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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date: August 14, 2018 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Municipal Building Rev.0

Present: Selectboard Members: Jan Gaudio, Walter Reitz and Cheryl Waterman
Others: Town Administrator Terri Baines, Ambulance Director Amy Dyer, Peter Orne, Chuck Jacobs, E-911 Officer Arthur Grierson, Jeff Northgraves, Jim Kalloch, School Board Representative Jason MClean.

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 1800.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Baines added Paving under J. Other Business

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment

IV. Business Items

A. Peter Orne RSU#13- Gilford Butler School Transfer

Orne gave an update on the progress of the Ash Point School construction. Everything except the gym will be ready for school opening the day after Labor Day. Teachers will be moving into their classrooms sometime around the 22nd of August. Ash Point School is a public building designed to be used. The school will serve South Thomaston and Owls Head.

Reitz had several questions concerning the offer of Gilford Butler School from RSU #13 to the Town of South Thomaston.

The letter received from RSU #13 states the offer will be held open until Oct 5th, subject to the Superintendent's exercise of discretion. Reitz's question was would the Superintendent extend this deadline. Orne felt that he would extend the deadline until the Town was ready to accept the school. Orne recommended Reitz write a letter to the Superintendent requesting the deadline be extended.

What stays?

A lot of the items that are currently in the rooms will disappear once teachers begin setting up their classrooms at the Ash Point School. What is left will be offered to other teachers and or the community. The playground equipment will stay.

The last question concerned §4104.DISPOSAL OR OTHER USE OF REAL PROPERTY CLOSED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES. Section 4, B. The proceeds from the sale of the building shall be disbursed in accordance with section 4104.

If the Town voted to reject the offer, could RSU #13 sell the Gilford Butler property and put the proceeds towards South Thomaston's assessment? Orne will check into this.

B. Update on Butler School Futures Committee

Northgraves said the Gilford Butler Futures Committee has two primary jobs. First, to recommend to the Town and Selectboard if the Town should accept or reject the Gilford Butler property. Barring any unforeseen or unexpected environmental problems the Committee will recommend the Town accept the property. The Committee would also like to see an extension on the October 5th deadline. The Gilford Butler Futures Committee will hold a public meeting on Sept 26. That doesn't leave much time to make an Oct 5 deadline.

Second, to present the Town with recommendations of what the Town could do with the property. What the Town does with the property is going to be determined by information the Committee doesn't have. Northgraves gave Orne a list requesting several documents. Orne gave Northgraves several documents he had brought with him regarding the school.

The Committee requests the Selectboard have a review of the building by the September 26th public hearing, if not they would like it done before the special town meeting when we vote.

Right now the Committee is just in the gathering of data phase. The Committee toured the school during their August 9th meeting. The Committee has many different ideas they are pursuing.

Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion to engage John Hansen to conduct a survey of the school's condition to be completed not later than Sept 26.

Motion passed 3-0.

C. Jeff Northgraves – Lions Club Meeting Room

The Lion's Club used the community meeting room last Tuesday. They felt it worked great and would like to keep using the room.

The Lions did have a few requests. They would like to replace the flag with their flag. They would like to share the fridge. One of the refrigerators in the community room isn't working. The Lion's will bring theirs up from the basement. They would also like to put silverware in the kitchen. There are also one or two items they would like to put on the wall. Northgraves asked the board to please think about it and let the Lions know. Waterman felt they could put them up during the meeting but take down after the meeting. The Lions would also like to use a portion of the basement for storage. The

area they would like to use used to be the kitchen. Gaudio felt they should keep using the back room.

Half the year the Lions meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday and the other half they meet the 1st Tuesday.

Taco Tuesday has been very successful for the Salty Owl and the Lions.

D. Snow Plow Contract

Moved to later.

E. Amy Dyer – Ambulance Director

Amy reviewed her monthly report.

The Ambulance Service had 99 calls from January 1st to July 31st. Vinalhaven has been calling South Thomaston for coverage.

The Ambulance Service had a water rescue training with the Fire Department

All of Knox County now has an updated pharmacy agreement. This agreement required new storage. Medications are tagged and locked up. Medication is checked daily and always locked.

There was a brief discussion of weekend coverage and billing.

Dyer had two people apply to the Service. Anthony Leo is an EMT. Robert Larry is a driver.

Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion to approve the Ambulance Director's recommendations to hire Anthony Leo as an EMT and Robert Larry as a driver.

Motion Passed 3-0

F. Chief Calderwood – Fire Department

Chief Calderwood was not able to attend.

G. Chuck Jacobs – Crosswalks/Sidewalks

Jacobs has had close calls trying to cross the street at the crosswalks. Drivers aren't paying attention and don't slow down. Large delivery trucks are blocking the crosswalk and causing one way traffic. Jacobs cited the law that motor vehicles must yield the right of way to pedestrian. Jacobs also voiced his concern about the crosswalk paint wearing off so fast.

He spoke with Mr. Allen at MDOT concerning the paint on the crosswalk and the lack of signs at the Post Office/Library crosswalk.

Reitz advised Jacobs he has spoken to Tom Roberts at MDOT and the crosswalks will be repainted.

Jacobs sees a lot of pedestrian traffic. He believes this necessitates more signage.

H. **Arthur Grierson E-911**

Grierson noticed a house on Norton Drive was assigned a left hand number instead of a right hand number. He would like to fix any numbers he comes across.

Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion that any house numbers that are incorrect get fixed.

A short discussion followed the motion about drafting a letter giving the background and history and why it's important to have consistent numbers from a public safety aspect.

Grierson will draft a letter and send it to the board to review and edit it.

Motion passed 3-0.

I. **Snow Plow Contract**

Payment for the sand and salt will be made in two installments. First payment will be due Oct 15, second payment due February 15th. The Town will receive credit for the sand and salt currently in the sand and salt shed.

After a discussion a price of \$21,375 was agreed upon to plow the 3.5 miles of Route #131. This price is good for each of the two remaining years of the contract. MDOT will reimburse the Town. Kalloch will also fix the bottom of the loading ramp and plow Gilford Butler School...

The Board and Kalloch discussed having sand/salt available for residents to get buckets of.

Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion to accept the Winter Maintenance contract as modified. Two payments, Oct 15 and Feb 15 and extra price of \$ 21,375 to cover plowing Route 131.

Motion passed 3-0.

J. **Other Business**

Paving

Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion proposing we accept Hagar Enterprise's bid for paving the town office parking lot and town library parking lot not to exceed \$17,500.

Motion passed 3-0.

K. **Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

V. Review Correspondence

A. MMA Election

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to appoint Waterman to sign the voting ballot.

Motion passed 2-0.

B. PretiFlaherty

Reitz will respond to the letter.

VI. Reports and Administration

A. Ambulance –July Report

Amy reviewed her July report with the Board.

B. Assessor’s Agent – July Report

There was no July report.

C. Code Enforcement Officer – July Report

There was no July report.

D. EMA- July Report

The Board reviewed the July report.

E. Fire Department – July Report

The Board reviewed the July report.

F. Licensed Plumbing Inspector – July Report

There was no July report.

G. Treasurer – July Report

Baines reviewed her report with the Board.

H. Town Administrator’s July Report

Baines reviewed her report with the Board.

I. Authorize Treasurer’s Warrants

The Board authorized the treasurer’s warrants.

J. Review Check Reconciliations for July 2018

The Board reviewed the check reconciliations for July.

K. Approve Minutes of July 10, 2018, July 12, 2018 and August 7, 2018.

Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to accept the minutes of July 10, July 12 and August 7 as amended.

Motion passed 3- 0.

L. Schedule Future Meeting(s)

October 30 was set to hold a Public Hearing/ Special Town Meeting to accept/reject the Gilford Butler School property.

Adjournment

Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion to adjourn at 2048.

Motion passed 3-0.

Approved by Selectboard 9/11/2018