

A motion was made by Selectperson Carter to discuss the January 20, 2015 Board Minutes; seconded by Selectperson Fletcher. All in favor. Carried.

Selectperson Carter had questions on the January 20, 2015 Board Minutes.

A motion was made by Selectperson Carter to postpone the approval of the January 20, 2015 Board Minutes and table the minutes until further review from the tape; seconded by Selectperson Fletcher. Chairperson Frallicciardi and Selectperson Carter were for and Selectperson Fletcher abstained because he was not present at the January 20, 2015 meeting. Carried.

ARTICLES TAKEN OUT OF ORDER:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Some of the residents came to the Board meeting to discuss the \$69.00 Sewer Fee. The sewer pipe connection passes on the property so that is why there is a standby fee charge.

The Town Manager said the Sewer Ordinance was redone in 2012 and the standby fee was never enforced. There is a charge whether there is someone living in the resident or if the home is empty because there will be hookup in the future. The Town pays for the maintenance of that line.

Selectperson Fletcher said the charge goes towards the debt service of that pipe. Rate payers were paying a higher fee because residents who have the pipe going by their home but are not connected were not paying their share of the debt. The Sewer Department was adjusting the rates to charge more for the user fee to compensate for the standby fee. It is like insurance.

Chairperson Frallicciardi responded the standby fee is paying for the service to hookup for the future.

A motion was made by Selectperson Carter to bring up the standby sewer user charge for more discussion at the next Board Meeting; seconded by Selectperson Fletcher. All in favor.

ITEMS TO BE SIGNED:

Article 1: Bills and Warrants

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The Board reviewed and signed the Bills and Warrants.

Article 2: Liquor License and Special Entertainment Permit for the Knights of Columbus

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to approve the Liquor License and Special Entertainment Permit for the Knights of Columbus; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

REPORTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE:

Article 1: Town Manager

The Town Manager gave the Board a copy of the letter referencing Unfunded Mandates at the February 3, 2015 Board Meeting. The Town Manager asked the Board to give her their responses about the mandates before the deadline if they want to send a reply.

A copy of the Yearly Analytical Excise Tax Review dated February 2015 for the Board's review.

The Town Manager asked the Board if they wanted to sell the equipment at the Ricardo's Restaurant separately or include the equipment in the sale of the building. The Board did not want to sell the equipment separately. Chairperson Frallicciardi will take an inventory of the equipment in the building and he will create a bid sheet for the Board's review.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to sell the Ricardo equipment and building together; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

The Town Manager put a status report from Woodard and Curran in the Board's mailbox for their review. Mr. Brent Bridges will be attending the next meeting on March 17, 2015.

The Driving Academy in Maine is looking for vacant areas for their driving school for commercial trucks. The Board is in agreement that they may use the empty lot in front of the Pollution Control Facility if the Driving Academy provides the insurance coverage.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to approve a vacant area for the Driving Academy if they can provide the insurance coverage; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

Article 2: Any Other Reports

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Chairperson Frallicciardi stated if the Governor's cuts go through it will be crucial to the towns. A cut of \$750,000.00 would amount to approximately 3 mils. Other towns were in Augusta to discuss the effects on their towns. Chairperson Frallicciardi said if proposed cuts go through, we will have to go back to the table and readdress services and positions for the Town.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Discussed Under Articles Taken Out of Order.

NEW BUSINESS:

Article 1: Code Violation (Map 17 Lot 21A)

Mr. Robert Ouellet stated there is a trailer box/storage shed on the property (Map 17 Lot 21A) and there is no record of the trailer on the property card. This means the taxes have not been paid and there is no record of a land use permit. Mr. Ouellet stated if the trailer stays on the property, Mr. Charles Pelletier has to fill out a land use application and the trailer has to meet the setbacks.

Mr. Pelletier responded that he did not think of filling out a permit. The trailer does not have wheels and he believes the trailer does meet the setbacks. Mr. Pelletier said he did not build the trailer, he just moved it onto the land.

Mr. Ouellet replied the Tax Assessor would have to be contacted because three years taxes have not been paid on the trailer.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to charge Mr. Pelletier the double fee for an After the Fact Permit, a \$250.00 fine which is suspended, and a consent agreement if the trailer is in conformity, and refer to Mr. Randy Tarr for the back taxes; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

Article 2: Code Violation (Map 17 Lot 21C)

Mr. Robert Ouellet stated there is a trailer box/storage shed on the property (Map 17 Lot 21C) and there is no record of a land use application or permit for the structure. Mr. Dennis Dionne (representing his brother Jessie Dionne) responded that the old house and trailer are gone so he placed the trailer on the cement slab. Mr. Dionne removed the wheels on the trailer.

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Mr. Ouellet stated that there is no tax issue on the property.

Mr. Dionne asked Mr. Ouellet if he is taxed on the barn and trailer. Mr. Ouellet said he will ask Mr. Randy Tarr to contact Mr. Dionne.

A motion was made by Selectperson Carter to charge Mr. Dionne the double fee for an After the Fact Permit, a \$250.00 fine which is suspended, and a consent agreement; seconded by Selectperson Fletcher. All in favor. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Article 1: Response to the Tax Abatement Request from Mr. Richard Cayer

Chairperson Frallicciardi gave a copy of the NO. 10 Property Tax Abatement and Appeals Procedures to Mr. Richard Cayer. Chairperson Frallicciardi stated that if the tax assessor or municipal officers do not give a response in writing to the tax abatement request, the request is denied, you then can appeal the decision. Mr. Cayer was not happy with the Board. He stated that they are not following the law. Chairperson Frallicciardi responded to Mr. Cayer that he asked for the information and I provided it to you. The Board gives the request to the Tax Assessor and he gives his recommendations to the Board. The Board decides from the recommendation. The Board will make a final decision on the Tax Abatement Request at the next Board Meeting on March 17, 2015.

At the last meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Cayer mentioned that the sound system did not work properly. Selectperson Carter stated this has been an ongoing issue and there is new equipment on the way. The equipment will be arriving tomorrow. Mr. Cayer suggested that the Board have microphones on their lapels. The Town Manager stated the microphones on the labels do not always work. Selectperson Carter stated the new equipment will work and the audio for Channel 16 will be better.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Time Warner Cable meeting discussing the Town Franchise Agreement will be held on Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

Selectperson Carter wanted to thank Roger Thibodeau for all he did for the Town of Madawaska. All the Board Members and the Town Manager agreed that Mr. Thibodeau will be missed in the community.

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ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

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| March 17, 2015 | Board Meeting | 4:30 p.m. |
| March 17, 2015 | Budget Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| March 24, 2015 | BOS Executive Session Workshop | 4:30 p.m. |

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