

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting  
September 12, 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 September 12, 2016.**

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the September 12, 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 August 31, 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 – Monthly Sewer Report**

Informational, no action taken

**Article 4 – MMA Dividend Payment**

Informational, no action taken.

**Article 5 – Town Manager Appointment to the NMDC Board of Directors.**

Informational, no action taken.

**Article 6- Dept. of Conservation, Boating Facilities Division request for Buoy inspections.**

The Board reviewed documents supplied by the DOC about Buoy inspections; and that they were looking for volunteers to conduct monthly buoy inspections on Long Lake. It is estimated that inspections take about one day per month. The Board agreed by consensus not to take up the responsibility which would also include submitting monthly inspection reports, and handling complaints.

**Article 7- Military Portable Air Compressor, Town of Madawaska Agreement.**

The Town Manager informed the Board that this construction compressor is being offered to St Agatha at no cost as it is military surplus equipment that Madawaska acquired, and has to maintain. Madawaska already has a compressor, and so it was offered to us, which would work well for back-flushing our sewer lift pumps, that periodically need back-flushing. Additionally, the compressor would be used by public works for sandblasting, which would preserve the shop compressor. What is needed

for St Agatha to acquire this equipment is a shared use agreement with the Town of Madawaska. The Board agreed by consensus to enter into an agreement for the compressor.

#### **Article 8- Park Project Summary.**

The Town Manager briefed the Board about work progress, and Park use after the Project was completed in August. All that is left for work is to assemble & install the park benches, and some mulching. The Town held a family park day on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend to kick off the newly upgraded park. Many people turned out to try the new equipment, and also get faces painted, and dunk the Town Manager. Feedback from the public has been exceptional.

Informational, no action taken on this article.

#### **Article 9 – Boat Landing Park Discussion, retainer wall safety issues, park improvements preliminary concept.**

The Town Manager briefed the Board about the safety issues associated with the failing retainer wall on shore at the Boat Landing, as well as ideas to increase use of the Park. The Town is under contractual obligation to maintain the park & boat landing facilities, therefore the retainer wall will either have to be replaced or removed. Currently, the wall acts as a barrier to the lake due to its height, and the park really has not gotten much use in the past several years. It was suggested that rather than just repair the retainer wall as we are obligated to do, we could remove the wall, and install a more natural stabilization, as well as construct a beach area that would allow for easier lake access which would hopefully increase traffic. All work on the Dept. of Conservation property will have to be engineered & approved by DOC. The Town Manager informed the Board that he has met with our CEO and Community Development Director to strategize the project, address permitting issues, and perhaps secure grant funding. The Board acknowledged the Town's obligation to maintain the facility, and expresses interest in seeing a project plan with potential grant funding sources.

#### **Article 10 – Aroostook Technologies Camera System, and Fitness Center Pass Key System Proposals.**

The Board reviewed a proposal from Aroostook Technologies to replace our current camera, and fitness center pass key system. It was explained to the Board that the Pass Key systems file have been corrupted, and the system no longer has support due to its age. The Board also reviewed a camera system proposal that would include coverage for the fitness center, the public works garage exterior, playground, town office, AED device, road and parking lot. Due to the continued vandalism of the past two weeks, and the fact that we can't add cameras to our current analog system, the Town Manager solicited a planning proposal for Board consideration. Dan Bechard suggested that we move forward with the pass key system proposed by Aroostook Technologies for \$1832.00, and solicit two more prices for the camera system. The cost of the camera system, estimated to be near \$5000.00 would be shared evenly by the park, public works, fitness center, and town office budgets.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the proposal by Aroostook Technologies Inc. for the Pass Key System for \$1832.00, and to solicit two additional quotes from two firms for a camera system. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 11 – Request by the Soccer “Field of Dreams Committee” for donations to pay for supplies purchase for Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser.**

The Board considered a request made by Gerard Castonguay on behalf of the Soccer Field Committee for a monetary donation to pay for chicken purchased for the fundraiser. The Board felt that this was a school function, and declined the request.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to deny the request.  
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

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

- **School Strategic Committee.**

MSAD 33 Superintendent Fernande Desjardins informed the Town Manager that she was looking for a municipal official, or town resident to sit on the School Strategic Committee recently formed comprised of the three valley school systems. Fern expressed that Dan Bechard would be a good candidate given his experience with schools.

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

- **Articles Taken Out of Order:**

- **Park Porta Potty Issue, resident to address Board.**

Dan Bechard made a motion to go into executive session according to Maine 1 M.R.S.A. ss405(6)(A).

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Exit executive session @ 6:40 pm. No post-executive action taken.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,  
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016.

