

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015

Board Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, James Justice and Sara Moore.

Absent: Elmer Savage.

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Chris Packard, Joel Moore, Elaine Frost, Joseph Patricia and John Gibbons.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** by Chair at 6:30PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Public Comment:** John Gibbons gave kudos to the Administration for the good job they did on Miller Road.
4. **Report on Dog Late Fee Issue:** Jay reported the law says shall and there is no way to waive those fees. Sara Moore had contacted Dept. of Agriculture and one of the lawyers from MMA and was told the exact same thing. Sara said Connie Canavan called Pine Tree Legal and they told her the same thing. Greg commented we know where we stand on it for future reference.
5. **Discussion on the Davis Road Project:** When we awarded the contract last year to Chris Packard we said it would be up to the Board if they wanted to do a continuation of the contract we know we are going to spend at least \$100,000 on the road. Jay asked Chris if the Board decides to do that he schedule it for July. In order for him to do that the Board needs to make a decision so he can plan his work around that. We don't know how the Bond Issue is going to come out. We are pretty sure the regular budget will happen. Greg noted the Board made the statement that a successful Contractor may be awarded additional work in the future on this project without further bidding upon successful performance of this contract. Greg said it is only fair to Chris that we continue with him on the Davis Road on what he proposed last year and thinks any further bidding process would be unfair to him. He asked for a motion that we continue with Chris on the remainder of that project as long as the Town continues to support the funds to make it happen. Motion by James Justice. Seconded Sara Moore. Unanimous.

Jay said if the Bond does pass Chris says his price will be a little bit less if you do the whole road. Jay doesn't know what that price is but Chris did state that. Chris said this is good now so he can start calling his suppliers to make sure they have everything in stock.

6. **Approve Minutes of April 7, 2015:** Motion by Jim Justice to approve minutes as written. Seconded Sara Moore. Unanimous.
7. **Sign Treasurers' Warrant dated April 22, 2015:** Motion by James Justice. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
8. **Other Business:** Farmers' Market. Threw further discussion with the Code Enforcement Officer and looking at the Common there's really no place to hang a banner. They propose to place a 4x5' long 2x3' tall sign posts on the corner of Town House Rd. and Common Rd. The sign would be erected using 2 4x4x6/8' posts. These posts would be secured into conduit sunk into the Common turf. The conduit would be sunk in to a depth appropriate for avoiding frost heaving or Common maintenance. Because of the timing of this new proposal we plan to erect this sign, if approved closer to the end of May or beginning of June. This will allow for us to have Dig Safe approval and more funds to be generated to pay for this project. Motion by Lyle Cramer to approve the plan as presented. Seconded James Justice. Greg asks to have an ending date not when the plows run. The Farmers Market ends in October so by the end of October the sign comes down. Greg asks for that to be added to the motion and also a trial status, the sign goes up in May and we re-look at it a month later. If we start getting calls about the sign we will need to discuss it further if there are no problems leave it there and we run the program like you have suggested. Jim asks when they remove the sign will there be any posts sticking out or will it be flat with the ground? Elaine said there would be a small amount of post, probably about three or so inches. Jay said Code Enforcement can work with you on that since the sign is in State right of way you have to have break away posts in case someone runs into it. Chair noted no amendments to his motion and asks for vote. Three for. One against. (Grotton). Question was asked if we were given approval we ask for a waiver for the permit fee. Jay noted in the past the only waivers that were done were for non-profits. The Farmer's Market is a State of Maine not for profit. Motion by Sara Moore to drop the permit fee. Seconded James Justice. Three for. One opposed. (Grotton).
9. **Town Manager's Report:** Jay reported he was in Augusta testifying on General Assistance bills. Some which will pass some which will not. We hope the sixty day Taniff limit will pass; it is really expensive to some of the Service Centers Cities. We still have no one who has taken out papers for School Board. We need someone to run or it will be a write in.

10. **Selectmen's Report:** Jim mentioned a benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Kyle Moody tomorrow night at the Union Masonic Hall. Greg noted the Fire Ambulance Awards Banquet on Sunday May 3rd at 4pm here at the Town Office. Greg asks to borrow four 8ft. tables for the Library Stash Sale. Motion by James Justice. Seconded Sara Moore. Unanimous.
11. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.
12. **Adjourn:** Motion by James Justice to adjourn at 7:00PM. Seconded Sara Moore. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on May 5, 2015 with the following amendments.