

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 11, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
at the St Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, and Gary Picard. Dan Bechard absent

Chairman Banville called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:30 pm

Article 1 – To Consider the Minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes as presented. Beurmond Banville seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 2 – To Consider the Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2016.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the financial reports as presented. Beurmond Banville seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 3 – Long Lake Motor Inn Liquor License Renewal Application.

The Board reviewed the liquor license application of Long Lake Motor Inn. There were no documented issues with the Motor Inn during the previous licensing period.

A motion was made by Beurmond Banville to sign the Liquor License application. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 4 – Town Office Water Filter Issues

The town manager briefed the Board that after the last BOS meeting, the filter was bypassed at the bypass valve since debris was coming in the water, and it was suspected that the debris may be from the filter itself. After the filter was put into bypass, more debris was found in the water. Therefore it is likely that the filter has failed and is letting by particles of debris from the well. The filter is an old model that has a backwash cycle, and would be costly to replace. Beurmond suggested getting pricing for a cartridge type filter system. The Town Manager indicated he would get pricing from a local plumber to bring to the next BOS meeting in May.

Article 5 – Final Review of the FY17 Proposed Budget.

The Town Manager & Board reviewed the minor changes that came out of the previous BOS budget meeting. All was OK except that the Town Manager suggested increasing the winter sand tonnage due to the fact that our current supply was pretty well depleted due to the icy winter we had. It was agreed that we would increase our tonnage by 500 yards, bringing our winter sand budget to \$23,000.00.

Article 6- Sewer Dept I & I update, leaking manholes identified, quotes for repair.

The Town Manager had Phil Sirois from Ed Pelletier come in to the BOS meeting to discuss the I & I issues on Cleveland Rd. & RT 162. Phil explained to the Board that the groundwater entering our manholes was due to the water pressure resulting from groundwater following the course gravel channel that the sewer line lay in. These channels act as highways for groundwater, directing water straight to the manholes with great pressure where the pipe distances are long and with elevation. He suggested that any repair should be accompanied with a plan to relieve pressure from these manholes by installing drain pipes adjacent to the sewer lines, and giving water a place to exit the channel by directing water into ditches or other areas. He also recommended installing clay dams ahead of the manholes.

Article 7- Paper Talks Magazine Advertisement Request

The Town Manager briefed that the Paper Talks Magazine had stopped by to try to sell ad space in their annual publication.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to deny the request. Beurmond Banville seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 8- Homestead Exemption, Certified Ratio Declaration.

The Board was presented info on the 2016-2017 Homestead Ratio Declaration. The Town has consistently set the ratio at 80% in previous years.

A motion was made by Beurmond Banville to set the ratio @ 80%. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 9 – Monthly Sewer Report.

Board members discussed the sewer report, particularly recorded flows at various location in the Town as they relate to groundwater.

No action taken on this article.

Article 10 – Public Works Summer Hours, department request to four ten hour days.

The Town Manager briefed the Board that the PW's department has requested going to summer hours, And also going to 4 ten hour days, rather than 4 ½ days.

The Board discussed perhaps going to summer hours from the week of Memorial Day, to Labor Day. This article was tabled until the May BOS meeting when the full Board is present.

Article 11 – Insurance Coverages for defibrillator, playground equipment, and sewer camera.

The town manager discussed with the Board getting insurance coverages for this equipment, but didn't have prices for these coverages yet. It was also unclear whether the Town had liability coverage for the park playground area.

The BOS asked for clarification on the liability coverages and insurance estimates for the next BOS meeting.

Article 12 – Defibrillator Installation discussion.

The Town Manager briefed the board on prices he found online for sealed enclosures for the defibrillator. We are still waiting on receipt of the device before so that we can order the right size enclosure. The stainless enclosures cost several hundred dollars, Beurmond suggested that we may be able to have something built for less money.

No action was taken on this, and this will be taken up once we receive the device.

Article 12 – Other business.

- **Irma Sirois issue.**

The Board was briefed about a complaint from Irma Sirois that the PW's dept. and myself had moved her sump pump pipes, causing them to freeze. She insisted that Town was responsible, and should pay the Ken Lerman bill for the repair. The guys had rearranged one pipe during a walk by of sewer manholes, and we noticed the line was surging on and off, and thought it would be a good idea to move the pipe. It was also discussed that Mrs. Sirois claimed that she had permission to hook up her basement sump-pump during the winter months due to freezing issues. The Board disagreed that such an agreement existed, and reaffirmed that no sump-pumps can ever be installed to Town sewer.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to pay the Lerman bill, and send a letter to Mrs. Sirois that she can no longer connect her sump pump to the Town's sewer. Beurmond Banville seconded the motion, all were in favor.

- **Credit Card approval for the Clerk & PW's foreman.**

The town manager followed up with the Board that this was approved at a previous BOS meeting, but in order to do so, the approval from the Board would have to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, which would be given to Acadia FCU.

A motion was made by Beurmond Banville to approve Aubrie Michaud & John Picard as authorized user to the Acadia FCU Visa Credit Card.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,
Town Manager

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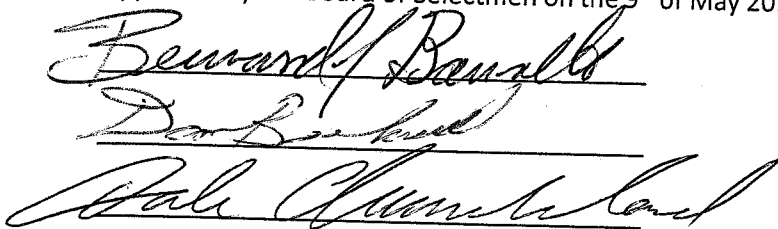
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