

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 10, 2015 @ 6:30 pm
at the St Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

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

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

Article 1 – To consider the Minutes of the May 26, 2015 & July 22, 2015 meetings.

The Board was presented the previous meeting minutes, as well as the May 26, 2015 that was not put into the agenda for approval at an earlier meeting.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the minutes of both meetings as presented.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Article 2 – To consider the General Ledger, Revenue & Expense Report

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the reports.

Dan Bechard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Article 3 – RT. 162 Paving/ Manhole adjustments update.

The Board was briefed by the Town Manager on the progress of the project. The town will be responsible for raising at least 27 sewer manholes. The Board mentioned the possibility of using monies leftover from the Plant Demolition project left at Maine DEP. This will be done by Public Works.

No action by the Board on this article.

Article 4 – Flat Mt. Rd. sewer manhole repair needed per MDOT request.

The Town Manager briefed the Board on the sewer cover heading up Flat Mt. Rd. It was brought to our attention by MDOT. The PW foreman inspected the manhole, and found that it will need to be rebuilt. Plans are to make this repair in the next few weeks.

No action by the Board on this article.

Article 7 – I & I remediation project update, update from Frenchville

The Town Manager briefed the Board on the trial I & I project. The trial was successful, and the Town manager recommended that we install the connection retrofits to all 83 connections in order to bring closure to the I & I problems on the Island & Cleveland Rd. The project cost to complete all this work is estimated to be \$3000.00. The Board mentioned the possibility of using monies leftover from the Plant Demolition project left at Maine DEP.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to repair all the connections on the Island & Cleveland Rd.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Article 8 – Board approval of Banking Signature changes from Dan Bechard to Chairman Banville.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the signature changes.
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Article 9 – Cleveland Rd. sewer connections update.

Tabled to Sept. Board Meeting.

Article 10 – Park & Boat Landing playground equipment update.

Tabled to Sept. Board Meeting. Town Manager to provide additional information regarding grant award status, grant application budget and related time table for project completion.

Article 11 – CEO office discussion, hours of service.

The Town Manager discussed with the Board about changing the hours of service in the CEO office to better accommodate our residents' needs. The Board indicated that this was at the discretion of the Town Manager. No action by the Board on this article.

Article 12 – Cindy Marquis grinder pump failure issue, cost to repair.

The Board discussed the pump failure at the Cindy Marquis pump station. The town manager spoke with Ms. Marquis, and she admitted that someone in her household had flushed items that are not supposed to be flushed. Ms. Marquis had been previously warned by letter about another instance where this happened, and that she would be responsible for the repair if it should happen again. The Board reiterated that it was not fair to other sewer user to have to pay for failures caused by others. The Board was presented two estimates, one for repair at a cost of \$1052.00, and another for replacement at a cost of \$1600.00. There was also a \$200.00 bill from Pelletier Sewer service to pump out the station.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to bill Ms. Marquis \$1252.68 for the repair and the Pelletier call bill. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Article 15 – Other Business before the Board

The Town Manager presented the Board an abatement request.

This was for Rick Daigle & Jason Banville for an abatement of \$366.30 because the appraiser wrongly attached the campers to the tax card. The campers were in fact registered.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the abatement.
Dan Bechard seconded the motion. All were in favor with Chairmen Banville abstaining.

Article 15 – continued

The Board discussed having to set the sewer rate.

The Town Manager discussed the need to have to set the sewer rates. Due to the 2014-2015 carry-over of O&M costs, a slight increase is necessary to balance the budget.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to set the sewer rate to \$450.00

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Articles taken out of order

Article 14 – Acadia FCU presentation by Dave Desjardins

Mr. Desjardins came in to present the Board with information about how the assets would be insured once we move our accounts from TD bank to Acadia FCU. Dave explained that the credit union was strong, and that in addition to the normal insurance offered up to \$200,000, that they have another program to cover the town's assets. Acadia will provide us letter of asset security coverage when we finalize our banking transition. The Board was satisfied with Dave's presentation, no action was taken by the Board.

Article 5 – Long Lake Fishing Derby – Paul Bernier

Paul Bernier spoke with the Board about the Derby and to see if the town was still going to commit its' resources as far as use of the meeting room, and also for the Town Office to serve as the Administrative headquarters as in the past. The Board is very supportive of the Derby, and wishes to continue supporting as in the past. No action taken on this article.

Article 6 – Sign notice of Hearing

In continuation of the Landry property clean-up process, the Board signed the NOTICE OF HEARING according to 17 M.R.S.A. ss6 2851-2859.

Article 13 – Lane request to consider concrete curbs.

The Board considered Lane's request for concrete curb rather than asphalt.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to stay with asphalt curb.

Dan Bechard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 14th of September, 2015.

Bruce J. Benoit
Wale Chamberland
Don Benoit