

Selectmen/Assessor Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2016

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

**Absent:** Jim Justice.

**Also Present:** Jay Feyler, John Gibbons, Mary Jane West, Beth Fisher, Kim Applebee, Joann Richards, Rick Migliore, Scott Farley and Joseph Patricia.

1. **Call Selectmen's Meeting to order:** by Chair at 6:30PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Public Comment:** Mary Jane West from Rabbit Farm Rd. had letters from people on Rabbit Farm Rd. that Greg suggested she give to the Town Manager. She asked if there are copies of the Engineering Study or requirements for Rabbit Farm Rd. Greg said nothing has been done at this point. He suggested she sign up for the web-site so when we have any type of meeting you would get a notice on the web site. You will also get an agenda showing what is going to be discussed that night at Selectmen's Meeting. Jay added the final report from Landmark will be on the web site.

Board moved on to item #5.

5. **Presentation from Mid Coast School of Technology:** Beth Fisher talked about the Tech School, the shape it's in and why we are on the ballot in November. We provide Tech training for high school students and adults. We are part of the public school system and our building urgently needs replacing we will have a Bond on the November's ballot. We are asking for the support of the community for the sake of our students. Along with the many programs we offer we have Fire Fighting Program, Marine Trades, Small Engines etc. Students have the opportunity to earn Industry Certification and the opportunity to earn college credits. A lot of the equipment we have to have and the certification of our teachers is expensive. If each high school were to offer the programs they could only offer one or two programs because of the cost. The State years ago set up a system of 27 different regions in the State our Region goes from Waldoboro to Lincolnville inland and also includes the islands of Isleboro, North Haven and Vinalhaven. Technical Education is essential, there was a push to send everybody to four year colleges what the statistics and research shows

is within the next 20 years about half of the jobs are not going to require a four year Degree. We think it is essential to have this pathway for students. We do training for Jobs that are not going to go overseas. We had an engineering study that verified the things we know about the building it has outlived its expected life cycle. It was built in the 1960's and the metal fab building was expected to last 20/25 years. The cost of doing nothing is significant and our costs continue to rise. The existing Infrastructure doesn't meet building codes from the foundation to the roof. The noise level, air quality and lighting are all failing and the classrooms are overcrowded. The Project is to build directly behind the present building. Elmer asks what is the Timetable. If we get the outcome we are looking for in November we will start The bidding process with construction to begin in 2018. He also asked what the cost Estimate is? \$25 million was the answer. We have our regular web site but our students are building a web site that is just about the project and they are hoping that it will be up and running by the middle of May and as we move forward with the project they will be posting things on the web site.

4. **Approve minutes of March 15, 2016:** Motion Lyle Cramer to approve March 15, 2016 minutes. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous. Board tabled approval of March 8, 2016 minutes until the next meeting.
  
6. **Discussion and vote on disposing of tax acquired properties:** Jay reported we have one tax acquired property he would like to discuss this with the owners of the property at the next meeting in Executive Session. Motion Lyle Cramer to discuss this at the next meeting April 19th at 6:00PM. In Executive Session. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

The following properties have been foreclosed on it's the Boards policy to offer the Previous owner the opportunity to pay all of the taxes due, \$200 redemption fee and pay the Attorney the Deed fees.

Property 015-02009 Upham Rd. We have a check upstairs for the full amount, Jays recommendation to the Board is to sell this back to the original owner for all back taxes and fees then we can deposit that money and send the Deed information to Roger Therriault then four to six weeks he'll send them a bill and will issued a quit claim deed and they'll have the property back in there name. Motion John Shepard to sell the property back to the original owner for all back taxes and fees. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

Property Feyler Rd. We have a check upstairs for the full amount. Jay recommends the Board sells it back to the original owner for all back taxes and fees. Motion Elmer Savage to sell the property back to the original owner for all back taxes and Fees. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

Property 017-005 Buzzell Hill Rd. Jay has had no contact with them other than when The Board met with them. They've been notified just like everyone else. Jay recommends we sell the property by bid or auction for a minimum amount of \$33,000

we won't do that for 30 days until any and all legal challenges have been eliminated. Motion Lyle Cramer to put this property out to bid following the procedures Jay has just described. Seconded John Shepard. Three four. One abstention. (Savage).

Property 002-018-002 Military Lane. We have received the money for this from the Daughter. Jay recommends the Board sell this back to the previous owner. Motion Lyle Cramer to sell property back to the previous owner. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

Property 016-012-001 Skidmore Rd. All the certifies have gone out some have come back they have signed for them in previous years they have not signed for them this year we did send mailings by regular mail and they were received. Jay has had zero response from this person they haven't done anything. Jay recommends selling it off. Motion John Shepard to sell off by minimum bid. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

Property 013-023-002 Happy Hollow Rd. Person lives out of state did not sign for Certifies. Jay recommends sell this property off at minimum bid \$2500. Motion Lyle Cramer to sell property off minimum bid \$2500. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

Property 013-014 Bump Hill Rd. Jay asks the Board to approve disposing of the building by the best means possible. Motion Lyle Cramer to authorize the Town Manager to dispose of the building by the best means possible. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

Property 020-015 Browns Lane is an occupied building. We will have to put it out to Bid with occupants in it. Motion Lyle Cramer to sell this for the minimum bid of \$7,000. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

7. **Further Discussion on Treasurer article on warrant:** Jay reminded the Board the Treasurer sent a letter asking that the position be appointed rather than elected and to put it on the Warrant. It was back in Nov. 2012 that it was on the Warrant for Town vote. John said since the Treasurer has specifically asked us to consider it we need to honor her request not just ignore it. The Board needs to decide whether they want it on the open Town Meeting or on the ballot. Motion Lyle Cramer to put it on the Warrant. Seconded John Shepard. Three for. One against. (Savage).
8. **Appointment of member to Scholarship Committee:** Irene Hawes has come forward to fill in on the Scholarship Committee for this spring only replacing Mary Butler. Motion John Shepard to appoint Irene Hawes to Scholarship Committee for this year only. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
9. **Appointment of Ballot Clerks:** Dorothy Black, Dianne Groce, Pam Jensen, Carol Watier, Nancy Johnson, Lynda Dean, Charlotte Doughty, Barbara Fang and Ruth Leonard. Motion Elmer Savage to Approve the above Election Clerks for two years. Seconded Lyle Cramer.

Unanimous.

10. **Discussion of TCC donation on warrant:** Motion Lyle Cramer to table this Discussion until next meeting. Seconded Elmer Savage. Unanimous.
11. **Vote to approve the use of \$3,800 from the Building Reserve Fund:** Jay reported the Board voted to take \$2500 or \$2700 awhile back and it ends up being \$3000 and we haven't taken that out so this is just a revote for a little bit more money. We had to replace the motors on the doors and the meeting room doors need to be replaced, a little more money than Jay expected. Motion Lyle Cramer to use \$3800 from the Building Reserve Fund. Seconded Elmer Savage. Unanimous.
12. **Update on Comprehensive Plan Committee:** Elmer said the Committee covered Agriculture and Forestry at their meeting. Elmer handed over the Comp. Plan survey to Eric Gallant for consolidation. We expect to do another survey in May.
13. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated April 5, 2016:** Motion Lyle Cramer to sign Treasurer's Warrant dated April 5, 2016. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.
14. **Other Business:** there was none.
15. **Town Managers Report:** Jay met with the Recreation Committee they still don't have an official Chair person. They are quite interested in doing more. We are trying to get more people involved. We'll do another Rec. Committee signup sheet at Town Meeting. Jay met with the Superintendent last Thurs. afternoon about the ball field. The Football people think it should be a football field. Jay and the Superintendent agree it's a School field, a multi use field and that's the way it should be.
16. **Selectmen's Report:** Elmer reported he will not be running for another term on the Select Board and said he's always had a good time on the Board and got along with everyone. It's time for someone else now.
17. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.
18. **Adjourn:** Motion John Shepard to adjourn at 8:40PM. Seconded Lyle Cramer. \ Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on April 19, 2016 with the following amendments.