

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2015

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

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Jesse Thompson, Joel Moore, Richard Morgan, Vicki Harriman and Joseph Patricia

1. **Call Selectmen Meeting to order:** by Chair at 6:00PM.
2. **Executive Session Poverty Abatement 15-1 36 MRSA 841 (2):** Motion by James Justice to enter Executive Session at 6:05PM. Seconded Sally Moore. Unanimous. Motion James Justice to adjourn Executive Session at 6:25PM. Seconded by Sally Moore. Unanimous. Motion by James Justice to deny the abatement request 14-2 because the applicants were determined to be over income when taxes were due. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. One abstention. (Savage).
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
4. **Public Comment:** Jim commended Public Works on the great job they are doing plowing our roads.
5. **Approve Minutes of February 3, 2015:** Motion by James Justice to approve the minutes as written. Seconded Sara Moore. Unanimous.
6. **Health Office Vicki Harriman update to Board:** Vicki updated the Board on her activities and reported both she and Kevin Soule along with his wife completed two Red Cross Shelter Training Courses. They were able to use the first storm in November as a drill when we lost power. She is currently involved in mentoring and coaching several community members with cancer at the Y, there is a program that people should be aware of. It is called Live Strong it's a great free program. Vicki acts as a resource for people in town to find the resources for whatever they need.

The Board moved on to item # 11 Other Business:

Jay appointed Jesse Thompson full-time Ambulance Chief today. It's a Manager's Appointment subject to Board approval. Motion by James Justice to appoint Jesse Thompson as Ambulance Chief. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. One abstention. (Moore).

7. Discussion and vote to use \$4,800 from Highway Truck Reserve: Jay reported the after Treatment Systems on new diesel engines seem to be a major issue with most trucks after 3 or 4 years and each occurrence cost us more than what the service contract is. He would like to take \$4,800 from the Highway Truck Reserve account to purchase the service contract on the new plow truck. Motion by Lyle Cramer to take \$4,800 from the Highway Truck reserve to purchase the Warranty on those materials. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.

8. Discussion on Payson Road section: This item was discussed in detail at the last meeting Richard Morgan has come tonight to propose a temporary way to address the situation until such time as Tidewater can move its fiber optics to the new pole and we can pave that corner making it a safer angle and probably will not need the shortcut any longer. Greg went over to look at the corner and feels if we open that up especially with the snow we have this year it would be a safety hazard. Lyle absolutely agrees with Richard when he said a way to improve the situation would be to pave the street as much as we can back towards those poles and if they could be moved that would be even better. The best solution is to do that when we can do it. Not only would it be a safety hazard to plow that out now but would make the situation worse than it stands now. As soon as we can we should shave that point off as much as we can to make it easier to make a turn around there. The other thing is the timing of this and like Jim said our people are working long hours just trying to keep up with the snow. Sally said because it's a town road and as a matter of principle we're supposed to be taking care of town roads. She suggests if we do not want to open it to winter maintenance then we need to label it as such. Jim said so that would make it a closed road for the winter. Jay clarified, that road wasn't plowed before he came here unlike what's being said at certain places in town and Jay did not direct his town employees not to plow it including the person who signed your petition who used to work for the town didn't plow it then either. The other point is 30ft. from the centerline belongs to the State so anything we do to that island has to be approved by the State at 100% cost to the Town and it cost about \$2,000 to move that pole way out of the way. The biggest labor cost is in the cutting of the fiber optics and it's hard to tell when Tidewater would do that. Motion by James Justice to close the road the shortcut for the winter. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous. Greg stated we will continue not to plow it and will put up signs, road closed temporarily. He also suggested the Board revisit this in the spring and see if we can get an update from Tidewater.

9. Discussion on upcoming bills in Augusta: Jay reported there is a Public Hearing tomorrow in Augusta on Revenue Sharing. He encouraged Board members to either testify or provide written testimony for the Committee. It is good to get information from Selectmen and Citizens on this.

10. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated February 18, 2015:** Motion by James Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

11. **Other Business:** this was taken care of earlier in the meeting.

12. **Town Manager's Report:** Jay expects to have the Boards budget packets ready early next week. Jay reported because of all the engineering work on the Salt/Sand shed we never did get a full amount of sand in and with all the rain in November everything stopped. We have sand coming at \$17.00 yd. delivered. There is a \$17,000 bill coming for 1,000 yds. of sand. We need to go back to our original plan and put a pole building up. We are lucky to have Maine Municipal Insurance to cover the damage but they will not cover a replacement they only cover the engineered ones.

13. **Selectmen's Report:** there was none.

14. **Future Agenda Items:** there were none.

15. **Adjourn:** Motion by Elmer Savage to adjourn at 8:00PM. Seconded by Greg Grotton. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on March 3, 2015 with the following amendments.