

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 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. Guest: Mike Arsenault, Kelly Arsenault, Ross Gagne Patti Libby, Laverna House, Lawrence House, Jody Goodwin, and Beverly Leavitt.
- 2. Adjustment to the Agenda:** Add GAR Hall discussion as 4-2.
- 3. Liquor License Renewal – Trency’s:** Motion and second to approve the renewal of Trency’s Liquor License. Unanimous vote.
- 4. Town Clerk’s Report: 4-1: Town Meeting Date/Location:** Date set for April 10th and 11th but need to move location as the High School is not available. Motion and second to move location of Open Town Meeting on April 11th to BQMC. Unanimous vote. **4-2: Gar Hall:** Members from the GAR Hall were present to ask permission from the Board to use money from the GAR Hall Reserve Fund to have a bathroom put in the GAR Hall. After some discussion the board felt that there may not be enough money in the Reserve Fund to have a bathroom installed as it will also require a septic to be installed. There was a motion and second to add \$2,500 to the GAR Hall Reserve Fund. Unanimous vote.
- 5. Fire Department: 5-1: Intent to Purchase – Used Forestry Truck:** Fire Department seeks permission to find and purchase a 2001 one ton crew cab truck from the Town of Minot, to serve as a forestry truck. Last year the department returned the forestry truck that was on loan from the state forest service, which needed too much work. The price quoted by Minot Fire was \$2,500.00 for this truck. The Board recommended to go look at the truck and bring the details back to them for review.
- 6. Public Works: 6-1: Regular Monthly Report:** The new wheeler and steam cleaner have been put in service and are doing well. Crew put up another 1000 yards of sand this month. The yearly inspection of the pit was done from DEP. A conference call was done between the town manager, the inspector and Jack Moultrie. Two concerns one was the amount of land, which has been opened up, is too large for town permit. Explained that we are in the process of closing the entire south side of the pit, as all usable material has been mined out, we will be contouring the slopes and hydro seed and the inspector was satisfied with that. The other concern mentioned is a containment area for our 500-gallon fuel tank. Installed a cement pad several years ago at DEP suggestions, however, now they want a cement containment structure. Will take that project on in the spring after the transfer station work is done. **6-2: MDOT Light Capital Paving Project:** The Board would like to meet with the Project Manager to discuss the shims on Route 117. Mr. Kurt Schaub will contact DOT to see if a meeting can be

arranged. **6-3: MDOT Work Plan for Calendar 2015-2016-2017:** For 2015: Center Bridge Road, Upper Street, and route 117. For 2016-2017: North Parish Bridge.

- 7. Turner Rescue Report: 7-1: Informational Report:** Renovations at Rescue Barn complete, waxing floors and waiting for phones to be installed and then will be moving in the new area.
- 8. Old Business: 8-1: Fish Street FEMA Project:** FEMA inspected project on Thursday, January 8th. Learned that our funding request for the additional project cost (\$7,060.00 is the calculated reimbursement) was favorably recommended and merely awaiting final signature. **8-2: Property Tax Foreclosures:** Discussion in regards to which accounts were on payment plans and which accounts were not. Other discussion was the accounts that were on payment plans were the payments made on time and in the amount agreed upon? Motion and second to allow the accounts that were in a payment plans and making payments on time and in the amount agreed upon until June 30th to have taxes current and for the other accounts that were in payment plans and not making payments on time or in the amount agreed upon or that were not in any type of payment plan to foreclose on and not to accept any further payments on these accounts. 4 in favor one did not vote due to family member being on this list.
- 9. Town Manager's Report: 9-1: Audit Report:** The auditors issued a letter that was critical of the number of adjusting entries (18) they required this year. Mr. Kurt Schaub, Town Manager and Annette Roy, Treasurer have issues with their position in that many of their adjustments were corrections to opening balances that they provided during last year's transition from Northern Data System to the new Trio system. Mr. Kurt Schaub believes the future necessity for this number of adjusting entries has been eliminated. Motion and second for Mr. Kurt Schaub to contact Smith & Associates to get more clarification on bill received. Unanimous vote. Motion and second to put the next audit out to bid. Unanimous vote. **9-2: Legal Representation Letter:** Presented board with a client representation letter to engage Jamie Belleau as the town's attorney, at his new firm. His rates are less than we paid at Skelton, Taintor. Motion and second to give Mr. Kurt Schaub permission to sign the Legal Representation Letter. Unanimous vote. **9-3: Electricity Supply Rates/Maine Power Options:** This week the Public Utilities Commission approved a decrease in Central Maine Power's Standard Offer Rate. The town is presently under contract with Electricity Maine though the indications are that contract is up this month. Mr. Schaub is currently verifying that we will be a "free agent" for all of our accounts and will be eligible to move to CMP instead. Mr. Schaub will keep the board posted with further information. **9-4: Mailing of Town Reports:** At the Budget Committee meeting the topic of mailing the Town Report to all residents was raised as it would reduce the number of copies needed to print, and of course, save on mailing cost. Mailing them from the office is not feasible as we would be unable to qualify for a pre-sorted bulk rate. Motion and second to keep mailing them to all residents and to just order fewer copies so that do not have such a surplus.

9-5: Informational Report: The Budget Committee have completed their initial work on Administration, Code Enforcement, Planning Board, Street Lights and Contingency.

10. Liaison Report: Nothing for Road Committee, Fire, Rescue, Transfer/Recycling, Planning Board or Other Buildings/Boards/Committees. Leavitt Institute: Have new tenant Roy's Driving School.

11. Consent Agenda: Motion and second to accept consent agenda.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM**