



Town of Baldwin, Maine
534 Pequawket Trail, West Baldwin, ME 04091
Cumberland County, Maine, U.S.A.
TUESDAY, May 9, 2017
BALDWIN TOWN OFFICE
6:30 P.M.



Attendance:

Selectmen: Robert Flint, Jeffrey Sanborn, Dwight Warren as well as members of the Public

1. Meeting was promptly called to order shortly after 6:32pm by Robert Flint.

2. Review/ Approve meeting minutes

Jeff Sanborn made a motion, Bob Flint seconded the motion and Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve April 25th, 2017 meeting minutes and May 9th, 2017 warrant.

3. Old Business

• **Paul Howe – Real Estate**

Paul Howe presented an offer on the town-owned property located on Rocky Dunn Road that is being sold due to foreclosure. An offer came in at \$37,500.00, unseen inside and a 5 day contingency. Jeff Sanborn made a motion to accept the offer and sell the property, Bob Flint seconded the motion, Selectmen approved 3-0 to accept the offer.

• **Boston Cane Recipient**

Selectmen voted at last Selectmen's meeting to award the recipient according to the approved and written Boston Cane policy. Richard Hopkins moved into Town to live with his son and is the eldest person in Town. Discussion on having a ceremony to award the cane and will post in the Shopping guide. Paul Thomas mentioned that in addition to the Boston Cane, the recipient also gets a pin award to keep for themselves.

• **Barking Dog Issue**

Barking dog issue continues on Wards Hill Road. Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton, has not responded to a letter or phone messages. Will wait to see if she is able to be contacted to understand the details of the situation.

• **Personal Property Update**

Selectmen requested meeting with assessor. O'Donnell and Associates explained that they do not want to support the Selectmen's motion and is not to be involved with sending letters to every resident in Town. Selectmen discussed waiting to see what the Legislature does to see how the State decides to handle personal property. At this time the State is discussing whether or not municipalities can opt out of the collection and assessment of personal property taxes.

• **Old Safe Update**

The safe located in the Community Center was opened on April 27th, 2017 by the Safecracker, Dana Messer from Bowdoinham, Maine. Inside the safe were town records from the 1920s thru 1950s. Selectmen recommended the Historical Society to review its contents.

• **Master Lock Update**

Master lock system for the community center is scheduled for next week. There will be a master key system for all the locks in the community center and town office. Eric Anderson needs to be contacted to install a guard on the main door.



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4. New Business

- **Letter to Title Company regarding tree growth withdrawal penalty**
 Last summer, the Town committed tree growth penalties as a tax which had never been done before. This tax was associated with residents failure to comply with tree growth requirements, despite being contacted by registered mail. A property was in tree growth and sub-divided. In 2014, O'Donnell's had calculated a withdrawal penalty for a property that was sub-divided, as it no longer met the tree growth requirements. The penalty was never committed as a tax, therefore never sent to the owner. Property has now been sold, title company called to verify no tree growth penalty tax was owed on the property. A letter indicating there was no tree growth penalty tax on the property was signed and approved by the Selectmen 3-0.
- **Community Center / Municipal Office Signage**
 Currently have one sign for the Baldwin Municipal office and Community center. There is a need for either a bigger sign or additional sign. Discussion indicated that the current Town office sign should be moved from the old Town office and installed in the new town office. Need to check the community center budget.
- **Community Center Lighting**
 Lighting needs to be adjusted. In the evening, the automatic light is not on by the entrance causing a safety issue.
- **School Budget Meeting**
 Rob Heard, Selectmen from Porter, sent out invite to school budget meeting. Robert Flint was the only Selectmen notified of the School budget presentation by Carl Landry. Rob will be notified of the other contact emails in order to notify Baldwin appropriately. The public vote for the School Budget is Tuesday, June 13th.
- **Poverty Abatement 2017-02**
 Selectmen voted 3-0 to deny poverty abatement case 2017-02. A certified letter will be sent to the resident indicating the Selectboard's decision.

5. Reminders

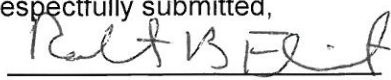
- Appeals Board Meeting – Wednesday May 10th @ 7:00PM
- Planning Board Meeting & Public Hearing – Thursday May 11th @ 7:00PM
- Personnel Policy Meeting – Thursday May 18th @ 1:00PM
- Town office extended hours – Saturday, May 20th 8:00AM – 12:00PM

6. Public Question & Comment

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeff Sanborn and seconded by Robert Flint to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


 Robert Flint


 Jeffrey Sanborn


 Dwight Warren