

Selectmen's Meeting  
May 17, 2016  
4:00 p.m.

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

The minutes of the May 10, 2016 Selectmen's meeting were read. It was moved by Tony Palminteri to approve them as written. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.

Tony Palminteri reported on a meeting with Dave Lowe, Fred Greenhaulgh, Donna Pirone and Joyce Wood on the possibility of setting up a Facebook page for the town. He said it went very well. After sharing details, the Board was in agreement to move forward with it.

Mr. Palminteri updated the Board about his contact with Attorney Leah Rachin to assist the Town in the potential need for a moratorium on drug rehabilitation facilities and how our ordinances address this, or not. He is waiting to hear back from her on this.

A corrected junkyard permit to replace a permit given out last year with typo error was approved and signed by the Board.

The Board reviewed the wording of the sign at the entrance gate of the Brother Beach Town Park as sent by the Chairman of the Committee, Chad Perry. The Board discussed a potential need of snowmobiles going into the property to bring ice shacks onto the lake during the winter months as the current wording states "No OHV (Off-Highway Vehicles)". After discussion it was moved by Mr. Palminteri that Glenn Dochtermann be the Selectman to work with the Committee in making final decisions on items such as the sign. Glenn Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor. Mr. Dochtermann will contact the Committee.

Tony Palminteri reported, as a follow-up on the potential of a "Farmers Market" at the court House parking lot, that Amy Sprague has told him that she has heard back from the York County Farmers Network email list and that there is interest in involvement for a farmers market. She will move forward and hopes to get it started.

Mr. Palminteri reported that he was told that the Lyman Selectboard are interested in a joint meeting to discuss the Massabesic Forest that borders both Lyman and Alfred. All agreed to set up a time and that a draft letter to Senator King, Senator Pingree and Senator Collins be ready for review by both Boards. The Lyman Board will be contacted to set up a convenient time.

Fred Holt, Treasurer, reported that he will be holding a conference call with assistance from Richard Ranaghan, Financial Adviser, to talk with Standard and Poore about the Town of Alfred's bond rating. This has come about because of the RSU#57 bonding for the upgrades to the athletic field and the six towns in the District will have to have their bond rating done, Mr. Holt explained. He then invited the Board Members to attend this conference call at 2:00 p.m. on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Joyce Wood made a request, on behalf of Morgan Stearns, Transfer Station Supervisor, that he be authorized to do upgrades to the entrance sign at the Transfer Station as it is in poor shape. Also requested was that a load of gravel be purchased to fill in the sides of the entrance roadway to the station as this is also in poor condition. After brief discussion of the availability of funds in the solid waste account, it was moved and seconded to authorize both of the requests. All voted in favor.

Glenn Dochtermann asked if the forklift training that two of the transfer station attendants recently took was good for one year or more. Mrs. Wood will look into this.

The Department of Transportation Bridge inspection report sent by Ben Foster of the D.O.T was reviewed.

The quarterly franchise fee report from Time Warner was read. The amount was \$9,916.62.

Several Veteran's Exemption applications and Veteran's Widow applications were approved by the Board and signed by the Chair, George Donovan,

A thank you letter to Mel Ziegler, a person who was passing through Town, for a replacement flag to place on the town green was approved and signed by the Board.

The Planning Board agenda for May18, 2016 was reviewed.

A copy of a letter from the Zoning Board Appeals to a resident on Fort Ridge Road was read.

Under new business, Tony Palminteri suggested that the Board consider that the Staff look in to a 401-K program that the employees could fund and use on their own terms if they so choose. After discussion, all were in agreement that Fred Holt look into this.

Tony Palminteri then suggested a "welcome" packet to send to new property owners when they move to Alfred. It was explained that as soon as Town Hall is aware of a new resident we do already pass out a welcome packet and that we do not know immediately of a sale; it takes about 1 to 2 months.

George Donovan asked about flags on firemen graves. After discussion all agreed to contact the Fire Chief about this.

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner met with the Board. He was given a copy of the D.O.T Bridge Inspection report. He reported that he will be doing some shouldering work, grading dirt roads and is also trying to set up tree work to be done soon. He said that Jerry Rand will be using his grader to do the dirt roads. Also discussed was setting up a Road Committee meeting soon.

Chad Perry, Chairman of the Brothers Beach Town Park Committee met with the Board. The Board filled him in on the discussion of the wording of the sign. Mr. Perry reported that he met with the Town Clerk, Andy Bors, who showed him how to put information on the Town's web-site for the Committee. He also reported that the gate to the property will be locked every day and that committee members will be taking turns with this.

The warrants were reviewed. It was moved by Mr. Palminteri to approve and sign them. Mr. Dochtermann second, all voted in favor and they were signed.

The Selectmen then went over the draft Policies/Strategies/goals section of the Comprehensive Plan as sent to them by the Chair of the Committee. Some thoughts and suggestions were agreed upon and written on one copy for discussion next week with the two Chairwomen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.