

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting**

**Held April 11, 2012 at 6:30 pm**

**at the St. Agatha Town Office**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard & Christy Sirois

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:35pm.

**Article 1 - Minutes**

February 20, March 7 and March 9 – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes with minor grammatical corrections. All approved.

**Article 2 - Financial Reports**

March 30, 2012 – Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve the General Ledger, Revenue and Expense reports as presented. All approved.

February 29, 2012 – Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the investment report as presented. All approved.

**Article 3 – Town Meeting Warrant**

Ms. Sirois presented the board with a proposed Town Meeting Warrant for June 12, 2012. The warrant was reviewed and minor wording and order of articles were changed. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the Town Meeting Warrant with the changes. All approved.

**Article 4 – Ouellette Road Snow Removal Contract**

The County of Aroostook has a snow removal contract with the Town for Ouellette Road. The contract is up for renewal in June 2012. The proposed contract is for 2.19 miles and the town would be receiving \$14,924.63 (\$6,814.90 per mile) for 2012/2012, \$15,297.75 (\$6,985.27 per mile) for 2013/2014 and \$15,680.19 (\$7,159.90 per mile) for 2014/2015. The board reviewed estimates of the time and equipment used to maintain this road and felt that the town was being offered a more than fair price. The board would like Public Works going forward to track the time and work done on Ouellette Road for a better comparison. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to accept the 2012-2015 snow removal contract for Ouellette Road. All approved.

**Article 5 – Grader Purchase**

Ms. Sirois looked at financing options for the 2012 Grader the Town will be purchasing. TD Bank is currently not doing equipment loans. Ms. Sirois received quotes from Kathadin Trust for 2.99%, Norstate for 5% and Acadia FCU for 2.19%. This was based on the Town borrowing \$80,000 for 5 years.

The board reviewed the current funds available in the grader reserve and decided to borrow \$72,500. The Town will put \$80,750 (reserve balance) down on the purchase of the grader. Motioned by Mr. Banville for the Town to borrow \$72,500 for 5 years with Acadia FCU. Mr. Chamberland seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **Article 6 – Certified Ratio**

The State has done their sales analysis and has found that the Town has a ratio of 75%. This means that the values of the properties that the Town taxes is only at 75% of its actual value. Based on this information the Town needs to inform the State what percentage they will adjust their exemptions by. Based on the Town's ratio the Board has decided to certify at 80%. This means the State exemptions will be adjusted by 80%. This is the same rate as last year. Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to certify our ratio to the State as 80%. All approved.

#### **Article 7 – Plien Road**

A request was made by Nick Textor to Ms. Sirois to ask the Board to have Plien Road opened in the winter. Mr. Textor is planning to build a year round residence on Plien Road. Currently the road is under an order of winter closure that is set to expire in September 2012. Action was tabled on the request and the Board directed Ms. Sirois to send a letter to Mr. Textor advising him about the current status of the road and that there will be a public hearing in the fall to discuss the next winter road closure order. At that time he come before the board with his request.

#### **Article 8 – Annual Book Dedication**

Ms. Sirois presented the board with the suggestion to dedicate this year's town report to Dick Derosier. He was always very active in the community. Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to dedicate this year's Town report to Dick Derosier. All approved.

#### **Article 9 – Recreation Program Tobacco-Free Policy**

Ms. Sirois provided the board with an updated Tobacco-Free policy for the Recreation Program. The Board reviewed and removed electronic cigarette as a banned product. It was clarified that this only pertains to the Recreation program and the Cleveland Rd Park but does not extend to the public boat landings. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the updated Recreation Program Tobacco-Free policy with the changes noted. All approved.

#### **Article 10 – Nursing in Public Policy**

Ms. Sirois was asked by Maine Power of Prevention for the Town to support a municipality wide policy supporting nursing in public. There is legislation that makes nursing in public legal. The Board felt that the legislation at State level was sufficient and the Town did not need to adopt a town wide policy. No action taken to adopt the policy.

#### **Article 11 – Maine DOT Project Request 2014-2015**

The Maine Department of Transportation is currently working on its 2014-2015 capital projects listing. A request form was sent to all Towns requesting their input of what the communities would like to see done. The Board unanimously supported asking for the following projects:

- Reconstruction of 162 starting at the Long Lake Motor Inn and continuing to the intersection of 161.
- Paving 162 starting at the intersection of Route 1 and continuing on 162 unto the Long Lake Motor Inn.

No action needed. Ms. Sirois will submit the form to NMDC who is collected for MDOT.

### **Article 12 – Community Activities for World Acadian Congress**

Ms. Sirois presented the board with a draft application to submit to the World Acadian Congress for St Agatha's Community events. Ms. Sirois is proposing a lighted boat parade and chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 10, 2014. All families with Reunions in St Agatha would be encouraged to decorate a boat with lights to include. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the 2014 World Acadian Congress Community Event application as presented. All in favor.

### **Article 13 – McLean Brook Watershed Project**

Ms. Sirois presented the board with an update project listing from Soil & Conservation District. The sites include one on Flat Mountain Road where it intersects with Gagnon Road, and two on Plien Road. The district included allowed costs and Ms. Sirois did a project on the Town's estimated cost and they are in alignment. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the updated project listing. All in favor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Brook Road** – Mr. Banville mentioned that the sections that the town repaired should be looked at again before any paving is done. It is very soft right now and any paving over it could be damaged during next year's spring melt. Ms. Sirois will look into.

**LePage Visit** – Ms. Sirois and Mr. Banville informed the group that the Governor's wife would be making a visit to the Long Lake Public Library. Ms. Sirois will be unavailable to greet her but Mr. Banville will go on behalf of the town and present her with a small token from the Town.

**Long Lake Motor Inn** – The liquor license is due for renewal for the Long Lake Motor Inn. Mr. Banville motioned and Mr. Chamberland seconded to approve the Motor Inn's liquor license renewal application. All in favor.

**CDBG Resolution** – The local gas station will be reopening under the name "Our Father's Place". They are apply for an Economic Development Assistance Grant in the amount of \$50,000. This will assist them with repairs and upgrades to the facility. The Town will not be providing any matching funds but the Town needs to apply on behalf of the business. Ms. Sirois presented the Board with a resolution needed for the grant application. Mr. Banville motioned and Mr. Chamberland seconded to sign the resolution. The Board

fully supports the business reopening and recognizes its importance to the Town and its residents. All in favor.

**Recreation Department** – The Frenchville and St Agatha Board will be meeting in June to discuss the combination of the towns two recreation programs. Currently St Agatha does not have a Recreation Director and one is needed before the two board meet for the summer program planning. Ms. Sirois was approached by Ms. Lisa Bosse who worked for the Recreation Department last summer. Ms. Bosse is very interested in seeing the program continue and would like to help with the summer program. Ms. Sirois proposed to have Ms. Bosse over see this year's summer program to keep it going and then take any further action necessary after the two Boards meet. The board agreed with Ms. Sirois' proposal. The summer program is a strong one and it involves the youth of St Agatha, Sinclair and Frenchville. No official action needed by the Board for the re-hiring of Ms. Bosse as it is the Town Manager's responsibly for the hiring of employees.

**NMDC** – Annual the Town appoints two representatives to NMDC. Currently the representatives are Christy Sirois who is on the Executive Board and Mr. Banville who is an alternate. Ms. Sirois and Mr. Banville are both agreeable to continuing in the appointment. Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Bechard to continue the appointment of Ms. Sirois and Mr. Banville to NMDC. All in favor.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

