

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2015

Board Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Elmer Savage, James Justice and John Shepard.

Also Present: Jim Murphy and Lawrence Nash.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** by Co-Chair at 6:30PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Open Public Hearing on GA Ordinances:** Lyle Cramer opened Public Hearing. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
4. **Close Public Hearing on GA Ordinances and vote to approve new ordinance:** Hearing no comments Lyle Cramer closed Public Hearing. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous. Jay noted almost nothing changed. Under Federal Food some of the Housing was changed in some of the other counties but not in Knox. Motion by James Justice to approve New GA Ordinance. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.
5. **Open Public Hearing on permanent road weight limit:** Lyle Cramer opened Public Hearing on permanent road weight limit. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous. Jay noted we already have Road Closing Ordinance for winter maintenance and under that it states that the Board can permanently close roads or they can appoint the Road Commissioner to permanently close roads. It was suggested by an attorney that we do it as a totally separate amendment to the Ordinance and that we update our Ordinance since it was dated back in the 80's when Jay was a Selectman. We have an amendment to permanently close Davis and Cole Roads which is the real reason for the Public Hearing to truck traffic over 10,000 lbs. and it will be posted no through trucks with GVW over 10,000 lbs. Farm vehicles are exempt, Oil trucks are exempt, Fire Trucks are exempt etc. Elmer asks this is just for through traffic on Davis and Cole, can they still get deliveries? Jay said yes.

6. **Close Public Hearing on road weight limit and vote on such:** Lyle Cramer closed Public Hearing. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous. Motion James Justice to approve the permanent weight limit on Davis and Cole Roads. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.
7. **Public Comment:** there was none.
8. **Approve minutes of September 15, 2015:** Motion Lyle Cramer to approve minutes as written. Seconded John Shepard. One abstention. James Justice.
9. **Sign Municipal Valuation Return (Jim Murphy):** The Valuation Return is the report of the Commitment Valuation, amount of Taxes, Veterans exemptions, Homestead Exemptions, Farm space, Open space, and is due to the State by November 1st. Motion James Justice to sign 2015/2016 Municipal Valuation Return. Seconded Elmer Savage. Unanimous.
10. **Sign Abatements in the amount of \$19.44 and \$53.56 (Murphy):** Jim reported An abatement for John Monroe \$19.44 and Jeffery Newman \$34.02. Motion James Justice to sign Abatements. Seconded Elmer Savage. Unanimous.
11. **Supplemental Warrant and Certificate (Murphy):** Jim reported a Supplemental Warrant for David Oakes \$19.44. This puts the property in the correct name so we can collect the taxes. Motion James Justice to approve Supplemental Warrant and Certificate. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.
12. **Mid-Coast Regional Planning Contract approval:** This is authorization for the Town Manager to sign a contract with Mid-Coast Regional Planning. Motion John Shepard to authorize Town Manager to sign MCRP Contract. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
13. **Planning Board, Recreation Appointments:** Two appointments for Planning Board: Gerald Brooks, Jr. and Robin Milliken. Recreation Complex Committee: Rob Milliken. Motion Lyle Cramer to approve Planning Board Appointments. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.
14. **Sign Treasurers Warrant dated October 6, 2015:** Motion John Shepard to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
15. **Other Business:** there was none.
16. **Town Managers Report:** Jay said we will shut the Warrants off on Fridays so the Board will have them with the agenda in their emails to review over the weekend. Jay provided the Board with an update on the roads. We have a considerable amount of damage on the roads. Jay does not expect a FEMA Declaration we need 1.8 million dollars in the State of Maine. Jay feels the Town of Union will put Knox County over its limit but it's mostly in Union, Washington,

Appleton a little bit in Hope and little in Camden, they don't tend to report and Camden tends not to fill out the forms. If you don't report it doesn't count and we have a Governor who does not like to declare emergencies. We got all our roads opened Wednesday night some of them were one lane roads. Our paving company helped us out big time then let us rent their grader and their operator for the day. The Town of Warren came up on Thursday with a grader and a backhoe on Friday. The agreement is you pay them the State rates. Butler Road is not finished yet we have a lot of rock to put in there. We are very concerned about Carroll Rd. the road is kind of slanted so it may be undermined. We have DOT Engineer coming tomorrow to look at it. We will have a Contractor come up to do the edges of the roads where there are washouts.

17. **Selectmen's Report:** there was none.
18. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.
19. **Adjourn:** Motion James Justice to adjourn at 7:30PM. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on October 20, 2015 with the following amendments.