

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 16, 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 July 5, 2016.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the July 5, 2016 minutes as presented.
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 2 – To Consider the General Ledger, Revenue & Expense Summary Reports for the period ending July 31, 2016.

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 – Code Enforcement , Shoreland Violation, CEO in attendance

Andrew Dube briefed the Board about a shoreland zoning violation concerning Paul Forcier. Mr. Forcier did ground work within the shoreland zone without obtaining the necessary permits. The Town Manager indicated that this happened last year, and Mr. Forcier was told to undo the work he did, and return things to the way they were, or face DEP action. Mr. Dube indicated to the Board that it was at their discretion what amount the fine should be. Dan Bechard mentioned that we should use past practice in determining fines concerning shoreland violations.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to impose a fine on Paul Forcier for an amount consistent with past practice with shoreland violations.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 4 – Recreation Department complaint from parent.

The Board reviewed a letter addressed to the Town Manager and the Board from Casey Cote of Frenchville in regards to the Min-Mitts program. Due to some miscommunications, some games were cancelled and parents were not notified in time. The Board reviewed the Town Manager's response letter sent to Mrs. Cote, and the Town Manager briefed the Board about what was done to correct the issues to prevent reoccurrence. The Board was satisfied with how things were handled, no action was taken on this article.

Article 5 – ATV Club, Phil Bouchard request for grading of ATV trail on the Pousse Ble Rd..

The Town Manager briefed the Board about Phil Bouchard's request to have Public Works grade a section of ATV trail near the Pousse Ble Rd. The Board discussed the request, and referred to Town's Policy of not allowing its public equipment on private property.

Article 6- Request for Tax Abatement

The Town Manager presented the Board with a request for tax abatement from Paul & Rilda Sirois. The Sirois' Homestead Exemption was not reflected in their property tax bill. The town Manager mentioned that the application for the exemption had been received in time, however the exemption was never entered into Trio as should have been.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the Abatement request of \$231.00, the value of the Homestead Exemption.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 7- MSAD 33 School Board Vacancy, Jean Martin resignation. Board appointment to fill vacancy.

The Town Manager presented to the Board three candidates for potential appointment to the school Board. The candidate were; Tammy Lerman, Sandra SanAntonio, and Rachel Cyr.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to appoint Sandra SanAntonio.
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Article 8- Monthly Sewer Report.

Informational, no action taken on this article.

Article 9 – Sewer Issue, Correspondence from Attorney, Frenchville.

The Town Manager indicated to the Board the he had planned to have correspondence from Ed Bearor, the Town Attorney, and Frenchville, but had not received any in time for the BOS meeting.

No action was taken on this article.

Article 10 – FEMA Fire grant Denial.

The Board reviewed the FEMA funding denial letter. Dan Bechard asked that we request a comprehensive review from FEMA for reasons of denial. The Town Manager mentioned that he would have Economic Development put in the request.

Article 11 – MSAD 33 correspondence, Soccer Field Right of Way.

The Board reviewed correspondence from MSAD 33 Superintendent Fern Desjardins. Mrs. Desjardins wanted clarification in regards to who was responsible for the maintenance of the Soccer Field Road

"Right of Way". The Road is owned by the Desrosier Estate, and the Right of Way Deed for the MSAD 33 over the road mentions specifically that the School is responsible for the maintenance of the road. The Town Manager provided Mrs. Desjardins with a copy of the Right of Way Deed. This Article was for informational purposes, the Board took no action on this article.

Article 12 – To Consider any other business before the Board.

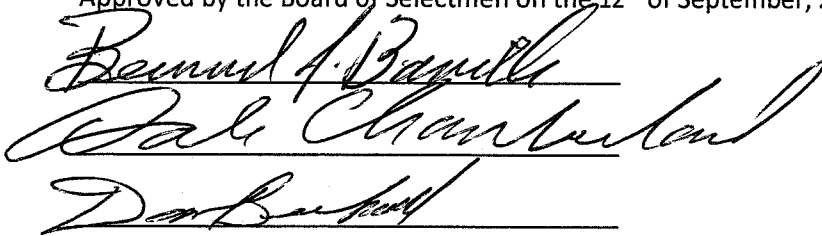
No other business

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 12th of September, 2016.


The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive script, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are arranged vertically. The top signature is the most legible and appears to be "Bernard J. Bayette". The middle signature is "Dale Chamberlain". The bottom signature is "Don B...".