



Town of Turner, Maine

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes JULY 5, 2016

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Vice-Chairman Angelo Terreri at 6:31 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present were Mr. Ralph Caldwell, and Mr. Steven Maheu. Mr. Kevin Nichols joined the table at 6:45 pm. Mr. Kurt Youland was absent. Town Manager Kurt Schaub, Rescue Chief Lisa Bennett, and Fire Chief Rodney Guptill were present along with resident Joyce Moulin.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
Insert 5a - Discussion of trees on Lower Street
Insert 5b – Turner Athletic Association Information/Offer
3. **Culvert Purchase**
Mr. Caldwell made a motion with a second by Mr. Nichols to accept the lowest bid received. It was from Paris Farmers Union in the amount of \$10,562 and the contract includes 39 units of culvert pipe. Vote was 3 yes and 1 abstention from Mr. Maheu due to conflict of interest with one of the bidders.
4. **Rescue Chief Report**
Chief Bennett submitted a written report for review. During the month of June the department responded to 71 calls. The second ambulance is ready for duty with a new paint job to match the look of Ambulance 1. This gives our service a unique identity. There was discussion about the under budgeting of the Workers Comp account and how that might be resolved. The two grants that had been submitted were both denied. Chief Bennett will resubmit at the appropriate time. She cannot say enough about the recent acquisition of the new repeater/mic. The money spent for this item was well worth it!
5. **Fire Department Report**
Fire Chief Rodney Guptill submitted a written report for review. For the month of June the department responded to 16 calls. Two firefighter attended and graduated from Tri-County Fire Academy. One of the students received firefighter of the year. Chief Guptill requested an executive session.
- 5a Mr. Caldwell wanted to bring to the Board's attention that a large number of trees (maybe as many as 75) on Lower Street are dead or dying. He is concerned and wonders what could be causing this to happen. Town Manager will research and contact Highmore Farms, the Forest Service, the Extension Service and Arborist Steven Murch.
- 5b Mr. Terreri advised the board that Turner Athletics Association has purchased two signs. They are offering one of the signs to the Town to be used at the Town Office. One side of the sign would Showcase information relating to TAA and the other side could be used for Town business. No action was taken.
6. **Town Manager's Business:**
6-1 Preliminary Year-End Financial Statements
The Town Manager briefly reviewed the Financial Report. No action taken.

6-2 Bid Notices

A - Motion by Mr. Terreri with a second by Mr. Maheu to seek bids for the sale of a 2006 GMC Sierra 2500 HD with extended cab and 4-wheel drive. Bid deadline is 2:00 pm on Monday, July 18 at the Town Office. Vote was unanimous.

B - Motion by Mr. Nichols with a second by Mr. Caldwell to seek bids for Roadside Mowing/Bush Hogging on an estimated 105.12 lane miles. Bids will be accepted until 11:00 am on Monday, August 1st at the Town Office. Bid packets are available at the Town Office. Vote was 3 yes and 1 no by Mr. Caldwell.

C - Motion by Mr. Maheu with a second by Mr. Caldwell to request bids for a per gallon price on #2 fuel oil. The town uses approximately 11,000 gallons annually at the seven town-owned facilities. Vote was unanimous.

6-3 DOT Request

The Maine Department of transportation requests permission to run overweight vehicles on Town roads in conjunction with an overlay project on Route 117. Since the Town has no roads with posted weight limits, no action is necessary.

6-4 Town Office Bulletin Board

A motion made by Mr. Caldwell with a second by Mr. Maheu for guidelines on the use of the encased glass bulletin board now in the lobby specify it will be used for Town, SAD 52, TAA, Turner Food Bank, Turner Museum and Historical Association and the Turner Library. Other use will be on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Town Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

6-5 County Budget Committee

A notice was received from Androscoggin County Commissioners requesting the Town send two residents (one of which to be a Municipal Official) to the County Building on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of representing the district on the County Budget Committee. Mr. Caldwell made a motion with a second by Mr. Maheu that Kevin Nichols act as the Town's representative. Motion passed unanimously.

6-6 1-Ton Truck Quotes

Tabled until the full board is in attendance.

6-7 10 foot Dump Body Quotes

Tabled until the full board is in attendance.

6-8 Ricker Hill Gate

A request from Ricker Hill Orchard was received asking permission to install a gate in conjunction with a deer fencing project at the orchard on Ricker Hill Road. This road is a dead end. A motion was made by Mr. Caldwell with a second by Mr. Nichols to approve the request. Motion carried with 3 yes and 1 abstention by Mr. Maheu because of a conflict of interest.

6-9 Manager Employment Agreement

To be discussed in executive session.

6-10 Animal Shelter Contract

The selectmen addressed the Agreement for Services with the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Motion made by Mr. Nichols with a second by Mr. Terreri to approve passed by a vote of 3 yes and 1 no by Mr. Caldwell.

6-11 State Electrical Inspector

The Town Manager spoke with Inspector Raymond Stanford regarding coverage of inspections until Robert Boutin is comfortable with his position. Mr. Stanford will be providing Mr. Schaub with additional information concerning this arrangement. This item is tabled until further information is received.

- 7. Consent Agenda:** Minutes from 06-20-2016 and the Emergency Meeting of 06-29-2016 were accepted. No Veteran's Exemptions. No Abatements. Mr. Nichols reviewed the Warrant. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept all of the Consent Agenda with a second by Mr. Caldwell. Motion carried.

- 8. Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Terreri, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to enter Executive Session with Rodney Guptill regarding Assistant/Deputy Fire Chief (pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) – Personnel)

Motion and second, unanimously approved, to exit Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. No action taken.

- 9. Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Maheu, unanimously approved to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for Town Manager Contract Review (pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) – Personnel).

Motion, second, unanimously approved to exit Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimously approved, to accept Town Manager's Contract for period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, as presented. The contract was signed.

- 10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce E Moulin, Deputy Clerk