

Town of Otisfield
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman; Hal Ferguson, Lenny Adler & Rick Micklon present.

2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Audience and Board members saluted the flag.

3. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

A. Meeting minutes from June 1, 2016. *Motion to accept minutes. LA/RM – Unanimous.

4. **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

A. Bill Sprague – ATV Club. It was brought up at a prior meeting about allowing ATV club to take over and maintain trails in Heniger Park. (Map submitted into public record). The Club currently has access from Hancock Property to a crossing point onto 121 that abuts H.P. No trees will be cut down, but branches should be trimmed back and removed from trail. It would require approximately 400 feet from Route 121 onto the trail system. LA: Concerned about people walking in there because it was intended as a walking & skiing trail. Would not want an ATV to come through and scare or hit a pedestrian. He believes the ATV club members would follow the rules, but others may not. RM: I agree with Lenny, but is not sure if people are using the walking the trails. Would be supportive of Club maintaining trails, but this is tough because would hate to see anyone discouraged due to ATV use. HF: It may be used by walkers, but I only see ATV's when I've been in there. Suggested that the ATV Club might use Sylvester Ridge Road for now. That will at least get you across 121. RM: We are not saying no, it's an interim solution. HF: Sylvester Ridge owners need to have final say because it's a private road. *Tabled until an upcoming meeting.

5. **BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **Otisfield Scholarship Committee:** Chairman-Lorette Ayotte:

There were (7) 2016 Scholarship recipients: (3) are already attending college and (4) are entering college. Seven thousand, five hundred (\$7,500.00) was available and awarded as follows:

- 1) Karleigh Twitchill, \$1,800.00, Central Maine Community College
- 2) Todd Gustaitis, \$2,200.00, Plymouth State
- 3) Casey Cossar, \$500.00, University of Southern Maine
- 4) Jordon Labbe, \$2,000.00, University of Maine at Orono
- 5) Matthew Kelly, \$500.00, University of Maine at Orono
- 6) Heidi Hayden, \$250.00, Maine College of Art
- 7) Jacob Sutcliffe, \$250.00, University of Maine at Orono.

6. **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

A. None.

7. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

A. None.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ITEMS:

A. Town Meeting Warrant was discussed and articles were divvied up among BOS for motions and discussion.

B. Fuel oil prices: Municipalities usually pre-buy and lock in the prices ahead of time and that is what Otisfield intends to do, but not with the County and SAD 17. Prices should be locked in for the Town Office, Community Hall, (3) Fire Stations and the Town Garage. Anne got prices:

1) CN Brown fixed price \$1.82/gallon and a prebuy of \$1.78/gallon.

2) Dead river fixed price \$1.89/gallon, prepay or budget 30 days, same cost, no upfront cost.

Discussion: RM will have an answer from Ben @ Bryant Energy tomorrow for next winter's fuel oil prices. RM & AP will report back on this.

C. Election from yesterday signed by BOS.

D. Local Road Assistance Program: LA: We need to annually certify that we used funds from the State that we requested to use.

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 # 23 to pay the town bills. LA/HF - Unanimous.

B. EMA Director: *Tabled until an upcoming meeting.

C. Health Officer: *Motion to appoint Beth Damon as the Town of Otisfield Health Officer. HF/LA – Unanimous.

12. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

A. Maine Survey Consultants: Del Maxfield, Map R8, lot 18A: RM: Iron pins have been set. Parcel had been previously surveyed in July of 1982 but not indexed at that time. Only one corner marker was set in 1982. Did not find an actual deed. It was called an abutting parcel. Del recommends discussing this with Town Attorney. All agree it is clearly defined, but that we have done enough research. We have reason to believe that we don't own it. Two survey maps provided, one will stay at Town Office and the other will be given to the Historical Society.

B. CEO: Junk Yard Ordinance: Violation on 314 Cobb Hill Road, Tax Map U7, Lot 01: CEO said there is a dumpster on site, but not much progress has been made. RM: I do think there is less there. CEO will continue to investigate.

C. Community Hall: HF: Seth Field, Field Electric received the wrong circuit breakers, so they need to be reordered. Christmas tree location needs to be decided before the fence can be installed.

D. Spurrs Corner Fire Station: Maintenance Issue at the main entry door. LA: Spoke to Road Commissioner Richard Bean & he has said that F.R. Carroll, Inc. out of Limerick, ME –has agreed to do the fire station when they are doing the other roads. RM: Do we know that number? HF: It will come out of the FD Reserve Account. LA: It was his understanding that it is included at no charge, but all agree this will be looked into further. LA will discuss this with Richard and report back at an upcoming meeting. HF the work that will be done by Richard will need to come from the FD Reserve Account.*Motion that we do a minimum of 30 feet out and Richard do what he can with the remaining FD Reserve Account. HF/LA – Unanimous.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to MSRS. *Motion to close executive session by ____
2nd ____, All Y-N. Discussion: *There was no executive session held at this mtg.

14. ADJOURNMENT. *Motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM. HF/LA -Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Taft, Secretary
Approved by:

Hal Ferguson, Chairman

Rick Micklon

Lenny Adler

Approved on July 19, 2016