

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday March 14, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
at the St Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard, Don Eno from the Valley Times, and Gary Picard.

Chairman Banville called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:30 pm

Article 1 – To Consider the Minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the February 3, 2016 minutes as presented.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 2 – To Consider the Financial Reports for the period ending February 29, 2016.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the financial reports as presented.

Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 3 – Board authorization to secure a loan with Acadia FCU for the 2015 Sidewalk Improvements Project for an amount not to exceed \$48,500.00

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to authorize the Town Manager to secure a loan for the sidewalk project with Acadia FCU for an amount not to exceed \$48,500.00

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 4 – Notice of Grant Award from the Rural AED Core Group for and AED (defibrillator).

The Town Manager briefed the Board on the Grant Award, and the conditions of accepting the grant such as training requirements. The device will be accessible to the public 24/7 in the front of the town office, and will be placed in a protective heated cabinet. A camera will be added to our surveillance system to monitor the activity. The Board wanted more information on cabinets that may already be available, and asked to have that information at the next board meeting. The public will be informed of the device once it is installed.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to accept the Grant.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 5 – New Plow Truck, discussion on liquid calcium tank capacities.

The Town Manager briefed the Board on the New Plow truck, and the proposed liquid calcium tank's capacities, and whether the tank size was large enough so that the employees would not be spending too much time having to refill the tank. The Town Manager also presented the Board with a spreadsheet analysis on liquid/salt/sand ratios versus the current use of salt/sand, and questioned whether a liquids system would be cost effective. The Board reviewed the data, and concluded that there were no savings at this time.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to continue our sand/salt applications as in the past and not go with liquid calcium.

Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 6- Lakeview Restaurant Special Amusement Permit Application.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the special Amusement Permit application

Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 7- Town Office water issues, replacement of pressure tank, water filter issues.

The Town Manager briefed the Board about the water pressure tank failure, and that it had already been repaired by Lerman Electric. The Town Manager also informed the Board that the water filter had failed, however the results from water tests were satisfactory without filtration. The Board indicated that we could wait to see if the water quality remains, and if so, we may be able to eliminate the filter.

Article 8- Monthly Sewer report

The Town Manager presented the Board with the February sewer report. The Board was informed that flows had gone up due to wet weather, and that we found one home with an illegal sump pump, and another with a floor drain that was estimated to be putting 4 gallons of ground water per minute into the sewer system. The individuals were informed that they had to remove and correct these issues.

No Board action on this article.

Article 9 – Proposal by Felch & Co. of Caribou for Audit Services.

The Town Manager presented the Board with an Audit Proposal from Felch & Co. of Caribou ME. The proposal cost of \$4850.00 for auditing of the town, sewer and NARSB operations for 2016 is \$750.00 more expensive than Keel Hood's 2015 audit. The Town Manager informed the Board of quality of service issues with Keel Hood, and asked the Board to consider a new firm to conduct our annual audits.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to accept the Felch & Co. Audit proposal.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 10 – To consider any other business before the Board.

- The Board discussed the favorable heating oil contract prices made available, and decided to lock in early for the next winter heating season.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to accept the Daigle Oil Co. contract price of \$1.6925 per gallon cost for heating oil.

- Dan Bechard requested that the Board motion to approve the pay adjustment of the Public Works Foreman of \$0.82/hour in the new fiscal year that had been discussed at the previous Board Budget Meeting.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the pay adjustment of \$0.82 per hour.

Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 11th of April, 2016.



