

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting  
April 10, 2014 at 6pm  
at the St. Agatha KC Hall  
MINUTES**

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

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

**Article 1 - Minutes**

**March 27, 2014** – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes as written. All approved.

**Article 2 - Financial Reports**

**Period ending March 31, 2014** – Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve the financial reports as presented. All approved.

**Article 3 – Certified Ratio for Exemptions**

Ms. Sirois presented the board with the annual state form for certified ratios. According to the state's audit the Town has a ratio of 77%. This means properties are only taxed, on average, at 77% of their market value instead of 100%. Due to being less than 100 the Town must provide its exemptions at lower than the 100% value. For the last three years the town has certified to the State at offering its exemptions at 80%. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and it was seconded by Mr. Chamberland to continue at the 80% value for the upcoming fiscal year 2015. All approved.

**Article 4 – Shoreland Zone Ordinance Violation**

The board reviewed the signed consent agreement between Mr. Robert Pelletier and the Maine DEP. The Board agreed with the document and its plans for tree planting and buffer area re-growth. The Board will also include the following in its consent agreement with Mr. Pelletier.

- a. Deciduous trees planted shall be a minimum of 6ft in height
- b. Once completed and for the 5 years thereafter a yearly check shall be completed by the Code Enforcement Office and property owner in June to review the restoration plan and determine the 100% survival rate of all plantings.
- c. There shall be no tree pruning or vegetation removal in the first 5 years except for the necessary re-planting. After the 5 years any work within the buffer area shall be according to the most current shoreland standards.
- d. The property owner agrees to establish a site specific 6 foot winding path to the shoreline with no less than 3 bends of equal distance from each other.
- e. The Town agrees to relinquish its right to prosecute the property owner for violating the Ordinance and a fine of \$5,000 will be held in abeyance in consideration of the property owner's agreement to the above stated items; except that, if the property owner breaches the terms of this agreement and/or receives any shoreland ordinance violations within the next 10 years, the

Town shall demand the fine to be paid in addition to any fines that may be assessed as a result of the new violation and may institute appropriate court proceedings to enforce the provisions of the Ordinance.

- f. This agreement shall follow the property identified as Tax Map 14 Lot 63 & 64 and be applicable to any new owner deeded this property.
- g. A copy of this agreement shall be filed with the Northern Aroostook Registry of Deeds.

There was a motion by Mr. Banville to enter into a consent agreement with Mr. Robert Pelletier which requires he follow Maine DEP's agreement as well as the items listed above (a.-g.). This was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. Mr. Chamberland and Mr. Banville were in favor and Mr. Bechard was opposed. Motion carried.

#### **Article 5 – Refinance Town Groomer**

Tabled

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **School Board Director**

Scott Gagnon resigned from his position on the school board. The Board of Selectmen need to appoint a replacement until the June elections and then someone can run for the remainder of Scott's term (1year). Jean Martin was suggested by Fern Desjardin as she was on the School Board before and lost her reelection bid. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to appoint Jean Martin to the School Board. All approved.

##### **FEMA Resolution**

Ms. Sirois presented the board with a resolution for the Federal Emergency Management Association. The Resolution is asking for FEMA to address their newly revised policies that contradict themselves. One policy requires the Towns and State Organizations to provide necessary material and labor as needed to maintain the roads in emergency situations but then other policy does not allow for the reimbursement for those same materials and labor. This resolution is being pushed by local and State emergency management officials to push FEMA to make changes to their policies to correct this contradiction. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the resolution. All approved.

##### **Route 162 Paving**

Mr. Banville asked the Board if it could direct Ms. Sirois to create a petition for residents of St Agatha and the surrounding area to push DOT to pave Route 162 (Main Street) sooner than the scheduled 2016.

##### **Sewer Demo Project Update**

Ms. Sirois told the board that the electric is disconnected and that she will contact Vinnie's and Mike Bourgoin to see if either is interested what is left at the treatment plan. After this work has been done

the demolition can proceed. Ms. Sirois will review and put together bid packets for local area businesses. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to ask Babin Construction, Ed Pelletier Construction and CL Roy & Sons for bids. The Town is not required by the state to go through sealed bids for this process because the estimated cost is under \$100,000. The motioned was approved by all.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

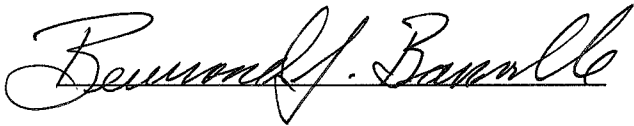
Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

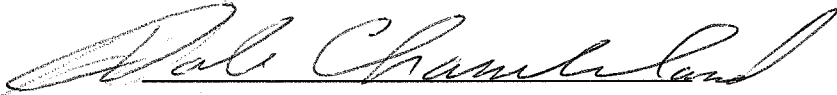
Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.



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