



# Town of Turner, Maine

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## Board of Selectmen Meeting Monday, May 19, 2014 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda** – *Adjusting the order of the agenda or adding/subtracting items requires a majority vote from those Selectmen present. For action to be taken on an adjusted item, the full Board must be present to vote.*
3. **Mary Seaman, The Great Outdoors – Water Level and Beaver Activity on Pleasant Pond.**
4. **Old Business:** 4-1: Fish Street FEMA Project; 4-2: Bicentennial Bell; 4-3: Dort Bigg Bequest; 4-4: BQ Hall Improvements; 4-5: Gibson Grant; 4-6: Bart Twitchell – Woodlot Use Request; 4-7: Town House Electrical Work; 4-8: Cemetery Liability Insurance  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second
5. **Town Manager's Report:** 5-1: Leavitt Institute Sign; 5-2: Dogs; 5-3: MOARK and Flies  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second
6. **Liaison Report:** Road Committee, Fire, Rescue, Transfer/Recycling, Planning Board, Leavitt Institute, Other Buildings/Boards/Committees
7. **Consent Agenda:**  
Minutes from 5/7/14 \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran's Exemption \_\_\_\_\_ Abatement/Supplement \_\_\_\_\_  
Disbursement Warrants (AP/PR) \_\_\_\_\_ RC \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment of Selectman to Review Next Warrant \_\_\_\_\_ RK \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) - Labor Negotiations (AFSCME Public Works Contract)**  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second
9. **Adjournment**  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second

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1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Kurt Youland called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said. Those present: Mr. Ralph Caldwell, Mr. Dennis Richardson, Mr. Kurt Youland, Mr. Richard Keene, Mr. Kurt Schaub  
Guest: Mary Seaman, Mike Arsenault, Kelly Arsenault, and Angelo Terreri
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda: Add Hartford Rescue as 4-9 under Old Business**
3. **Mary Seaman, The Great Outdoors – Water Level and Beaver Activity on Pleasant Pond:** The water level was adjusted some years ago following a meeting with the Board of Selectmen, during which they opted for that decision to be made by the Pond Association, which is no longer in existence. Mary has dry portions of her property turn into swamp, so she would like to speak with the Board about adjusting the water level. According to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection the water level cannot be changed without an ordinance that spells out how that will be accomplished. As for the Beaver Issues, the town cannot get involved in trapping or other efforts unless town property, such as a road, is threatened. Mr. Youland suggested the Board go look at the water level issue. The Board will meet on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Great Outdoors.
4. **Old Business: 4-1: Fish Street FEMA Project:** Mr. Moultrie has been in touch with engineer Bill Peterlein at Summit who estimated that it would cost between \$7,400 and \$10,700 to update the project design and get through the permitting process. The town has agreed to move forward, to a maximum of \$10,000. After a conference call involving MEMA, FEMA, DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers, looks like we should be going to bid in mid-June at the earliest, although probably early July is more likely. **4-2: Bicentennial Bell:** Mr. Kurt Schaub met with the folks at the Historical Museum with a full-size drawing of the bell and had a unanimous decision on the lettering. Looking at 2-3 months for delivery after order has been finalized. Need to discuss security measures for the bell at a later meeting. **4-3: Dort Bigg Bequest:** Looking to set up a meeting in June with the committee to begin planning how to comply with terms of the bequest. **4-4: BQMC Hall Improvements:** A group gathered at the BQMC (Dennis Richardson, Richard Keene, Terry Terreri, Kelly Arsenault, Vicki Mason, Donald Ricker, and Kurt Schaub) to develop ideas for this project. It was generally agreed to separate the tasks into two parts – the septic odor and restrooms. The odor issue is more immediate as there are functions booked and the odor appears only after the facilities have been used multiple times over the course of event. Mr. Kurt Schaub has called Ted Berry Company and have planned the work for early next week. **4-5: Gibson Grant:** Mr. Kurt Schaub met with Mr. Angelo Terreri and Mr. Terreri stated that the \$10,000 grant will be used to help create several playing fields at the Turner Athletic Complex. **4-6: Bart Twitchell – Woodlot Use Request:** Mr. Richard Keene reported he met with Bart Twitchell and

looked over the town woodlot that Bart would like to use as a landing for his logging operation on an abutting parcel. Mr. Keene reports the town land is well suited for Bart's request and sees no problems. **4-7: Town House Electrical Work:** Mr. Kurt Schaub met with Ron Rouillard of Ron's Electrical Service, Inc. to see if his low bid from two years ago to redo the wiring in the Town House. Ron is verifying his figures and also whether or not the fixtures specified are still available. **4-8: Cemetery Liability Insurance:** Mr. Kurt Schaub checked with the Town's insurer about liability insurance for private cemetery associations, they cannot assist unless the cemetery is under municipal control. Mr. Schaub placed a call to Mr. Ken Finley who has assisted a number of small cemetery boards in joining together in the form of associations. Mr. Finley will contact Mr. Russ Pratt directly. **4-9: Hartford Rescue:** The Board of Selectmen accepted the contract for this year.

5. **Town Manager's Report:** **5-1: Leavitt Institute Sign:** Mr. Mike Spugnardi came to see Mr. Kurt Schaub and was deeply apologetic that he was unable to complete the replacement sign for the Leavitt Institute for last July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Spugnardi reported the sign is nearly complete and he would like to offer it to the Town for the cost of materials only, and installation by this coming July 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost would be \$1,700. The board asked Mr. Schaub to see if he could contact Mr. Jeff Stewart and see if he is still willing to pay for the sign and if he is not then the board will revisit. **5-2: Dogs:** Animal Control Officer Wendall Strout has advised Mr. Kurt Schaub that he has a court order to impound the dogs involved in the Michael Bell case, which will be going to trial in July. The Town will be responsible for the cost of kenneling the dogs until trial, at which time Mr. Strout will seek reimbursement for the cost. Motion and second to refuse to pay the impound fee. 3 refuse to pay fee and Mr. Keene opposed to refusing to pay fee. **5-3: MOARK and Flies:** Several complaints of excessive flies in the vicinity of MOARK have been received by Mr. Kurt Schaub. Mr. Schaub had a conversation with Ken Gruber at the egg farm. Ken informed Mr. Schaub of several projects they have undertaken to better manage the ongoing problem. Mr. Schaub and Ken agreed that it might be helpful for MOARK to have a printed handout explaining their latest efforts, so that MOARK can demonstrate to the residents that they are taking steps to be a good neighbor.
6. **Liaison Report: Road Committee:** Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am **Fire/Rescue:** Nothing, **Transfer/Recycling:** Nothing, **Planning Board:** Nothing, **Leavitt Institute:** Still waiting for claim to be submitted for water damage. **Other Buildings/Boards/Committees:** Nothing
7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda. Unanimous vote to accept consent agenda.
8. **Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (D) – Labor Negotiations (AFSCME Public Works Contract):** Motion and second to enter into Executive Session at 7:55pm. Unanimous

vote to enter into Executive Session. Motion and second to exit Executive Session at 8:30pm. Unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

**9. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rebecca M. Allaire**

**Town Clerk**