Darby has agreed to be a write-in candidate. A motion was made by Mr. Caldwell with a second by Mr. Nichols to write-in Emily Darby to represent the Town on the Androscoggin County Budget Committee. Motion was passed unanimously.

### **8-6 Androscoggin County Commissioners Lawsuit**

The Town has received correspondence on the lawsuit from the attorneys as well as a settlement offer from the Commissioners. The offer has been turned down. The Selectmen asked that County Commissioner Sally Christner of Turner be invited to attend the next meeting.

### **8-7 Auction Consignment Agreement**

There are two old pine pantry cupboards that have been stored in the GAR Hall. The building Overseers have no use for them, nor is there space. It was agreed they could be disposed of at Auction. Charles M. Talbot Associates has agreed to sell them at their August 16<sup>th</sup> Auction. The proceeds minus 20 percent will go to the Town. Mr. Jim Talbot needs signed authorization from the Town to sell them. Selectmen signed the Auction Consignment Agreement that was provided by Mr. Talbot.

### **8-8 Richardson Property on County Road**

Mr. Danny Richardson has a 28-acre parcel on County Road up for sale. Since the parcel contains a

reserve of sand he thought the Town might be interested in purchasing it. The sale price is \$90,000 with an assessed value of \$43,400. Selectmen felt the Town should get test holes before further consideration is given.

### **8-9 Informational Report**

Field work for the Annual Audit is being planned. The Town Manager will attend Maine Town and City Management annual conference August 10-12 in Newry. Tax Commitment figures will be ready at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. A letter is being sent to Wesley Clark thanking him for a job well done on the flowers at the Town Office. A letter from the Town has been sent to MSAD #52 advising them the lawsuit opposing the sale of land by SAD #52 to the Town of Greene has been dropped.

### **9. Consent Agenda**

Minutes from 07-18-2016 were accepted. No Veteran's Exemptions. No Abatements. Mr. Youland reviewed the Warrant. Mr. Caldwell will review the next warrant. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept all of the Consent Agenda with a second by Mr. Terreri. Motion carried.

### **10. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Terreri with a second by Mr. Nichols to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joyce E Moulin, Deputy Clerk**