

Town of Otisfield
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2012

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Rick Micklon & Lenny Adler present. (Absent - Hal Ferguson, Chairman)
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
*Audience and Board members saluted the flag.
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**
 - A. Meeting minutes from March 21, 2012. *Motion to accept minutes. RM/LA – Unanimous.
4. **SPECIAL EVENTS**
 - A. Glen Holmes, Director, Western Maine Economic Development Council (WMEDC). WMEDC is a single point of contact for the following economic development assistance; Marketing, Business Development, Workforce Development, Business Financing and Community Partnerships. For more information contact Glen Holmes. BOS thanked him for his time.
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. None.
6. **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**
 - A. Otisfield EMA Director, Frank Blauvelt, submitted a resolution to be signed for the Oxford County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012 update. A list of problem roads has been submitted into public record. This past summer work was done on some of the roads. This is so that Otisfield can get money in case of a flood or other natural disaster. If the road is listed, it's almost automatic on the reimbursement list. Currently all requirements have been fulfilled as far as NIMS certification and required classes that need to be taken from the officers in town including the Director class that was required of Frank. FB: There is no commitment required by the town by signing the new resolution, and no time frame for work to be done. *BOS agreed to sign this, but tabled it for when HF is back in attendance.
 - B. Town Sexton, Dan Peaco: The fence for Cedar Crest Cemetery will cost approximately \$3,300.00. Original person who put the fence in, now works under a new name. This price includes the installation and removal of old fence. Money will come from the cemetery fund, plus the donation from Ellen Bishop. Install should take place prior to Memorial Day. Fence will be vinyl and will match existing fence. Project should not take more than a day. DP: Do we want to start clearing the new section of the South Otisfield cemetery? BOS: yes, it's time to move forward. MIM will call Elton Vasquez, abutter, to notify him of the scheduled work. DP suggests that the Town subscribe to "Maine Old Cemeteries Association"; he thinks it's a great resource and very informative. David Hyer has the GPS quadrants entered. All cemeteries look good. The volunteer group set (17) stones in cemeteries. Boundary / survey work; BOS agreed to surveying (4); we've done (2), South Otisfield and Cedar Crest. Oak Hill is still on the list to be done along with Swampville. RM will contact Dell Maxfield for separate estimates. RM: Town office property should be done as well. MIM will look into swamp road wood lot.

7. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Audience members in the audience did not want to speak. RM encouraged them to feel free to talk to them.

- A. James Gregory: Since you've convinced me to speak, here's what I would like to say, I've been doing a lot of driving and everywhere I go, I see towers away from residences. It's extremely rare where towers are put right in the community. I understand about technology and moving forward. I left the suburbs and the city to get away from all that, just wants to remind everyone that's we're all likely to miss what we don't have. We left the country and went right into the city if this tower is added. He offered that if anyone in town is interested in what he has learned about towers, he is happy to pass on his research and explain what is good for the community. RM recommended he bring his research to the Planning Board and Ordinance Review Committee.
- B. Katherine Brunette: I wrote down some of my thoughts. Can I discuss something about how I feel about the tower. LA: Not sure if this is a good idea to discuss it here. One of the BOA members is at the table and it could be a conflict of interest. Currently we have a new Request for Reconsideration of the 3-20-12 Appeals Board decision. Katherine: Then when can we discuss this or similar feelings? RM a great place to start would be with the PB. They are always open to hearing what people think regarding issues in front of them. Katherine: The public was asked to leave during the last PB meeting. RM: No, I'm sorry but that is absolutely not true. An agenda was posted on the website and bulletin board outside the Town Office as well as agendas put at the front of the room. The agenda listed a Public Hearing and regular meeting PB meeting to follow. The PB Chairman closed the Public Hearing portion, as required, and announced a 10 min bathroom break. All town meetings are open to the public and the PB meeting that followed was no exception. LA asked that we move on from the cell tower discussion and asked if anyone else had comments or questions. Hearing none, the public discussion was closed.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ITEMS:

- A. Town Report for 2011 is available at the town office. This year it is out 90 days earlier than normal. RM: We did have a negative comment at the PB meeting stating that the Town Warrant will now be a separate document. Some people would rather wait so that the warrant is in the book and not separate. For many years, the Town Report was separate. BOS are interested to see what the overall opinion is on this issue, following town meeting.
- B. Memo received from a person who used to live in this town, the 1940 census was released on 4/2/12. MIM will post on line.
- C. There is a Request for Reconsideration of the 3-20-12 Appeals Board decision of the denial regarding the PB approval of the cell tower. This request is coming from a group of residents called the Friends of Scribner Hill. BOA Interim Chair Marianne Morin has chosen and advertised that the BOA will hold a meeting on 4-19-12 at the Community Hall to decide whether to approve or deny this request. The Selectmen have now hired Bernstein Shur to represent the town for the remainder of the appeals process. A letter went out to all the abutters and individuals listed as the "Friends of Scribner Hill". Advertisements went in the newspapers and posted on town website. The meeting will be held on May 19, 2012, 7:00 PM at the Community Hall.
- D. Paperwork from DOT received regarding a rural initiative. (Submitted into public record)

9. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

- A. None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. None.

11. SELECTMEN'S ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED & VOTED ON:

- A. Town Warrant: *Motion to sign Warrant # 18 to pay the town bills. LA/ RM – Unanimous.

12. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

- A. RM: Town Office Annex Update (former class room). Currently in the demolition and framing stage. The new bathroom has been framed. New support walls have been added. Another wall was found behind the first wall, which was unanticipated, therefore we need to support the middle wall now. All of this has been done. Mark Grover is doing an excellent job. David Hart, Fish Street Design has taken updated photos. Due to the restriction of one of the walls, the bathroom may be a little smaller than Fire Marshall's Office approval. David Hart is currently checking with Fire Marshalls Office now. Tomorrow and Friday the plumbing will be under way and Monday the electrical will be roughed in.
- B. LA: Transfer Station - Security System: The quote submitted did not match up to what was discussed so LA contacted Great Falls Security. A new quote will be sent to correct this. (A 2nd camera was missing from this current quote and they discussed selling it at cost) Tabled until new quote received and all BOS agree.
- C. LA: Community Hall Flooring: The finish on the floor needs to be redone. LA found that H&H, the people who did it last time are no longer in business. RM will discuss with contractor that's doing the Town Office project and see what they can give for a price, since they will be doing the Town Office.
- D. LA: FD responded to a plane crashed on Pleasant Lake 2 weeks ago. The individual involved is much better off than originally thought or expected. LA felt that Pace really dragged their feet going out to help him. They did not feel comfortable going out on the ice. Frank Blauvelt: First thing we are taught in the EMS/First responding world: We are #1 and not to risk our lives. If they did not feel comfortable, it's a choice they have the right to make. Not like the old days. LA feels that the safety factor is legitimate but the ice was safe enough to hold a plane, multiple four wheelers and multiple fire fighters and ice fisherman. It wasn't until Chief Hooker stated to Pace that they needed to immediately move onto the ice, that they responded.

13. Upcoming Dates:

- A. Board of Selectmen Meeting, April 18, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

14. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. RM/LA – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Tanya Taft,

Approved by:

Hal Ferguson, Chairman

Rick Micklon

Lenny Adler

Approved on:

April 18, 2012