Selectmen's Meeting
October 4, 2016
Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 4:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen George Donovan, Tony Palminteri and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present was Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant and Fred Holt, Treasurer.

The minutes of the September 27, 2016 Selectmen's meeting were read. Motion was made and seconded to approve them as written. All voted in favor.

George Donovan reported on the meeting on the County of York courthouse construction project that he attended last night. He said that the committee is down to three sites, one of which is a new site in Biddeford that was presented last night and was discussed by the committee. Also reviewed was a Journal Tribune article on the meeting. Mr. Donovan reported that on October 12th there will be site walks in Biddeford and on the Alfred property and he will plan to attend.

He then asked the Board Members if they might consider writing a letter to Judge Humphrey, Chairman of the Committee, in support of the courthouse structure being built in Alfred. This was discussed in detail with questions around the room about what thoughts were for the Town of Alfred if the court was located here. Comments were given by Mr. Holt, Mr. Allaire, the CEO and Al Carlson, who were also present and by Mrs. Wood. The Board agreed to postpone a decision on a letter until next week giving them time to give this further consideration. Mrs. Wood was directed to draft two letters.

Bob Dawber and Diane Gerry, from the York County Shelter met with the Selectmen. Also present were the Code Officer, Jim Allaire, Al Carlson and Jon Lord, Road Commissioner. Mr. Dawber described a problem of speeding traffic and said that the speed limit goes from 25 to 40 quite quickly. The Brothers cross the road sometimes with walkers and he is very concerned for the safety of them and other pedestrians. He asked if the speed limit could be enforced, changed to a slower speed or perhaps install speed bumps or cones in the crosswalk to help slow the traffic. Mr. Lord said that he doesn't agree with speed bumps as they become a liability to the entity who installs them if an accident occurs. The State of Maine posts the speed limits after a study of an area so the Town would have to request for this to be looked at. He added that enforcement is the key and that calls should be placed to the State Police. When drivers are aware that a police car may be in the area they tend to slow down. Mr. Dawber asked about signs like "pedestrians in the roadway" etc. Mr. Lord said that signs may help. He suggested that they consider signage as opposed to placing of anything in the road. He also said the crosswalks need to be repainted with reflected paint. Mr. Donovan suggest that the Sheriffs office may lend out a speed sign showing drivers the speed they are travelling. After further discussion, Mr. Dawber and Ms. Gerry borrowed the sign book to see what signs they may want and Mr. Lord agreed that he could, at the authorization of the Selectmen put the signs in at the costs covered by the Shelter for the signs and the placement of them. The Board was in agreement that this be done.

An article in the Journal Tribune that reported on the plans for the drug rehabilitation center by York County was then discussed. A portion of the article was read and Mr. Dawber was asked for explanation on the statement that the York County Shelter may offer short-term

placement if the program is full. Mr. Dawber said that this is not correct and that the Shelter cannot take in prisoners. When asked if he could ask for a correction of the statement he agreed to do so.

Jim Allaire, Code Officer shared his end of month report for September with the Board. Several questions were asked and discussed.

Two articles for the December 3, 2016 Town Meeting warrant for the 6 month budget were reviewed, discussed and voted on as follows:

- Salaries $360,500 - Motion by Glenn Dochtermann, second by Tony Palminteri and approval by all.
- Employee Benefits $118,000 – Motion by Tony Palminteri, second by Glenn Dochtermann and approval by all.

The draft minutes of the Comprehensive Plan Committee September 1, 2016 meeting were read.

The Town Clerk's end of month report for September was read.

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Agenda for the Budget Committee meeting that was held Monday, October 3rd was read and discussed. It was reported by the Chairman of the Budget Committee, Fred Holt that he asked the Committee if they felt they needed to speak with the Selectmen on the Salaries request and that after discussion by the group they all said "no" they were fine with the request by the Selectmen.

The October 5, 2016 Planning Board's agenda was read.

An invitation sent by Geoff Herman of the Maine Municipal Association to the Monday, October 10, 2016 12-Town Group Meeting was read. The meeting will be a candidate's forum for those running for position in the state legislature.

A complaint about the Treasure Chest made in writing through a Town Hall Staff Member was discussed. All agreed that Joyce Wood and Fred Holt check on the Treasure Chest and work with Mr. Stearns, Supervisor on making any needed changes.

At 5:00 p.m. George Donovan, Chairman, opened a Public Hearing in accordance with MRSA Title 28-A §653 to hear comment on the renewal application for a State Liquor License for the Oak Street Bistro. Present was Owner, James Marchese. He answered questions from the Board. There was no public comment. After motion and second the Public Hearing was closed. Tony Palminteri made a motion to approve and sign the license in the appropriate place for the host municipality. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor. The application was signed by the Board.

A request from the CEO, Jim Allaire, to attend three Building Code workshops was discussed and approved by the Board.

Mr. Palminteri reported that Eric Grove, Forester, has given rough estimates on lumber and bio-mass value on the Town owned property off of Whichers Mills Road and that a final report will be presented soon. He also reported speaking with Blaine Burnett, Heine's Group, on the interest of potential purchase of this property to add to the Keywood Manor property.

After review of the warrants, motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann with second by Tony Palminteri to approve and sign it as presented. All voted in favor and the warrant was signed.

Income to the Solid Waste Account was accepted and appropriated by the Board.

The Board had a discussion of setting up a meeting with the Planning Board to discuss contract zoning. All agreed that Mrs. Wood would set this up with the Planning Board Chair, Al Carlson.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.