



# Town of Turner, Maine

## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 3, 2015

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kurt Youland at 6:32 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present were Mr. Ralph Caldwell, Mr. Dennis Richardson and Mr. Kurt Youland. Kevin Nichols and Angelo Terreri were absent. Town Manager Kurt Schaub, Rescue Chief Toby Martin, Assistant Rescue Chief Lisa Bennett, Fire Chief Michael Arsenault, Town Attorney James Belleau and CEO Roger Williams were present along with residents Thomas Heikkinen and Carlton Enos. Tom Standard from the Sun-Journal was also in attendance.
2. Adjustments to the agenda: None
3. Bid Award – Roadside Mowing  
The Town received one bid from A Hood and Son. A motion by Mr. Caldwell with a second by Mr. Richardson to award the bid to A Hood and Son in the amount of \$5500 passed unanimously.
4. Executive Session With Town Attorney – Junkyard violations  
Mr. Richardson made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E)(Legal) with a second by Mr. Caldwell at 6:35pm.  
Mr. Richardson made a motion to exit executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E)(Legal) with a second by Mr. Caldwell at 7:35pm. Motions passed unanimously.
5. Old Business – Junkyard Complaints
  - 5-1: Thomas Heikkinen Property – Mr. Heikkinen asked who had complained about his property. Chairman of the Selectmen let Mr. Heikkinen know it was the Selectmen. Mr. Youland asked how long it would take him to finish his cleanup? Mr. Heikkinen said he did not know, he was working on it. Mr. Heikkinen was notified Sept. 17, 2012 that he would have until 11-30-2013 to clean up. Mr. Heikkinen's junkyard permit was revoked in 2013. Mr. Richardson said it has been three years, and the property is still not cleaned up. Mr. Richardson made a motion with a second by Mr. Caldwell that Mr. Heikinen had 60 days (approximately to October 1, 2015) to complete the cleanup. If not completed, legal action will be taken.
  - 5-2: Carlton Enos Property – Mr. Youland asked Mr. Enos what his plan was regarding cleanup. Mr. Enos advised he was experiencing equipment problems, he had not worked in six months and is waiting for the first snowfall so he could burn the debris on the property. He does not have the resources to hire-out for cleanup. Mr. Caldwell reminded him that he had offered free help. Mr. Richardson made a motion with a second by Mr. Caldwell that Mr. Enos had until January 1, 2016 to complete the cleanup. If not completed, legal action will be taken.
  - 5-3: Harry Williams (Deceased) Property – Mr. Williams' property is empty. The property is littered with several thousand old tires and other debris. Probate documents list his wife

as beneficial owner. She has since remarried and moved out of State. The mortgage company has been paying the taxes. An abutter is interested in acquiring the property, but is unwilling to take on the liability of cleanup. Selectman asked the Town Manager to check with the mortgage company about their intent for the property. Item is tabled.

6. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Arsenault submitted a written report. He also reported the joint meeting with Rescue went well. Selectman asked about radios. At the moment Fire, Rescue and Public Works all use the same frequency. Mr. Schaub is looking into alternatives. Selectmen asked Mr. Schaub to invite a representative from Dirigo Wireless to attend the first meeting in September to explore options. The question of who gives burn permits was asked. Chief Arsenault explained that Ross Gagne is the Fire Warden and he is the person who determines who is authorized to issue permits. A question was asked about where people would go in an emergency. Mr. Youland said the Fire/Rescue Barn is where people have and will continue to go to.
7. **Rescue Chief Report:**  
Chief Martin submitted a written report which was accepted. Chief Martin and Asst. Chief Bennett left the meeting to attend to a Rescue call. No action necessary.
8. **Town Manager's Business:**
  - 8-1: **Audit --** Conducted on July 21-23 by R.H.R. Smith and Associates. All adjusting entries from the audit were completed during the visit. It was determined that the town has \$275,000 available to reduce the 2016 tax commitment. They were also impressed with our reserve funds program for future capital needs. The auditors recommend that we match the ambulance run reports with the billing reports to get a better picture of the department's operations to improve accountability.
  - 8-2: **Transfer Station Engineering –** Main-Land Development has completed the storm-water runoff plan required by the DEP. The question was asked if a leach field and septic with oil/water separator could be an alternative to the DEP plan. Mr. Schaub will check with DEP directly.
  - 8-3: **Tidswell Road Bridge Engineering –** The geotechnical project for the Martin Stream crossing on Tidswell Road is complete and the site will support our plan for an aluminum box culvert. Grant awards will be announced on September 1. The window for construction in streams of this class is July 15 through September 30, so the project would be done in 2016.
  - 8-4: **Informational Report –** Selectmen asked about the status of “the bell.” Selectmen instructed Mr. Schaub to contact the firm supplying the bell and ask about its status. Since we have given ½ deposit of the cost, we want the bell or give our deposit back.
9. **Consent Agenda:** Minutes from 07-20-2015 were accepted. No Veteran's Exemptions. No Abatements. Mr. Youland reviewed the Warrant. Mr. Caldwell will review the next Warrant. Mr. Richardson made a motion to accept all of the Consent Agenda with a second by Mr. Caldwell. Motion carried.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm. Next Meeting is August 17, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce E Moulin, Deputy Clerk