



Town of Turner, Maine

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes August 3, 2015

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. Kurt Youland, Mr. Kevin Nichols and Mr. Angelo Terreri. Town Manager Kurt Schaub, Asst. Rescue Chief Lisa Bennett, Fire Chief Michael Arsenault were present along with residents Mr. Thomas Heikkinen, Mrs. Darlene Heikkinen and Mr. Steve Bennett. Mr. Tom Standard from the Sun-Journal was also in attendance.
2. **Adjustments to the agenda:** Insert Mr. & Mrs. Heikkinen as 3-1 and Fire Department becomes 3-2.
- 3-1: Mr. & Mrs. Heikkinen addressed the Board.** Mrs. Darlene Heikkinen shared pictures with the Selectmen to show progress in the cleanup of their Junkyard violations. She had both before and after photos. The Tin and Light Iron pile is totally gone. Considerable work was done on removing old vehicles. However, there is still a lot that needs to be done. About 75 cars remain. The work will continue. They did ask if the October 1, 2015 deadline could be extended. Mr. Caldwell said if progress continues, the Board would be understanding. Mr. Richardson made a motion, with a second by Mr. Caldwell to extend the deadline to October 19. Motion carried unanimously. The Board asked the Heikkinen's to bring more photos to the October 19 meeting showing the clean-up.
- 3-2: Fire Department Report**

Chief Michael Arsenault submitted a written report and answered questions. Mr. Arsenault said he needed to replace the air conditioner that had been removed from the station's center. The Board asked why it had been removed. Apparently the unit omitted a foul odor. It was suggested to replace it now rather than wait till next spring. Prices might be less because it is the end of the season. Mr. Richardson made a suggestion where two new conditioners might be available. The Fire Department will be filing an "Intent to Find" replacement for the 1993 GMC pickup. They hope to upgrade to a one-ton truck. Mr. Terreri asked if the UTV Side-by-side was being used. Mr. Arsenault replied periodically. They are no longer using personal vehicles to transport the UTV due to insurance issues.
4. **Rescue Chief Report:**

Chief Martin submitted a written report. Asst. Chief Bennett represented the department at the meeting. During the month of August, the department responded to 75 calls. They are getting anxious about the no response to the Maine Municipal grant submission. Looking forward to the next collaboration meeting and joint training session with the Fire Department. Lisa asked about who to contact for use of a ballfield for the Turner Fire/Rescue vs Buckfield softball game on September 20. Mr. Terreri suggested they use one at BQMC. He's looking into availability for them.
5. **Town Manager's Business:**
 - 5-1: Tax Commitment Update** – Tax bills should be in the mail.

5-2: Transfer Station Improvements – Base work for the recycling compactor pad has been prepped. Written confirmation from DEP for Storm Water Runoff Plan has been received pending approval of an updated Operations Manual. New camera system to be installed in a place so that it can read license plates.

5-3: Current Financial Statement – Now that the tax rate has been set, all budgets have been verified and entered into Trio.

5-4: Bicentennial Bell - Selectmen asked about the status of “the bell.” Mr. Schaub contacted the firm supplying the bell about its status. They agreed we have waited too long. Have offered to have a sister foundry in England cast the bell. Mr. Youland asked Mr. Schaub to do some research before the next meeting with other companies before we cancel our order.

5-5: Traffic Counts – Maine Traffic Resources in Gardiner is available for \$2500 to do a traffic count. Mr. Caldwell felt we could buy the equipment for one-half of that quote and do the work ourselves. Mr. Youland asked Mr. Schaub to do some research on purchasing the equipment.

5-6: MMA Convention – Terry and Elaine Terreri will be delegates to the annual MMA convention in Augusta. Mr. Schaub will be an alternate. He requested the Town Office be closed on October 7th in order for staff to attend training sessions. Mr. Terreri motioned with a second by Mr. Nichols to close the office on October 7. Vote was 4 yes and 1 no.

5-7: Informational Report – Mr. Schaub reported that he has received several complaints about excessive speed on Bear Pond Road from Route 4 to Beach Street. He has contacted the Department of Transportation as well as the Androscoggin County Sheriff’s Department for help. The Tri-Town Selectmen meeting has been rescheduled because of a conflict in Greene. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 17 at 6 pm at the Greene Town Office.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Minutes from 08-17-2015 and 08-31-2015 were accepted. No Veteran’s Exemptions. No Abatements. Mr. Nichols reviewed the Warrant. Mr. Richardson 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.
7. **Executive Session:** Motion made by Mr. Richardson with a second by Mr. Terreri to go into Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter at 7:35 pm. Motion and second to exit Executive Session at 8:05 pm.
8. **Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. Next meeting is September 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce E Moulin, Deputy Clerk