

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 13, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
At the St Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard and Gary Picard

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 7:00 pm

Article 1 – June 5 & 26 2015 Meeting Minutes review

Dale Chamberland noted a couple of typos in Article 1 of the June 5 minutes. A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Beurmond Banville, all in favor.

Article 2 – Election of Board Chair

Dan Bechard stated he wanted a break from the chairmanship. A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to appoint Beurmond Banville for Chair. Seconded by Dan Bechard, all in favor.

Articles Taken Out of Order

Article 6 – Bob Ouellet sewer connection issue.

Bob briefed the BOS that he was not sure if Norman Chamberland from the Island has connected to the sewer system, and if so, did he obtain the necessary plumbing permit (\$300.00) and inspection by Andre Gendreau (\$50.00). Gary Picard mentioned that he would check to see if his connection is documented, and if all relevant sewer fees have been paid.

Bob also brief the BOS on another sewer related issue concerning James Bouchard's camp on Cleveland Rd. Bob mentioned that during his discussions with Mr. Bouchard about a shed, that he found out that the camp had never hooked up to sewer, dating back to the previous owner Bernard Bosse. Mr. Bouchard said he was using a bucket to collect waste. There was some discussion on whether a stub for hook-up was ever put in during construction of the sewer system. Gary Picard will look into whether an easement exists for the hook-up at the abutting landowners (Forcier) pump station. No action was taken at this time.

Article 7 – Dangerous property issue.

The BOS & Bob Ouellet review legal documents in regards to the Joel Landry property. There are a couple of different legal avenues by which the Town would have legal authority to execute a clean-up of the property. Gary Picard was still waiting for documents from the Town of Westfield as to how they remediated such properties. The BOS said they would wait to decide until they could review those documents before taking an action at the next BOS meeting.

Article 3 – Island Association request.

Ryan Pelletier and Island road commissioner Bob Pelletier attended the BOS meeting representing the association, as to bring back discussion about the possibility of the Town contributing more towards the Islands' road maintenance & snow removal needs. It was mentioned by them that help could be in the form of additional funding, or public works equipment. The BOS maintained the previous position that was taken during the Budget Committee process, and that they would not reconsider for this year, but left the door open in the next budget cycle. Ryan led some discussion as to ownership issues of the causeway, and the shoreland approach in Madawaska. It appears from previous research done by Ryan & Dan Bechard that there are no deeds to these properties. Ryan cited the Maine GPA, Great Pond Act passed decades ago that could shed some light on the ownership of the causeway. Gary Picard suggested that perhaps with BOS approval, Ryan could join me for a phone conference with MMA legal on that issue.

A motion was made by Beurmond Banville to grant permission for Ryan to join Gary Picard for some discussion with MMA.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all in favor.

Article 12– Mill rate discussion

The BOS considered two various options on mill rate, which included raising the mill rate to approximately .0195, or utilizing surplus monies in order to maintain the current rate of .0185. Dale Chamberland wanted it stated for the record that he would prefer the rate to go up as a means of accurately reflecting the increased school assessment. Dan and Beurmond agreed it should be noted for the record, but preferred to maintain the rate @ 18.5 due to the fact that the Town had adequate surplus monies to cover the difference.

A motion was made by Beurmond Banville to use an amount of town surplus necessary that would allow us to set the mill rate @ .0185.

The motion was seconded by Dale Chamberland, all in favor.

Article 4 – Fuel Bids

The Town of St. Agatha received three bid for heating oil and fuel. The bidders were Dead River Co., Daigle Oil Co. and JSB Energy Inc. Daigle Oil was the low bid.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to accept the Daigle Oil low bid, with the "option 3 fixed price pre-pay" rate of \$2.1725.

Beurmond Banville seconded the motion, all in favor.

Article 5 – Bus & Calcium Bids

The town received no bids for the rec. dept. bus. The BOS directed Gary Picard to call around to Metal scrapper's to solicit offers, and sell to the highest price.

The town received one bid from Jason Daigle of Lakeview Restaurant for \$150.00 for the calcium tank & pump.

A motion to accept the bid was made by Dale Chamberland.
Beurmond Banville seconded the motion, all in favor.

Article 8 – Emera Maine Pole set documents

In order for Emera Maine to put a new utility pole at the Cleveland Rd. boat landing, the BOS would need to approve by article at an upcoming BOS meeting.

A motion was made by Beurmond Banville to approved the Emera Pole-Set documents
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all in favor.

Article 9 – Acadia FCU Sidewalk Project Bank Note

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland authorizing Gary Picard to obtain financing totaling \$50 thousand dollars from Acadia FCU to be used for the Sidewalk Construction Project in town.
Beurmond Banville seconded the motion, all in favor.

Article 10 – Rite Aid Flu Clinic

The BOS was briefed by Gary Picard that Rite-Aid was interested in having a flu clinic for our residents this fall at no cost to the town, and that Rite Aid was looking for a place to host this service. The BOS was amenable to this with taking official action.

Article 11 – Approve & Sign policy for payroll & state fee disbursement

A motion was made by Beurmond Banville to approve and sign policy documents.
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all in favor.

Article 13 – Wastewater treatment discussion

The BOS discussed the correspondence from Frenchville concerning the cancellation of the upcoming joint meeting, and it was agreed that we would take up the issue at another BOS meeting when we would have more time to concentrate on the issue. A BOS meeting was tentatively set for June 22 @ 6:30 pm.

Article 14 – Other business before the Board.

MMA Elections Ballot

The BOS reviewed the MMA ballot, no action was taken a there were no opposing candidate for the VP & Directors Terms. The BOS signed the Ballot.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 22nd of July, 2015.



