

Town of Chatham

Minutes to Selectmen's Meeting April 5, 2018

Present: Micah Voter, Jason Eastman, Wayne Infinger, Tricia Pitman, Lisa Lewis, Jeanne Eastman, Kim Callen, Ellie Eastman, Bill Perry, Sue Crowley, Doug MacPherson, Alan Eastman

Minutes to previous meeting approved.

Mail:

Mid Maine Waste notified the Selectmen of the rate increase for 2018. The rate went up 2.5 %. The Selectmen will begin to negotiate a new contract with Mid Maine Waste soon. We are in our 9th year of a ten-year contract.

We received a packet of information/forms from Motor Vehicles to fill out to begin the process of the town clerk becoming a municipal agent. The packet was given to the Selectmen to look over.

The Department of Revenue sent notification that the sales ratio for 2017 is 95.1. The DOT sent the red bridge report. Chatham did not appear to be on the list so the report has been filed.

The Selectmen nominated and appointed the following people:

William Briggs- Civil Defense

Julie Hoyt and Jen Zulker- Planning Board

The Selectmen reviewed the current welfare guidelines and approved them.

School House:

Peter Malia informed the Selectmen that there is a gap in the deeds for the school house property. He suggested having a title search done for \$400.00. There would then be a quit claim deed given to the Historical Society. Micah Voter made a motion to have a title search done, all were in favor.

Town Technology:

Wayne Infinger met with Tom Albert from Computer Port. He gave Tom a list of all of the state requirements that the town's computer would need in order for the town clerk to issue license plates. Tom explained to Wayne that the current

external backup device for the town has failed and that he suggests purchasing Carbonite to backup all data. This would cost \$72.00 per year. Tom also explained to Wayne that the town's current printer is no longer functioning properly and should be replaced. Jason Eastman made a motion to purchase Carbonite and to purchase a printer, all were in favor.

Town Beach:

Wayne reported that the regulations are about 80% ready. The Selectmen plan to hold a work session between now and the next meeting to finish them. The regulations should be ready to vote on at the next meeting. There was a discussion about which roads would need no parking signs. Alan Eastman was asked to make a list of where signs were needed and get the list to Wayne.

Well:

Jason reported that the well company will notify him when they are ready to begin work on the well. Frank Eastman and Dale McClure have both offered to remove the pine tree. Jason does not feel that it is currently in the way of accessing the area where the well will be drilled.

Road Agent Report:

Alan reported that he has done some grading to rid the roads of pot holes. He would be doing more grading shortly.

Website:

A notice needs to be sent to Alpine Web to cancel our current website. The town will then use Swift River Media to host our new website. This will cost \$300.00 per year.

Questions from the Public:

Ellie Eastman asked Micah if he had looked into the by-laws of the Historical Society. He had. Doug MacPherson offered to get paper copies of the by-laws for Ellie Eastman and Lisa Lewis.

Lisa Lewis was concerned with keeping the esthetics of the "down town" area intact. She suggested that a preservation committee be set up to approve of all changes to the area. Wayne Infinger said that once the property was deeded to the Historical Society it would be up to the Historical Society to determine what would be put on the property.

Bill Perry stated that the Historical Society had already begun working toward applying for a grant to help plan/apply for more grants. He also stated that the Historical Society would like to have a clear line of communication with the Selectmen.

Jason Eastman was asked if the planning board had been working on updating the master plan. He said that the master plan has been update and the Selectmen have a copy of the proposed changes.

Bill Briggs informed the Selectmen that it was time to have the fire extinguishers inspected. Micah Voter is going to take them to be inspected.

Meeting Adjourned.