



Town of Turner, Maine

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes December 15, 2014

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kurt Youland at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present were Mr. Ralph Caldwell, Mr. Dennis Richardson, Mr. Angelo Terreri, and Mr. Richard Keene. Town Manager Kurt Schaub, Rescue Chief Toby Martin and Public Works Director Jack Moultrie were present along with residents Kelly and Michael Arsenaault, Sally Christner, and Stephen and Lisa Bennett. Mary Standard from the Sun-Journal and Dennis Berube of O'Donnell Associates were also in attendance.
2. Adjustments to the agenda: Resident Sally Christner asked to address the Board. Ms. Christner was recently elected to serve as a member of the Androscoggin County Commissioners. She wanted to introduce herself to the Board before she was officially sworn-in. She plans to attend Selectmen Meetings when her schedule allows. Mr. Caldwell said he had known her for a long time, she was a conservative, nice lady who would do the right thing. The Selectman all thanked her for coming.
3. Public Works:
 - 3-1 Report submitted by Mr. Moultrie was accepted.
 - 3-2 Mr. Moultrie presented the four quotes received on the Steam Cleaner/Culvert Thawing Machine. Mr. Moultrie and Mr. Youland explained how the machine works and the differences in the quotes. Mr. Caldwell made a motion with a second by Mr. Keene to accept the quote from H.O.P. Sales and Service for \$6,683.
 - 3-3 The Town Manager has received concerns from the Staff at the Transfer Station regarding Security. There are problem areas and they cannot watch everything with the two existing cameras. Mr. Schaub requested and received a quote from Todd Olfene of Great Falls Security. The Selectmen recognize the need for added security, but did not feel comfortable with only one quote. Mr. Schaub was asked to look into receiving additional quotes and tabled this item until the next meeting.
 - 3-4 SAD #52 Sidewalk/Sand Agreement – A meeting was held with the SAD #52 Business Manager to discuss the current agreement: \$30 per yard for sand and \$100 per service for plowing. The Board instructed Mr. Schaub to send the Business Manager a letter stating what the agreement was and what his understanding is of the agreement. Motion made by Mr. Caldwell with a second by Mr. Keene to send letter stating Sidewalk/Sand Agreement to SAD #52. Unanimously accepted.
4. Rescue Chief Report:
 - 4-1 Chief Martin gave a verbal report. On a recent weekend it was necessary to contact an outside service for road assistance. The service lasted about 1 hour with a charge of \$175.

He will be working on developing resources for weekend assistance. Safety Works is scheduled to perform a curtesy building inspection on December 24 at 9:00 am.

4-2 Actively looking for avenues to raise money for Rescue. Mr. Martin has contacted several Towns who currently use a "Subscription Plan" for revenue. He presented a proposed Subscription Agreement and a fee schedule and told about the success towns have had who adopted this plan.

4-3 In Chief Martin's search for sources for revenue, he suggested we apply for a 501C3. The Town currently does not have any way to use monies left in the Friends of Turner Rescue account. It also is unclear who is officially tied to the account. Bank statements do not come to the Town Office. It was suggested that the Town request at the next Town Meeting authority from the voters to set up a fiduciary account to be used for future donations. In order to research the options, this topic was tabled till the next meeting.

5. **Old Business: Property Tax Abatement.** At 7:55 pm Mr. Richardson motioned with a second by Mr. Terreri to enter Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(3). At 8:20 pm Mr. Richardson motioned to end Executive Session with a second by Mr. Keene. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

6. **Town Manager's Business:**

6-1 At the Tri-Town gathering, Greene Town Manager, Charlie Noonan presented a letter addressing the County Commissioner's compensation which Mr. Schaub adjusted to fit the Town of Turner. He explained what is presently occurring with the County Commissioners and asked if the Selectmen would be willing to sign this letter supporting the Budget Committee. Greene and Sabattus have done so. All members of the Turner Board agreed.

6-2 Mr. Schaub reviewed the Financial Report. Mr. Caldwell suggested that next year's budget reflect separate allocations for Park and Recreation and TAA. He also presented a program offered by Androscoggin Bank to assist the town with collecting bounced checks. There is no cost to the Town. Mr. Richardson motioned to work with Innovative Payment Solutions with a second by Mr. Terreri. Motion carried unanimously.

6-3 Public Works Director Jack Moultrie requested credit/debit card to purchase fuel when the crew is plowing overnight. The selectmen asked Mr. Schaub to speak with C.N. Brown and Murray Oil to see what provisions they might be able to extend to us, only to be used when the State is not open.

6-4 A review of the status of Lien accounts was presented. Mr. Terreri motioned that a certified letter be sent to each account after the foreclosure date giving each account one last opportunity to pay-up within 30 days. At the end of the 30 days the Town will foreclose. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6-5 Legal Council. We have been notified that our attorney is moving to another firm. Skelton, Taintor and Abbot is giving the town the opportunity to transfer to the new firm or to continue with them. Mr. Richardson made a motion to transfer all matters and records to Mr. Jamie Belleau at the new firm. Mr. Terreri seconded the notion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Liaison Report:** No written reports were submitted. Mr. Caldwell reported that the LIB Board met Sunday and an effort will be made to look for tenants for the Leavitt Institute Building. Susan Shaw suggested holding an open house for realtors to see first-hand what

the building has to offer.

- 8. Consent Agenda: Minutes from 12/01/2014 were accepted. No Veteran's Exemptions. Abatements for Joyce Hamel, Joan Bryant-Deschenes, Howard Field, and Carlton Enos were requested. Mr. Youland reviewed the Warrant. Mr. Caldwell will review the next Warrant. Mr. Terreri made a motion to accept all of the Consent Agenda with a second by Mr. Keene. Motion carried. Mr. Richardson abstained from voting on the Bryant-Deschenes abatement.**
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm. Next Meeting is January 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce E Moulin
Deputy Clerk**