

Selectmen's Meeting
March 22, 2016
4:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen Glenn Dochtermann and George Donovan. Also present was Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant and Fred Holt, Treasurer.

The minutes of the March 15, 2016 Selectmen's meeting were read. Mr. Donovan made a motion to approve them after one spelling error was corrected. Mr. Dochtermann seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

Joyce Wood gave an update on the proposed joint meeting with the RSU #57 Superintendent and the RSU #57 Six Town Selectboards stating that two Towns and the Superintendent has confirmed the date for April 5, 2016 at the Alfred Town Hall and that she has is waiting to receive a response from three of the Towns.

A quote from Atlantic Recycling Equipment regarding the relining of the MSW compactor was read and discussed. The quote to do the work is \$4,325.00

It was reported that a resident has offered to weld the old MSW container piston that broke and has been replaced. After further discussion the Board was in agreement that he do so and that the piston be saved in case it may be needed in the future.

The MMA Property & Casualty renewal application was reviewed and explained by Mrs. Wood. After motion by George Donovan and second by Glenn Dochtermann to approve and sign the application, all voted in favor and Mr. Dochtermann, Chairman, signed the documents where needed.

The Board read a letter of resignation from Ken Gerry as a member of the Budget Committee. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve, with regrets, his resignation and to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Gerry.

Fred Holt presented a draft policy on Franchise Fees. Discussion followed with a motion by Mr. Donovan to approve and sign the Franchise Fee Policy as written. Mr. Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor. The document was signed by the Board.

The 2015 Workers Compensation Audit report was reviewed and discussed. It was explained that the Town owed \$489.00 due to wages expended for the full-time firefighter position. The Board agreed to pay the difference as stated in the report.

A letter from Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission was read. The letter explained that the 12-Town Group is considering applying for a grant for Broadband and that SMPDC is, on behalf on the 12-Town Group, requesting that each member assign an individual to be part of a Community Broadband Team as an initial stage of pursuing the grant. The Board discussed this and agreed to bring back to next week's meeting for discussion with a full Board.

The Board then discussed a letter to Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission and other entities after Friday's election to give notice of the new member to the Alfred Board and the resignation of Mr. Sylvester. They agreed that a letter be drafted for next week's meeting.

The Board read an e-mail from a resident expressing concern of "begging" at the junction of Routes 202/4/111 and questions of what can the Town do about this. After discussion the Board agreed to let this resident know of the Supreme Court decision on the ordinance that the City of Portland tried to

put in place to address this issue and that it was thrown out with explanation that the court found this ordinance to be in violation of a person's constitutional rights and the City could not prohibit this from happening. The Board agreed to add "unless there was a concern of the safety of the persons (s) or others".

The 2016 budget and the upcoming Town Meeting was briefly discussed. The Board discussed inviting the Budget Committee Members to sit up front with the Selectmen to assist in questions and explanation. It was agreed by both to do so.

Morgan Stearns, Transfer Station Supervisor, met to speak with the Board about the need to reline the MSW can. He said that the 2016 budget request includes request for funds to do some maintenance work on two of the 40 yard containers but that he feels, after speaking with the rep from Atlantic Leasing, that these funds would be better spent on the MSW can. He added that he was told if the reline work was not done soon it could cost more because of the continued wear to the can. After further discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve to, after Town Meeting, contact Atlantic leasing and set up a time to do the reline work to the MSW can. All voted in favor.

Mr. Stearns asked if anyone has heard back from the Salvation Army about a donation box to place at the transfer station. The Board agreed to follow up on this.

An appointment certification for Arlene Carroll to serve as a Ballot Clerk was approved and signed.

The Selectmen and Members of the Budget Committee met with several Committee Chairs and Departments to speak about the LD1 limit article on the warrant for the Town Meeting. Explanation was given on what potential cuts may have to be made if this article, article #3, does not pass. These proposed cuts to many of the individual accounts were reviewed and discussed by all.

The Selectmen then spoke with the members of the Budget Committee who were present and asked if they would join the Selectmen at the table up front on Town Meeting day. They all agreed and Fred Holt, Chairman, said that he would notify the remaining members.

After review of the warrants, it was moved by George Donovan, seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to approve and sign the warrants as presented. All voted in favor and the warrants were signed.

All were in agreement to meet at the Alfred Elementary School at 9:15 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.