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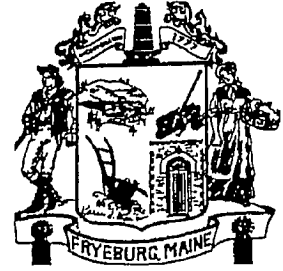
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Selectmen's Meeting

July 2, 2009

Cliff Hall opened the meeting at 6:00pm and declared a quorum, Pledged Allegiance and welcomed all attendees.

Tom Klinepeter made a motion to elect a chairman and Ed Wilkey seconded. Tom expressed concern over number of absences by Cliff, rudeness and disrespect to employees and meeting attendees. Ken Brown spoke against the motion, as did Ed Jones, a former selectman. Ed Jones commented that Cliff was duly elected and, as has been tradition for as long as he can remember, Cliff fully expected to be chairman in his third year as well. Ed thought it was a disgrace that this motion was made at all. The Town voted Down a recall ordinance for a reason. Donna Woodward said at one time David Knapp considered not becoming the chair, which is why they did elect a chair that year. The other Selectmen at the time spoke in favor of following tradition. Jim Dutton said that it was during his time that they "started" voting the chair. Cliff felt that they should go by what MMA says and go by tradition. We are not comparing apples to apples and doesn't agree with statements made. He felt it was retaliation for allegations of illegal meetings on Tom and Ed's part. Bill Mosher agreed. Carmen Doughty felt this was a comfort level issue. Dick Krasker recommended "clearing the air" about "illegal" meetings. Scott Gamwell recommended that the Selectmen go into executive session to deal with the issue and not air it in a public forum. Tom withdrew his motion at this point and stay with tradition. Tom does want to have an executive session later after the regular meeting. Ed Jones commented that these issues are ripping the town apart and not unifying it and it seems the Selectmen are doing everything they can to disgrace themselves. Jennifer Regan said she has never felt mishandled by Ed or Tom, but Cliff has a way of being sarcastic that goes against the grain. Please Cliff listen to us and listen to everything before commenting. Cliff remarked that he always tries to do what's best for the Town.

Managers report:

1. Haleytown Rd: phase 2 almost finished.
2. DEP declared 1 significant vernal pool and gave following suggestion:
Re-engineer road and set over 20 feet. The contractor will hold prices until finished. There may be a penalty, but not to the magnitude of \$125,000.00. It will be finished this year. Town will speak to landowner to procure easement. They are going to finish by the end of this summer.

Contractor is going to defer finish coat until middle section is complete.

3. Stonewall: A homeowner was upset about moving the stonewall. They didn't realize how extensive it would be. They agreed to have the Town contract with a stonemason to rebuild at a cost around \$10,000.00. Contractor may be picking up part of the cost.
4. Budget as approved: Budgets approved that were different than originally submitted by department heads have had the changes to the line items gone over and approved by the department heads.
5. Canal Bridge Lease needs to be redone to reflect withdrawal of one of the lessees.
6. Fire Department parking lot needs to be crack sealed and top sealed. Gary will check into and Selectmen agreed to carry money left in FY09 budget to current year to pay for it.
7. Peary Park ok to use for Bike Rally on weekend of July 10, 2009. A permanent bike rack will be donated to Town with assistance of Dave Kinsman. Location to be determined at a later date.
8. Appointments: Boards and Committees need to have a drop dead date to apply. It was suggested 30 days from August 13 Special Town Meeting. There will be a formal ad in 3 papers on or around August 13, 2009.
9. Resignations: Carol Gregory resigned from the Planning Board in Writing
Roly Wiley and Clyde Watson Resigned from the Parks Committee
Peter Hill resigned from the Budget Committee
10. Have Selectmen's meeting night coincide with the Pay Warrants. (Bi-weekly)
11. Received approval to change the speed limit on Little Chatham Road to 25mph in writing from State.
12. Ice House road change from 25mph down to 15mph? Martin to check into either on-line or via letter to DOT, also check on Wilton Warren Rd currently 45mph, reduce to 25mph?
13. Road Striping: Main St and Crosswalks? \$6,250.00 from Scott Thomas.
Selectmen want put out to bid. Consensus is crosswalks only ask Scott Thomas about pricing and a possible change to 2 colors and pricing on that? For this year only and budget next year for 2 paintings, spring and fall

Treasurer's Report: see attached

Public Forum:

1. Town Manager "Resolution": Emily Fletcher has an issue with the paperwork that was handed out to Department Heads regarding the Town manager Resolution form of Government. She personally will not sign on the advice of her attorney. She issued a formal request for all of those that were signed and returned until blank lines and wordage is reviewed and edited. Wanted to know what the origination and purpose of this was. And what the liability is for signing off on it.
2. Library "New Budget" maintenance will come out of the Library Trust fund. Doug Faille has done repairs on Library roof in the past, can he be contacted to repair ice damaged roof. Martin responded by saying that he has already been contacted and will be repairing. Martin also informed Emily that the storm window has already been repaired and picked up, and broken pieced

picked up and put in a box at the library. Emily also stated that the Septic System is in need of being pumped as the toilet is not flushing properly and she believed it has been 15 years since last pumped and it is supposed to be pumped every 3. Martin informed her that Dan Charles has already been contacted about this. Emily also wanted it know that the Budget Committee did agree to use the Trust/Endowment for repairs.

3. Dick Krasker stated that we need to look at the Historical Building as well as other Town Buildings and keep up with the repairs on All of them.
4. Greg Huemmler requested that Public Forum be moved to the first item on the agenda. He also wanted it know that the culvert crossing 113 by Kimball Brook cable is twisted on the pole and no guardrail.
5. Dick Krasker commended the Selectmen for their interest in getting more people involved in Town Meeting and strongly suggests that we go back to a regular style of Town Meeting and have it take place in May around the 18th & 19th in 2010, have it on two evenings and have ½ of the agenda on the first night and the other ½ on the second night.
6. Ken Brown stated that the Land Use Ordinance changes are 91 pages long, how can anyone read it.
7. Ken also wanted to know why there is an affirmation of Town Manager form of Government. We should already be using it and following the chain of command already set up in the State Statutes.
8. Steve Goldsmith questioned why the property turnover hasn't taken place yet. The paperwork was already drawn up, please get it signed so we can go forward. Ed Wilkey motioned and Cliff Hall 2nded to get a copy and have Peter draw up a deed for review and signing at next meeting. Motion carried 3-0
9. Bill Mosher asked that before a decision is made on Town Meeting find out why 5-6 years ago we changed to capped articles? Martin is checking on whether or not there is a Town Meeting Ordinance. People want a voice to raise and/or lower amounts on articles and be able to amend.
10. Dick Krasker thought that this would give us the best of both worlds. Alan Trumbull wanted to have him suggest to board to Publicly Congratulate the Fryeburg Academy Girls Softball Team on it State Championship for the 2nd year in a row, and that the Town appreciates them .
11. Scott Gamwell had a good idea to go into executive session to sort out differences and would a Deputy Chairman help out?
12. Jim Dutton stated that the Town Manager form of Government is dictated by State mandates
13. Ken Brown wants to make sure we understand the frustration of trying to decipher the Land Use amendments. Martin did want to make sure they had to show all 91 pages, but all of them did NOT have changes. Some wording needs to be updated.
14. Jim also wanted to thank them for changing the Website
15. Jennifer Regan let us know that the Legion Hall is leaking by the Rec entryway and that there is a moldy smell by the Handicap entrance and storage room. Martin will check into this. Also, nothing has been done yet about the Stop Sign on Stuart St covered up by lilacs.

16. Bill Mosher wanted to know what the timeframe for action is on requests. Can people at least be notified that request has been received either by phone, e-mail or letter?
17. Selectmen approved Lovejoy/Wadsworth Insurance Agency effective July 1. 1 year bid and if it doesn't work out, go back to MMA.
18. Special Town Meeting Schedule: Tom would like open meetings with Uncapped articles and Ed motioned and Tom 2nd August 13, 2009 at 7pm at Mollycokett pending building availability. Motion carried 3-0. We will be voting that night on Grader, Road Standards, and the Administrative Budget.
19. Cliff wanted it known that he remembers and Educational affirmation versus a Reaffirmation. Ed said he was correct, but the intent was to have everyone read and initial and ask questions and follow guidelines. Ed also stated we adopted the State Standard and never tweaked it for our Town specifically.
Emily Fletcher then reiterated that this wasn't about Martin, the issue is about the reaffirmation being incomplete and poorly written. The details have never been hammered out and the meaning and intent is not on paper, such as when to go to Marin and when to go to Selectmen, confused as to what was signed. Ed said there is an Officials handbook with this method of government spelled out. Jim Dutton suggested that ALL employees have a large meeting to have the Town Manager form of Government explained and then we can ask questions while all in the same room to hear the answers. Town Manager is in charge of day to day operations. Ken Brown doesn't like jumping the chain of command. Emily still has issues with disciplinary action for not talking to the right person at the right time. Please review.
20. Oxford County Commissioner meeting in Lovell at the Lions Building on August 26, 2009.
21. Gary would like to trade the grader for a pusher that goes on the front of the loader. Tom motioned and Ed 2nd to approve swap. Motion carried 3-0
22. Cliff moved to go into executive session at approximately 8:20pm motion carried.