

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
Held May 14, 2012 at 6:30 pm
at the St. Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

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

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

Article 1 - Minutes

April 11, 2012 – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes as written. All approved.

Article 2 - Financial Reports

Period ending April 30, 2012 – Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve the financial reports as presented. All approved.

Article 3 – County Tax

Ms. Sirois presented the board with the County Tax Bill for 2012. It is for \$66,522.50^{and} this is a \$1,635.9 increase from last year. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve and sign the warrant for the 2012 County Tax. All approved.

Article 4 – Equine Crossing

A request was made for equine (horse) crossing signs to be posted on Flat Mountain and Morneault Rd. Ms. Sirois had contacted Maine Dept. of Transportation when the request was made. Maine DOT will only post on roads they maintain and only if there is a horse business nearby that uses the roads. DOT maintains Flat Mountain from the Main St intersection to the Daigle Crossroad Intersection. Ms. Sirois informed the Board that if needed the residents volunteered to pay for the signs. The Board was in agreement that the residents can post the signs but they must meet DOT specs and the town needs to approve the site of placement. Motioned by Mr. Banyville to approve the posting of equine crossing signs if purchased by the residents requesting^{and that} the signs are DOT approved and the town approves the site of posting. Seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Article 5 – Regional Board of Appeals

Ms. Sirois presented the Board with information about a regional board of appeals model. This model uses individuals with expertise in the surrounding areas as a board of appeals when needed instead of relying on just residents of the Town. Tabled for further discussion.

Article 6 – Town Manager Employment Contract

Ms. Sirois presented the board with a proposed copy of her employment contract for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014. The Board reviewed and after a couple minor changes approved the contract. The

contract sets the 2012 salary at \$42,023, which includes a Cost of Living Adjustment of 3.05% that was given to all municipal employees. The following year the rate ^{will} increase by the Cost of Living Adjustments given to all employees plus a \$1,000 merit raise if the Manager successfully completes the Maine Town and City Manager Certification program. No other benefits were reduced or increased. Motioned by Mr. Banville to approve the contract as changed and it was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regional Wastewater Project

Ms. Sirois informed the Board that the Phase I bid opening will be on May 16 at 1pm.

Grader

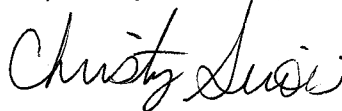
Ms. Sirois informed the Board that the new grader will be arriving tomorrow (Tuesday, May 15) @ 9am. The Public Works crew is anxious so they can get up to speed on grading the roads. The current ^{grader} is not running ^{well} the best and there was a fear of ^{using it} taking out to grade and causing damage. The current grader is being traded in on the new machine.

CDBG Resolution

Ms. Sirois informed the Board that the new store, Our Father's Place, was approved to apply for an Economic Development grant. This will help with the purchase of new pumps and inventory. Ms. Sirois presented the board with a resolution to sign supporting the second phase of the grant program. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to sign the resolution. All approved.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 11th day of June, 2012.

