

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**  
**6:30PM**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Kurt Youland called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Mr. Ralph Caldwell, Mr. Dennis Richardson, Mr. Kurt Youland, Mr. Richard Keene, Mr. Angelo Terreri, and Mr. Kurt Schaub.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Use of Community Room as 5-8.
3. **Old Business: 3-1: Winter Sand:** No residents showed up so did not address. **3-2: Peter Beeckel – Use of Town Hall Meeting Room:** Mr. Beeckel did not show, so a motion and second to deny use of the Town Hall Meeting Room. Unanimous vote.
4. **Public Works: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report:** The January 26-27<sup>th</sup> blizzard may qualify for a FEMA disaster declaration/reimbursement. Initial estimate comes to about \$26,000 for the storm. Board has asked Mr. Kurt Schaub to inform them when the money has come in and at that time the board will direct Mr. Schaub as to what account to apply the funds to.
5. **Town Manager's Report: 5-1: Fiscal 2016 Budget:** Budget committee is meeting at 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, to review the entire package. Board has tabled budget discussions until after the budget committee meeting. **5-2: County Commissioners Letter:** There has been no movement toward additional action on the part of the municipalities, most likely pending the outcome of an effort by members of the County Budget Committee, which is seeking an opinion from Maine's Attorney General. **5-3: Town Audit:** Mr. Kurt Schaub looked further into the audit matter, particularly the engagement letter and to the bid submitted by the auditor in 2012. The engagement letter provides for the range of fees, but is silent on the subject of additional charges. Motion and second to pay Smith & Associates, CPA \$7,550.00 and to start using R.H.R. Smith as our new auditors. Unanimous vote. **5-4: Governor's Budget Proposal/Revenue Sharing:** Geoff Herman, Maine Municipal's Government Relations Director, reported on the Governor's budget proposal at a meeting of the Western Maine Managers earlier this week. He covered three primary areas: Municipal Revenue Sharing, Homestead Exemption and Property Taxation on Non-Profits. The Governor proposes to do away with the Homestead Exemption except where the homeowner is 65 years of age or older. The Governor has also proposed to eliminate Revenue Sharing after fiscal 2016 and allow municipalities to recoup the loss by extending property taxes to certain non-profits. For fiscal 2015, Turner is projected to receive \$185,000. There will be a public hearing on the Revenue Sharing proposal on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board has asked Mr. Kurt Schaub to attend this meeting. **5-5: February Financial Statement:** The statements were handed out to the board to review, will discuss at a later date. **5-6: AVCOG Planner Agreement:** AVCOG has provided a copy of its contract

for John Maloney's services this year. The contract is unchanged from 2015, and has been recommended for approval by the Planning Board. Motion and second to accept AVCOG Planner Agreement. 1 voted for, 4 did not vote. Passed **5-7: Informational Report:** Discussion on changing a current ordinance that only allows 15 house lots on a dead end road, the board would like to see that changed to allowing 30 house lots on a dead end road. Motion and second to bring to the Planning Board. Unanimous vote to bring to Planning Board. The Board gave Mr. Kurt Schaub the ok to put the Town Report out to bid. After some discussion about the nominations for the Spirit of America Award there was a motion and second to nominate Mary Richardson. 4 in favor, Mr. Richardson did not vote. **5-8: Leavitt Institute Community Room Rental:** Mr. Ralph Caldwell received a letter from Mr. Ezra Rines looking for a free place to hold blue grass jam sessions. After reviewing the rental fee scheduled it was decided that Mr. Rines session would not fall under the "free" rental of the community room.

- 6. Liaison Report:** Nothing to report
- 7. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept the consent agenda. Unanimous vote.
- 8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM