

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Monday, July 21, 2014

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 to the flag was said. Present: Mr. John Moultrie, Mr. Ralph Caldwell, Mr. Dennis Richardson, Mr. Kurt Youland, Mr. Richard Keene, Mr. Angelo Terreri, Mr. Kurt Schaub. Guest: Michael Arsenault, Kelly Cooper-Arsenault, Dean Milligan, Cindy Dunn, Lisa Bennett, Floyd (Chip) Richardson, Leo Gagnon, Charlie Mock, John Arsenault.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda: Add Whitman property as 5-6. Date on Agenda should be July 21, 2014 not July 14, 2014.**
3. **Old Business: 3-1: Fish Street FEMA Project:** The Army Corps of Engineers issued its permit for this project, still waiting for the Maine DEP permit. The bid package has been developed, which will be advertised the week of July 21, 2014. Mandatory pre-bid meeting on July 31st, bid submission/opening on August 7, 2014. Special Board of Selectmen meeting to award bid on August 11, 2013. Mr. Moultrie and Mr. Schaub have prepared the bid package/contract for the boards review. Motion and second to approve the bid package/invitation to bid to be advertised. Vote 4 in favor, Mr. Caldwell against. **3-2: BQMC Septic:** Site Evaluator George Courbron will be working on the septic design beginning next week. **3-3: MOARK Fly Complaint Update:** Residents very pleased to hear about the progress that's been made at the farm and appreciate the interest taken by the Selectmen.
4. **Public Works: 4-1: Street Sweeping:** Discussion on the board's thoughts of buying sweeper verses renting one. Board feels sweepers are too high to maintain for the little time it would be used. **4-2: Roadside Mowing Bid:** Board reviewed the Roadside Mowing/Bush Hogging ad. Motion and second to advertise as written. Unanimous vote to advertise as written. Bids will be received until August 4, 2014 at 11:00am, at which time they will be opened and read aloud.
5. **Town Manager's Report: 5-1: State Valuation/Assessment Review:** This is an annual report prepared by the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services and provides our state valuation, which is used to calculate figures for state education funding, municipal revenue sharing and county taxes. The state valuation for 2015 will be \$454,500,000 which is a decline of \$12 million. **5-2: Tax Commitment Timetable:** O'Donnell and Associates has just about completed their process of updating our valuation records. Anticipate including a discussion/work session on the tax rate during the August 18, 2014 and the formal commitment on September 2, 2014. **5-3: Turner Rescue Dispatch:** Moving forward with a program to have Turner Rescue dispatched entirely by the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office (ASO). The department presently has a sufficient number of portable radios to outfit all members. The town currently has

two channels in use. One connects via our repeater and is presently used by Fire and Public Works, and the other (no-repeater) is dedicated to Rescue. The plan is to migrate Rescue to the Fire channel and move Public Works to the non-repeater channel. Public Works will still be able to communicate radio to radio. This will leave some gaps, but all have cell phones if communication is urgent and they're in one of those spots. A new tone will also have to be programmed at ASO dispatch. Mr. Schaub has been in touch with Captain Ray Lafrance and he reports that won't be an issue. This process can be done within 30 days for a total cost of between \$600 and \$1,000. **5-4: Transfer Station Bids & Contracts:** Mr. Moultrie and Mr. Schaub are working on the bids for the Transfer Station Single Sort Recycling program. Have found two compactor suppliers that serve Maine, so will plan to place a general bid advertisement and contact those two vendors directly. After reviewing the existing Transfer Station contracts it appears it will make the most sense to put out a single bid for multiple services. The proposed bid will cover disposal of recyclables, general solid waste disposal, bulky waste disposal, and can look at transportation. Each vendor will be given the opportunity to bid on the services they are capable of providing, and the town will reserve the right to mix and match as is in the best interest of the town. **5-5: Accounting Structure – Revenues:** Mr. Schaub presented a sample structure for the Revenue side of General Fund accounting system. Primary changes involve carving General Government and Property Tax revenues from the Administration line. Mr. Schaub still working on the expense side and still needs to sit down with department heads to identify the areas they would like to track in more detail. Motion and second to accept the new structure as presented. Unanimous vote. **5-6: Whitman Property:** Mr. Schaub and Mr. Roger Williams went to court today. Mr. Whitman has sixty days to satisfy mortgages, and if he does not comply the property will go with auction. The town was granted its request for cleanup. The Town's attorney James Belleau advice to exercise this clean up with extreme caution. Video tape before and after, notify Bankruptcy what the town is doing as to not be put in a situation where the town is excused of getting rid of something valuable. Board recommends to hold up on any action until the sixty days that Mr. Whitman has to satisfy mortgages is over. Unanimous vote.

6. **Liaison Report:** Nothing to report.
7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda. Unanimous vote.
8. **Ambulance Service Presentations – Buckfield Rescue and Med-Care :(May involve an Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) (A) – Personnel –Turner Rescue Staffing).** Lisa Bennett, Rescue Chief for Buckfield Rescue presented Buckfield's preliminary proposal, see attached. Dean Milligan, Chief/Director of Operations for Med-Care Ambulance gave a brief overview of proposal also attached. The Board thanked both for coming and presenting their proposals. The Board will review and get back to both parties. Motion and second to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6) (A) at 8:25pm. Unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit Executive session at 9:30pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire**
