

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 30, 2014 at 4pm
at the St. Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard, Bob Pelletier, Bob Ouellet & Christy Sirois

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 4pm.

Article 1 – Shoreland Ordinance Violation

Tabled for more information

Article 2 – Primitive Campsite Standards and Violation

Tabled for more information and the Shoreland Ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Article 3 – Waterfront Access on Undeveloped Lots and Violation

Mr. Ouellet presented the board with a violation of the Town's Shoreland Ordinance. He discussed the case without naming the landowner and stated the landowner had received a letter notify them of the violation. Mr. Ouellet asked the Board if they wish to pursue the violation. The Board directed Mr. Ouellet to continue and pursue the violation. It will be brought before the board at a future meeting in which the landowner will have the opportunity to appear before the board and discuss the violation with the Board.

Article 4 - Minutes

November 14, 2013 – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes as written. All approved.

Article 5 - Financial Reports

Period ending December 31, 2013– Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve the financial reports as presented. All approved.

Article 6 – Sand/Salt Use by Public Policy

No policy approved. The Town will continue to provide an area for residents to get sand as needed. The limitation would be that the loading of vehicles or containers be limited to non-mechanical means (i.e. a resident cannot go with their pickup and also bring their tractor and use said tractor to load the pickup). No action taken for a formal policy.

Article 7 – Wastewater Plant Surplus Equipment Bids

The town received two bids for used equipment. A bid was submitted by Bruce Corriveau and Roger Chasse. Not all items were bided on. The highest bids for items were:

Hot Air Furnace w/duct work and Chimney– Bruce Corriveau \$25

Water Pressure Tank – Roger Chasse \$15

Electric Panel Box (2) – Bruce Corriveau \$30 each

Sink w/Base – Bruce Corriveau \$15

Cabinet w/glass door – Bruce Corriveau \$15

There was a tie bid for the oil tank at \$25 from each bidder. The Board awarded to Roger Chasse because they awarded the Chimney that Roger had also bid on to Bruce. The Chimney was not listed as a separate item and was written in by both bidders.

There was a motion by Mr. Banville and second by Mr. Chamberland to approve the awards as noted above. All approved. The remaining equipment will be disposed of by the Board to an individual who makes a reasonable offer.

Article 8 – Dispatch Contract

The Town on behalf of the Fire Department annual enters into a dispatch contract with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department. This year's contract was for \$1,192.21. This is an increase of \$57 from the previous contract. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the dispatch contract for 2014 with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department. All approved.

Article 9 – FY 15 COLA

Ms. Sirois presented the Board with a spread that showed the 12 month percentage change for the CPI-U from January 2013 – December 2013. The average of these numbers is used to determine employee cost of living adjustments. This year's average is 1.38%. The board instructed Ms. Sirois to use this number when developing the budget and the board will set the actual wage increase through the budget process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Future Meeting Dates

The February Board meeting was set for February 17 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held at the St Agatha Town Office. The March Board meeting was set for March 24 at 6:30pm. This meeting will also include the Board's review of the proposed budget. The April Board meeting was set for the 10th at the KC Hall in St Agatha. This will be a regular board meeting. Directly following the Board meeting at approximately 7pm the Board will then meet with the Budget Committee to review the proposed budget with them.

BYOB Permit Application

An application was received for a BYOB permit for the Robichaud Family Reunion that will be held on August 17, 2014. The event is expected to have 400 people attending and will be held at John and Ann

Babin's Farm on Bouchard Road in St Agatha. There was a motion by Mr. Banville to approve the BYOB permit. Mr. Chamberland seconded this motion. All approved. The Town is required to vote on the permit and then it is sent to the State for final approval and issuance by the Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement.

Tax Abatement

A tax abatement was presented to the Board by Ms. Sirois. Mr. James M Chamberland questioned his value increase on his property at 380 Main Street (Old Convent House). It was discovered that the assessment had first been applied to the wrong building and then when it was moved (before tax bills were issued) to the correct building an adjustment was not made to reflect the changes to a different building type. After a review by the assessor's agent with Mr. Chamberland a decrease in value in the amount of \$65,600 needs to be adjusted. This is equivalent to \$1,213.60. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve the abatement. It was an error on the Town's part. All approved.

Town Pickup

A request was made by Lead Hand Roger Chasse to be able to take the Town pickup home at night during winter months. This would be to make the task of check roads after regular hours when needed easier. The Board denied the request. When this vehicle was purchased the Board at the time made a stipulation that was to be left at the garage when not in use and outside of regular work hours. It was not taken home at night by any employee.

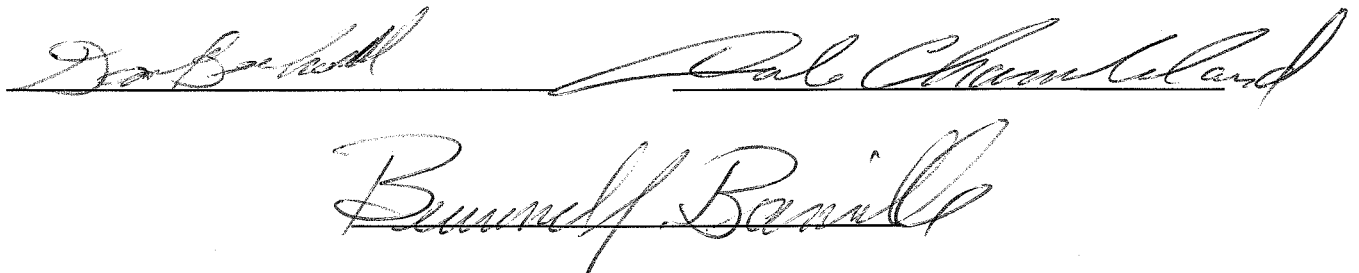
Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 17th day of February, 2014.



Three handwritten signatures are present, each on a horizontal line. The signatures are written in cursive. The first signature on the left is partially obscured. The middle signature is clearly legible as 'Paul Chamberland'. The signature on the right is clearly legible as 'Bennett Banville'.