



Town of Baldwin, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018, 6:30 P.M.



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

1. **Selectmen Meeting was promptly called to order approximately at 6:30 PM by Robert Flint.**

2. **Review/ Approve meeting minutes**

Jeffrey Sanborn made a motion to accept and approve January 30th, 2018 meeting minutes. Dwight Warren seconded the motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve meeting minutes.

3. **Review/ Approve warrant**

Jeffrey Sanborn made a motion to accept and approve February 13th, 2018 warrant. Bob Flint seconded the motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.

4. **Old Business**

Poverty Abatement Request 2018-01

Bob Flint made a motion to disapprove the case due to the fact the individual has a house in another town is not a resident of Baldwin. If the individual was a resident, the Selectmen would recommend that they liquidate their assets before considering a poverty abatement. Selectmen voted 3-0 to disapprove the case.

Foreclosure due to health condition

A resident was put in hospital and unconscious for some time. Historically the resident pays their property taxes before foreclosure. Flint made a motion and Selectmen voted 3-0 to allow the resident to pay their 2015 property taxes to avoid foreclosure.

Fullerton lot

Paul Howe has someone interested in buying the town-owned Senator Black lot for sale. The potential buyer wants to survey the property and the Town reimburse him the survey cost. The lot is triangular and the tax map shows that the lot is five sided. The Selectboard agreed that the Town would pay \$1500 or 1/2 the cost of a survey, whichever is less, at closing with the Town to receive a copy of the survey report at closing. The Town's share to be deducted from its net proceeds at closing.

5. **New Business**

Spirit of America tribute

The Selectmen are considering nominating a resident that is deserving of the Spirit of America award. They will discuss further at their workshop.

Age initiative survey- Deb Flint

Deb Flint presented the results of the Age initiative survey for the Town. The results will be posted on the Town website. There will be a table set up for the group to talk to residents about the program to help the elderly at Town meeting.

Community Center Update

- Walls are painted, electrical done, alarm company hooked up fire suppression, dodge oil delivered tank and ran propane lines
- contacted Petes equipment because Dodge mentioned a leak in the stove
- waiting to hear back on Patriot fire protection to do fire suppression test
- need to schedule health inspector appointment to certify commercial requirements
- 2 dates have been scheduled for Boating Safety and Firearm Safety this spring with the IFW.
- Will be working on scheduling more events before town meeting

Reminders:

- 2018 Budget Information Meeting; Thursday, February 15th @ 7PM
- Town Report posted to Website Friday, February 16th
- Town Office Closed: Monday February 19th for President's Day
- Selectmen office closed Wednesday 2/21 thru Friday 2/23

6. **Public Question and Comment**



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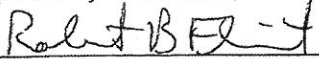
9. **Budget Review:**

The selectmen reviewed several options for the proposed budget and decided to recommend using \$100,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance and no reserve account funding to reduce the commitment in 2018 (this would provide approximately \$0.64 reduction in the projected 2018 mil rate). The administrative budget line request was also reduced from \$155,000.00 to \$120,000.00 based on a review of the 2017 expenditures, an expected reduction in legal fees, computer system purchases, and reduced insurance rates from MMA. It was agreed to discuss with the Road Commissioner deferring town funded paving for 2018 as a method to reduce the expected mil rates. The LRAP funds could be banked for use for paving next year or used for other road infrastructure repairs this year.

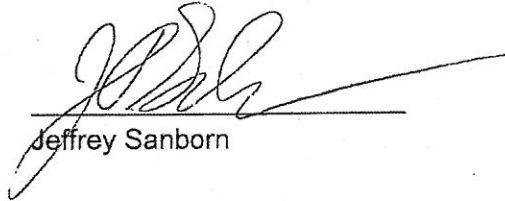
10. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jeffrey Sanborn and Selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Flint



Jeffrey Sanborn



Dwight Warren