

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
September 9, 2013 at 6:30pm
at the St. Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

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

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:30pm.

Article 1 – Airport Update

The numbers for the airport are all up this year to date except flight instruction. The airport received \$267,000 in Federal grant money to help with the new hangar that was constructed. They received \$35,000 for paving and crack sealing. After the grant funds the airport still borrowed \$110,000 to replace lighting, windows in the terminal, additional cracking sealing and the balance of the new hangar that the federal funds did not cover. They estimate that they had just over 5200 people attend the two day airshow last month. The airport has shown positive numbers for well over a year now. This was presented by Mr. Fred Holmes, the Town’s representative for the airport. No action needed.

Article 2 - Minutes

August 11, 2013 – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes as amended. All approved.

Article 3 - Financial Reports

Period ending August 31, 2013 – Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the financial reports as presented. All approved.

Article 4 – Abatement & Demolition of Sewer Treatment Plant

Ms. Sirois presented the board with some cost estimates and possible funding sources to have the old treatment plant abated and then demolished. Tabled by the board to gather more information.

Article 5 – Audit Proposals

The Town received 5 audit proposals. Mr. Banville motioned to accept the proposal submitted by Mr. Keel Hood. This was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Firm Name	Sewer Dept. Cost	General Gov’t Cost	Total Cost
Chester M. Kearney, CPA	\$1,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Keel J. Hood, CPA	\$1,100	\$2,375	\$3,475
Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA	\$700	\$3,700	\$4,400
RHR Smith & Co., CPA's	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$5,500
Ron L. Beaulieu & Co.	Breakdown not given		\$9,499

Article 6 – Tax Abatement

An abatement request was received from Bob Pelletier. His house on Pelletier Island was assessed at full value for this tax year but Bob states that as of April 1st the upstairs was still not done and the first floor was still missing one counter. This would then make the home 85% done. When adjusted it would be a difference of \$34,923 in value or \$646.08 in taxes. Bob's brother had spoken with one of the assessor's when they were here inspecting and mentioned it wasn't done. Tax value is based on how the property was as of April 1st of that year. Motioned by Mr. Banville to grant the abatement and seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Article 7 – Municipal Valuation Return 2013

Ms. Sirois presented the board with the proposed completed 2013 Municipal Valuation Return. This document is used by the State to determine reimbursements for exemptions granted by the Town. There was a motion by Mr. Chamberland to approve the presented document and this was seconded by Mr. Banville. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Maine Municipal Association Voting Delegates

The Town is a member of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) and therefore has voting rights at the annual meeting which will be held in October at the annual convention. The Town needs to notify MMA in advance who will be voting on behalf of the Town and who the alternate is. There was a motion by Mr. Chamberland to appoint Ms. Sirois as the voting delegate and Mr. Banville as the alternate. This was seconded by Mr. Bechard. All approved.

Worker's Compensation & Property and Casualty Dividend

The Town received a check from the MMA in the amount of \$1,583. This represents a 6.55% dividend from the MMA Workers Compensation Fund and 4.32% for the Property & Casualty Pool. Towns that utilize both programs also received an extra 1% dividend to recognize the cost savings. The dollar breakdown is as follows: \$739 – Workers Comp and \$844 – Property & Casualty. This was for information only and no action needed.

Red Arrow Snowmobile Club Groomer Garage

The Red Arrow Snowmobile Club would like to build a new garage for the groomer in the future that includes the capability of enclosing the drag pulled by the groomer. The current garage could not be extended without hindering the tennis courts or the park. The group is proposing to locate the new garage at the Public Works lot away from the main building and near the trail that passes adjacent to the park. The Board had no opposition but state that when they are ready to construct the building the club should consult with Public Works to ensure no conflicts in the work area and that the building match the esthetics of the buildings in that area. No action needed at this time. This is a future project that the club is just now starting to plan for.

Clerk Leave of Absence

Ms. Sirois informed the Board that the Town Clerk, Lynn Tardif, has requested a leave of absence to care for her ailing husband. Per the employee handbook the leave would be unpaid. The leave will be till the end of September and may be extended depending the circumstances of Mrs. Tardif's husband.

Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the request.

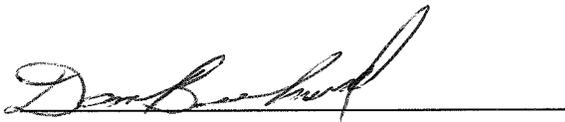
Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 1~~4~~⁵th day of October, 2013.



Dale Chamberland



Bernard Banville



Dale Chamberland