

**Town of Baldwin, Maine**  
**534 Pequawket Trail, West Baldwin, ME 04091**  
**Cumberland County, Maine, U.S.A.**

**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016**  
**BALDWIN TOWN OFFICE**

**Attendance:**

Selectmen: Gary McNeil, Robert Flint, Olin Thomas  
Public attendance

**1. Meeting was promptly called to order at 6:35pm by Mr. McNeil**

**2. Review/ Approve meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. McNeil and voted 3-0 to approve December 22, 2015 meeting minutes and warrant.

**3. New Business**

○ **Nichol Ernst – vote on alternate planning board candidate:**

Selectmen voted 3-0 to appoint Nichol Ernst as an alternate planning board member for a five year term. If a primary member resigns, Nichol will resume their position and fulfill their remaining term.

○ **Fire Chief update:**

Past year have reviewed expenditures, none of the accounts were overspent. Had a very successful and safe year; 100% response when called upon by other towns and no injuries. Two members are going through the firefighter class required to enter a burning building.

**4. Old Business**

○ **Tree growth tax penalty information:**

Denis was contacted and explained that it is quite normal for town's to accept payment arrangements on a tree growth penalty. If the penalty is committed as a tax, the landowner has 60 days to pay after the commitment, and after 60 days the interest will start to accrue based on the interest rate. If it is not committed as a tax, then the payments are made toward the balance without interest. He highly recommends that the penalty is paid in full prior to issuing a building permit. Selectmen recommend to work on an interoffice system on the tree growth penalty process and work with the Town's CEO.

• **New Growth Permits:**

The Board voted last week to approve ten new growth permits. The land use ordinance specifies 15 new growth permits. After review, Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve 15 new growth permits in accordance with the ordinance.

• **Ewald property tax paments:**

No payments have been received to date. Selectmen recommend to draft a letter indicating they have 30 days to pay or the property will be put up for sale.

• **NIMS update**

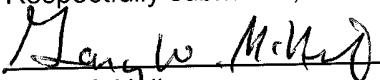
Kelsey is to email summary update to Selectmen.

**5. Public Question & Comment**

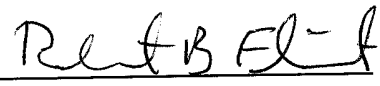
**6. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. McNeil and seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gary McNeil

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Olin Thomas

  
Robert Flint