

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday July 5, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
at the St Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard 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 June 13, 2016

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the June 13, 2016 minutes as presented. Berm Banville seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 2 – To Consider the Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2016.

The Board reviewed the June 30, 2016 End of Year Financials. Dan Bechard noted an overdraft in the Community Development budget that would need to be addressed at the next town meeting by authorization of the residents in a warrant article.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the financial reports as presented. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 3 – Monthly Sewer Report

The Town Manager reviewed the sewer report with the Board, and discussed the work by Ed Pelletier Construction on the Island. Excavation work and pressure testing on the suspect section of sewer system did not reveal any leaks at this point. It is a bit of a mystery to Pelletier & us that we were unable to find the leak. The Town Manager suggested to the Board that we could install a “riser pipe” in the pump station that would prevent I & I from entering the forced main system, and also would force sewage out of the ground at the break. If it is groundwater, than groundwater would not be able to enter the forced main with this riser because the top of the riser would be above ground level. If water continues to flow above our riser, it could indicate an illegal pump hook-up. The Town Manager suggested that we suspend work on the Island and install this riser device, and reassess when we if and when we see I & I return with wet weather. The Board agreed by consensus.

Article 4 – Request by Bouchard Rd. resident to pave unpaved section of Bouchard Rd.

The Town Manager informed the Board that Kristen Babin had requested to meet with the Board for discussion on paving Bouchard Rd. Unfortunately Kristen had to attend her School Board meeting during our BOS meeting. The Town Manager & Board members discussed what work had been done on Bouchard Rd. in the past as far as laying down millings a few years ago. Apparently the millings have not held up, and the road is very rough. The Town Manager informed the Board that the Public Works Foreman mentioned that the Housing Drive, Lakeview Drive, and a section of Brook road were in need of attention. The Board asked that we provide them with an assessment of these roads with coast figures for the next BOS meeting in August.

Article 5 – To Consider an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Madawaska for the Community Economic Director.

The Town Manager discussed with the Board the request by Madawaska for an Interlocal Agreement for Community Development Services. The issue is that Suzie is working full time for Madawaska, and her work for St Agatha sometimes occurs on Madawaska's time. An Interlocal agreement like the one we have with Code Enforcement might serve the best interest of both Towns. The Board expressed interest in the Interlocal Agreement, and mentioned that we should have Suzie here one half day per week to better serve our residents. This article was tabled until the August BOS meeting where the Board would adopt the Interlocal Agreement if Madawaska is amenable to our request.

Article 6- Discussion on the Outcome of the June 30, 2016 St Agatha/Frenchville Mediation Meeting.

The Board discussed the events of the Mediation meeting with Frenchville in Grand Isle. Dan Bechard has not heard back from the Frenchville Town Manager about a meeting date for July 6, 2016. The Board did not take any action on this article, and will wait for word from Frenchville before taking any new steps. It was agreed that Dale Chamberland would join Dan Bechard & Gary Picard to serve on the Joint Sewer Committee charged with meeting and reviewing O & M costs to determine a sewage treatment rate.

Article 7- Approval of FY17 Mill Rate.

The Board reviewed the Sample Municipal Valuation Returns provided by the Town Manager. Dan Bechard suggested that we calculate the 2017 School Budget increase from 2016, and increase our excise tax revenue by that amount in order to lessen the mill rate increase somewhat. The excise tax revenues adjusted up by \$40,000, which would effectively set the mill rate to .01925.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to set the Mill Rate @ .01925.
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 8- Approval of FY17 Sewer Commitment.

The Board previously indicated during the Budget Process to hold the annual sewer rate @ \$450.00, and therefore the Town Sewer Department Commitment is set to collect \$172,350.00 from its' users.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the FY17 Sewer Commitment.
Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 9 – October MMA Meeting.

The Town Manager informed the Board that both the Clerk & Town Manager planned to attend the MMA Convention in Bangor this fall, as attendance to conventions count to our certifications. The Town Manager requested to the Board that the Town Office be closed for an afternoon on the 5th of October because the per-diem clerk would be unavailable to fill in. The Board agreed by consensus. The Town

Manager indicated that he would post the afternoon office closure in the front window a week in advance.

Article 10 – D & D Specialties Catering Permit Application.

After a quick review by the Board, a motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the application. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 11 – MMA Legal Policy Committee Elections.

The Board reviewed the MMA ballot for the MMA LPC.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve Don Guimond & Vince Fraccialiardi to the LPC. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 12 – Town Manager 1st Year Review.

The Town Manager presented the Board with a 2nd half year work summary. The Board reviewed the information. No action was taken on this article.

Article 13 – To consider other business before the Board.

- **Appointment of Board Chair**

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to appoint Beurmond Banville as Board Chair. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 8th of August, 2016.

