

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting & Public Hearing
October 14, 2014
at the St. Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Public Hearing

The public hearing was called to order by Board Chair Dan Bechard. The Board members, Town Manager and three other residents were the only ones present. The hearing was to discuss the proposed General Ordinance Appendices to be adopted. No written comments were received. Public hearing was closed at 6:32pm.

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard, Christy Sirois, Bob Pelletier, Bob Ouellet, Ryan Pelletier and Zenus Michaud

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:33pm.

Article 1 – General Assistance Ordinance Appendices B & C

Appendix B is a Food Maximum listing that had slight increases and appendix C is the Housing Maximum which also included slight increases. There were no comments during the public hearing and no written comments were received. There was a motion by Mr. Banville to approve the adoption of Appendices B & C for the General Assistance Ordinance. This was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Article 2 – Winter Road Opening of Flat Mountain

There was Zenus Michaud to open Flat Mountain Rd an additional 3/10ths of a mile pas the current ending point. The new proposed end would be at the intersection of Guerrette Crossroad. This would allow Mr. Michaud to keep his animal's year around at his property off of Flat Mountain Rd. Mr. Michaud stated he would plow the extra from Guerrette Crossroad to his property. There was discussion if the Board had the authority to make this change after the Winter Road Closing Order had already been done for a 10 year period back in 2012. Ms. Sirois will check with the Maine Municipal Association to see what the Town has the ability to do. Tabled and no action taken.

Article 3 – Pelletier Shoreland Zoning Violation Consent Agreement

Tabled until the Maine Department of Environmental Protection has made their decision in regards to their consent agreement with Mr. Pelletier. No action taken.

Article 4 - Minutes

September 15, 2014– Motion by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve the minutes as written. All approved.

Article 5 - Financial Reports

Period ending September 30, 2014 – Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the financial reports as presented. All approved.

Article 6 – Fund Balance Policy

The Board reviewed the proposed policy and agrees with the general principle and will use the proposed document as a guide in the future.

Article 7 – Mutual Aid Agreement

The Board reviewed a copy of the Mutual Aid agreement that is used by the Town of Madawaska currently. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve the use of the Madawaska template as a model for St Agatha Fire Department’s Mutual Aid Agreements with the addition of signature lines for both parties that include municipal officers and Fire Chief. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Emergency Declaration Ordinance

A sample was given to the Board to review for discussion at the next board meeting. No action.

Resolution

Ms. Sirois presented the Board with a resolution to apply for grant funds through the Department of Conservation for park playground improvements at Mennon Park and the Boat Landing. Mr. Banville made a motion to approve the resolution and this was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Sewer Connection

It was determined that a property on Pelletier Island was not connected and the septic system was more than 15 years old. Ms. Sirois sent a letter earlier this summer but nothing has been done. The homeowner claimed not to have received the notice. There was a motion by Mr. Banville to require the homeowner to connection by June 1st or pay a penalty as stated in the Town’s Wastewater Ordinance. Mr. Chamberland seconded this motion. All approved.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois, Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 12th day of November, 2014.

Don B. Land

Bernard J. Bannell

Paul Chamberland