

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting & Public Hearing
August 12, 2013
at the St. Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Public Hearing

The public hearing was called to order by Board Chair Dan Bechard. The Board members and Town Manager were the only ones present. No other residents were in attendance. The hearing was to discuss the proposed General Ordinance Appendices to be adopted. No written comments were received. Public hearing was closed at 6:32pm.

Board of Selectmen Meeting

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

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:32pm.

Article 1 - Airport

Tabled. Town representative was unable to attend the meeting.

Article 2 – Meeting Minutes

July 8 & July 16, 2013 – Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve both sets of minutes as presented. All approved.

Article 3 – Financials

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

Article 4 – General Assistance Ordinance Appendices

There were no comments at the public hearing and no written comments received in regards to the proposed Appendices of the General Assistance Ordinance. Mr. Banville motioned to approve the proposed Appendices as prepared by the Maine Municipal Association and this was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Article 5 – Sewer Department Cellphone

Gorman Chamberlain retired last month and he had a Town cellphone for on call and alarm situations. Andre Gendreau previously assistance with those alarms and has his own personal cellphone he was utilizing. Mr. Gendreau will be the primary responder now. Mr. Gendreau would prefer to keep using his existing cellphone instead of having to carry two. He would prefer the Town to pay a \$20 stipend towards his personal cell phone. The Town pays about \$28 a month for the current cellphone. Mr. Banville motioned to approve a \$20 stipend made payable to US Cellular each month for Mr. Gendreau's bill. This was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Article 6 –2013 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal

The Town has its Property & Casualty Insurance with Maine Municipal Association. This year's overall policy increased \$147 or 0.9%. This is a combination of rates and coverage changes. Overall the coverages improved or were removed because the equipment was no longer owned by the Town. No action needed – for Board review only.

Article 7 – Veteran Exemption Applications

Three veteran exemption applications were received by the April 1st deadline but misfiled. All three meet the requirements for an exemption. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve a veteran's exemption for Edward Ouellette, Daniel Michaud and Roland Nadeau. All approved.

Article 8 – Tax Abatements

Due to the three above exemptions being approved after the tax commitment had already been done the amounts of the exemptions need to be abated. The amount is \$111 for each person. This is being granted because the applications for exemption were received with the necessary paper work by the April 1st deadline. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the abatements. All approved. A fourth abatement request was tabled for more information.

Article 9 – Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee Ballot

The Town is a member of the Maine Municipal Association and therefore has voting rights. The Town was asked to vote for four members to the Executive Committee – 3 directors and a Vice President. There were four candidates and each was unopposed. Mr. Chamberland motioned to cast a vote for each of the candidates listed and Mr. Banville seconded this motion. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Main Street Boat Landing Bid

The Town received five bids for proposed improvements to the Main Street Boat Landing and the bids were opened August 9, 2013 at 2pm. The bids were as follows: Trombley - \$116,644, Devoe Construction - \$117,400, JBBC - \$120,785, Ed Pelletier & Sons - \$124,220 and Brown Development -

\$159,518. The bids were mailed to Woodard & Curran for engineering review. Ms. Sirois asked the Board for authorization to award the project to the apparent low bid assuming price is within budget after engineering review. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to give Ms. Sirois the requested authorization. All approved.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois,
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 9th day of September, 2013.



