Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2020

Roster: Selectmen: Andrea Reichert, Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Gary Agren, Brian Rundlett, Garrett Oswald

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

2. The Board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept them as written, Raymond 2nd and all were in favor.

3. Old Business-There was a brief discussion regarding the Sand/Salt/Shed overhead door, which was still not completed.

4. Department Heads

a. Gary discussed with the Board members that he would agree to another 3-year term as Road Commissioner. The discussion continued with talk of increase in trucking prices and that Gary had No major projects for the year 2021 at this time

5. Items by the Public-Garrett Oswald spoke with the board regarding questions from previous meetings that were not answered. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this along with his claims that minutes to a previous meeting never had been printed in the monthly newsletter with a correction. Stacie assured him that said meeting minutes from September 1, was properly printed in the monthly newsletter and informed him he could find a copy of that newsletter on the town’s website, newportlandmaine.org. Garrett wanted the board to look into finding out what it consisted of to de-organize the town of New Portland. Garrett felt that MMA might have information or a worksheet of some sort that we could use to show how the town would be affected by such a change. Gary briefly added that he thought that this matter had been researched before and that the town would be required to pay off any and all debt prior to even trying to de-organize. Garrett also questioned to the Board how they intended on proceeding with the annual town meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding the matter and more research needs to be done before a final decision can be made on how to proceed with the 2021 annual town meeting and still follow the Maine CDC guidelines. Stacie stated to the board that she could email MMA to see what they would be able to provide for us regarding de-organizing and Garrett then stated that it might not be of interest to them to assist us in this manner. Andrea who arrived late to the meeting stated that this is a very busy time of year for Stacie, as Town Manager, Town Clerk, and being the only one working in the office with year end duties, preparing the 2021 budget, town report and prepping for the 2021 annual town meeting. She stated that because of this she would only allow Stacie to send 1 email to see if we could meet Garrett’s request in getting some information regarding this matter of de-organizing. Stacie would report to the board on her findings.

6. Items by the Town Manager

a. The Board members reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants and the Treasurer’s report for November.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen

a. The Board members reviewed and signed the two purchase agreements for properties that were foreclosed upon by the town for non-payment of 2018 taxes. Stacie would send copies to the two parties involved for their signatures and then have the documents recorded at the Somerset County registry of deeds as stated by Maine State law.

b. The Board members decided to accept any and all bids for the other land properties foreclosed on until February 15th, 2021. Stacie would make sure that this was published in the February New Portlander as well as the Daily Bulldog, and maybe the Kingfield Irregular.

c. The Board members reviewed the proposed 2021 Budget Requests. Andrea felt that the information that the board received was a good start to their annual process. Stacie would have updated data for the boards next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the January 05, 2021 meeting. smr*