Selectmen's Meeting
July 12, 2016
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. Present were Board Members Tony Palminteri and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present were Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant and Fred Holt, Treasurer. Resident Joyce Krahling was also present.

The minutes of the July 5, 10:00 A.m., July 5 4:00 p.m. and July 7, 10:30 a.m. Selectmen's meetings were read, Motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann and seconded by Tony Palminteri to approve as written. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed an e-mail from Oliver Markewicz of the Maine Forest Service in which he gave an evaluation of two town owned properties. He reported the types of trees, the health and vigor and harvesting potentials. Mr. Palminteri reported that he has spoken with a local broker about the value of the lots. After further discussion, the Board agreed to contact Attorney Leah Rachin to find out the legalities of ownership and any plans for these two lots.

It was reported that the letter to the U.S. Forest Service concerning the Massabesic Forest has been sent to the Town of Lyman for their review and vote and pending signatures. They will be processing this at their meeting tonight, the letter will be singed, if majority of Lyman approve to do so and the original will be sent to the U.S. Forest Service and a copy sent back to the Town of Alfred.

Mrs. Wood gave a report on a conversation she had with Attorney Rachin about a proposed moratorium on rehab/treatment centers in Alfred. She reported that the Attorney said that due to the "fair Housing Act" and the Human Rights Act the Town should not go forward with a moratorium. She added that the Town's ordinance states "if not specifically referenced it is not allowed". This does not mean that, if a permit is applied for and denied and the Town was taken to court, that they would win.

Mrs. Wood reported that she spoke with the MMA Property and Casualty agent about using a chain system at the demolition container making it easier to move than the current gate system if needed. She was told that this if a good alternative but to make sure that the container is flush against the wall leaving no space between. All agreed to let Mr. Morgan Stearns know. Mr. Holt will do so.

Tony Palminteri said that he attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting last Thursday and that the minutes were available in draft.

Fred Holt spoke with the Board hiring Jim Allaire back as full time (32 hours) back on July 18th and that he will be speaking with North Berwick Manager, Dwayne Morin tomorrow about reimbursing the Town of Alfred for the half time –two week period that Mr. Allaire will be working with North .Berwick. He then presented a figure the he recommends be billed. It was moved by Tony Palminteri to approve the amount of $750 per week for the two week period. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.

A letter to Avesta Housing request a payment in lieu of taxes was discussed. Mr. Dochtermann made a motion to approve and sign the letter as written. Mr. Palminteri seconded, all voted in favor and the letter was signed.

The annual re-appointment list was shared as well as two letter options to send out to potential members. It was agreed to send the letter asking "if you would like to be considered" in the language. The letter was signed by the Board.

A voting ballot from MMA for a vice president and for three directors was read. All were in agreement to vote as recommended. The ballot was signed.

A Rescue report for the June calls to the Shelter was read.

A notice about a Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing for August 1, 2016 was read.

The Tax Collector's end of month report for June was read.

The Board read a notice from the Road Commissioner to be put on the web site, on the facebook page and in the Smart Shopper for road work with potential closings and or delays.

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

Alfred Water District Trustees, Greg Knight, Mike Kucsma and the Superintendent, Kerry Smart met with the Selectmen and the Road Commissioner, Jon Lord to discuss the barriers placed around the hydrant at the corner of Kennebunk Road and School Street. When asked why this took place an explanation was given by those present that the hydrant does not have a shut off and that if hit water could not be shut off and would cause flooding. The cost to "cap "the hydrant would far out way the cost to cap it. There are tentative plans to do some work on School Street if permits are approved for two houses. The Selectmen agreed that prior notification to the Town would have given employees an explanation to give out to anyone calling as there was a complaint call about the barriers and the color of the barriers. The Water District Trustees agreed to repaint the barriers after checking with OSHA to a more subdued color.

Joanna Sylvester and Fred Frodyma met to express thoughts/concerns over the pine trees that were cut at the Public Safety Building. Several other residents were also present for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Frodyma thanked the Board for their response to his e-mail asking why the Conservation Commission was not consulted on this. He continued by stating that he feels that the Commission should have been approached and cited State law about the removal of shade trees can only be done by consent of a tree warden or a conservation commission. He feels that they should have sat down with the Fire and Rescue personnel to discuss this. Mr. Palminteri responded by stating that the Town's ordinance was not approved with the verbiage that Mr. Frodyma is talking about and that the Town's ordinance does not say that the Conservation Commission is an advisory Committee. Also discussed were the reasons given to cut the trees, mainly ice and the mess created by the trees like pitch on vehicles. The parking was discussed by all with one asking "why can't they make a new parking lot out back?" The ice issue, the Road Commissioner, Jon Lord reported is a real issue that costs to keep the lot clean. He said that the Fire and Rescue need to have safe access when they come to the station to respond to a call. Glenn Dochtermann stated that he previously, several years ago, approved to not take the trees down, but it was made clear to him the evils that the trees create after listening to emergency personnel. It was also reported that the project was done by volunteers and no town dollars were spent thus far. It was reported that there has been an offer to donate healthy maple trees if the Chiefs and the neighbors would like to plant them. The meeting continued with further conversation.

The Board approved and signed a letter to MMA Employee Health informing them that the Town is giving a waiver for the 30 day waiting period for benefits for Jim Allaire to receive the employee benefits beginning August 1st.

After the warrants were reviewed, it was moved by Glenn Dochtermann and seconded by Tony Palminteri to approve and sign the as submitted. The warrants were signed.

Income to the Festival Committee was accepted and appropriated by the Board.

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