

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 20, 2015 at 5:30pm
at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St Agatha
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard, Mark Dumond and Christy Sirois.

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:32pm.

Article 1 – Resident Concerns

Mark Dumond has a personal issue with board member Mr. Bechard and expressed concerns of fairness if he ever has to come to the board with an issue. Mr. Bechard told Mr. Dumond that if he ever has a concern to bring before the board that he (Mr. Bechard) will step back from the issue. No action required.

Article 2 – March 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Mr. Chamberland and a second by Mr. Banville to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All approved.

Article 3 – March 31, 2015 Financial Report

There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve the financial report as presented. All approved.

Article 4 – Certified Ratio

Ms. Sirois presented the board with the proposed certified ratio for the upcoming fiscal year – 80%, which is the same as last year. The number of homesteads granted has increased by 1. There was a motion by Mr. Chamberland and a second by Mr. Banville to approve setting the FY2016 certified ratio at 80%. All approved.

Article 5 – Over Limit Permit for MDOT

The Town had a request from the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) for an over limit permit for the movement of equipment needed for the paving project on Main St. Possible roads affected include Hillside, Dumais, Brook and Daigle Crossroad. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve the over limit permit. All approved.

Article 6 – Financial Audit for the period ending June 30, 2014

The financial audit for the Town for the period ending June 30, 2014 was presented to the board. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve the report as presented. All approved.

Article 7 – “Escrow” Offer from Frenchville

Tabled. Will meet with the Town of Frenchville after the spring melt and I & I problems are identified.

Article 8 – Ouellette Rd Plowing Contract (2015-2018)

The board was presented with the proposed 2015-2018 Ouellette Road plowing contract for the County of Aroostook. The time spent by the Public Works department on Ouellette Road was tracked for the

current contract period. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to enter into a contract with the County of Aroostook for the plowing of Ouellette Road for 2015-2018. All approved.

Article 9 – MainePERS Plan Cost Statement for July 1, 2015

The board was presented with the cost statement from MainePERS for the upcoming year. The employee rate is increasing by 0.5% to 7.5% withheld of gross wages and the employer cost is increasing from 7.8% to 8.9%. The Town still has a surplus balance with MainePERS which pays these costs. As of June 30, 2014 the balance was \$107,715. The changes will take effect on July 1, 2015. No action needed.

Article 10 – Special Amusement Permit

The board reviewed a permit application by D & D Specialties (Lakeview) for a Special Amusement Permit. This permit is for live entertainment at their facility. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve the special amusement permit for D & D Specialties. All approved.

Article 11 – 2015 Town Meeting Warrant

The board reviewed a draft town meeting warrant. There are two new articles on this year's warrant. One to address receiving grant funds from the state for park upgrades. The other was to accept the refund of the surplus Town's balance from MainePERS and to use those funds for the employer share cost of the retirement system. There was a change also to the tax due dates which would change to the last Friday of the respective month rather than a specific date so as to avoid days that follow on the weekend. No action was taken at this time as the board still needs to meet with the budget committee to present the budget before the warrant can be finalized.

Other

Town Manager Resignation – The board formally accepted Ms. Sirois' resignation with regret. Five applications have been received and the board will review and do interviews within the next two weeks.

NMDC Appointment – The board received a request from NMDC to appoint its representatives for the upcoming year. Ms. Sirois requested to remain for at least one more year as she is due to be Chairperson in July 2015. There was a motion by Mr. Chamberland and a second by Mr. Banville to appoint Christy Sirois and Beurmond Banville as NMDC representatives for the Town of St Agatha. All approved.

Change of Banking Services – The Town was approached by the St Agatha Acadia Federal Credit Union branch to move its banking services to Acadia. The Town use to have its banking services with the St Agatha Federal Credit Union by then the Town's needs outgrew what the bank could support. Now that Acadia FCU has merged with St Agatha FCU, the Town's needs could be provided for. The board was in favor of making the change to support a local business and asked Ms. Sirois to check with MMA to make sure the Town is not obligated to go out for a formal request for bids before making the change. No action taken at this time.

Grant Application – The Town will be applying for a Business Assistance Grant on behalf of Labrie Farms in the amount of \$60,000 through the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). The board was presented with a resolution to sign in support of the application. There was a

motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve signing the presented resolution. All approved.

Ambulance – Ms. Sirois informed the board that two different broadcastings were done in regards to the lack of volunteers for the ambulance in St Agatha and Frenchville. So far there have been no new volunteers. The board would like to wait another month or two before looking into any other options. No action needed.

Lakeview Dock – The Lakeview Restaurant has requested to resume their past practice of a dock service behind the Town office. This would be for their patrons only and they (Lakeview) would provide shuttle service for the patrons to the Lakeview Restaurant. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to allow the placement of a dock behind the Town Office. All approved.

Recreation Department Bus – Ms. Sirois informed the board that the Recreation Bus is due for inspection this month and does not current pass in its current condition. The bus is in need of brakes and exhaust work. Ms. Sirois has inquired with the school about an arrangement to use a bus from MSAD as needed instead of the department having its own. The Board also directed Ms. Sirois to inquiry if the school has a bus that it will be removing from service that the Recreation Department could possibly use. No action needed.

Office Hours – Ms. Sirois suggested that the Town close the office for lunch when she is done May 1st and until her replacement is trained to handle transactions at the front counter including motor vehicles. The board was in agreement. No formal action needed.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois,
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 23rd of April, 2015.

