



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes of December 15, 2011

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

Present were: Selectmen Richard Fennelly Jr., Gary McFarland, Cynthia Donaldson, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon. Selectman William Brann had phoned earlier in the day to report he was unable to attend.

Agenda Review - Stu noted just one item on the addendum, the contract with the Small Animal Clinic.

Minutes of December 1, 2011 – Cynthia noted there were two corrections of a minor nature and moved to approve the minutes with those corrections. Richard 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 12 – Stu reported it was large due to the school bill, and he would need to transfer \$160,000 to \$170,000 from investments to cover the checks. Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$202,198.56. Cynthia asked about the salt purchase. Stu said it's deducted from the contract with Richard McMullen. She asked if it's on par with previous years. Stu said he's not sure since Mr. McMullen is now plowing Route 184 for the Maine DOT, and they require straight salt on that road.

Cash and Budget Report – Stu reported excise tax collections have slowed significantly.

Appointment – Jo moved to appoint David Legere as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Stu reported that he's been informed that Annie Crisafulli will be resigning from the Conservation Commission as a full member, but that he's not received any written indication yet.

Knox Box Suggestion – Stu and Richard explained what Knox Boxes are – a system where the fire department has a master key and the key to a building is stored inside the box accessible only by the fire department. Jo said it sounds like a good idea. Richard said they use them at several of the power plants that his company operates. Selectmen asked to bring back more information about the boxes for town buildings.

Lamoine Quarterly – Stu reported he's got the January 2012 edition complete and asked the Selectmen to take the printed copy home for final editing.

2012 Budget Recommendations – Stu reported that he'd added one more warrant item to the draft document that was included with the Selectmen's materials – having to do with the winter road closure on Gully Brook Road. Selectmen indicated that their recommendations would mirror that of the budget committee. A brief discussion followed on when the board would sign the warrant, and it was agreed that due to future attendance issues that the first meeting in January would be the appropriate date.

Animal Shelter Contract – Jo moved to sign the annual contract with the Small Animal Clinic for sheltering stray animals. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Selectmen signed the contract.

Other – Stu reported that the Planning Board and Conservation Commission will likely be suggesting that the Comprehensive Plan be updated, as the last update occurred 15-years ago.

Selectmen asked about whether there was any support for aerial photography. Stu said the Planning Board did not seem to have any need, and the Assessors were against spending the money, so the article will not appear on the 2012 warrant.

Meeting Schedule – Cynthia said she would not be available on January 19th and would be unavailable for about a month after that date. Jo said she would not be available for the two planned meetings in February and she was not sure about March at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen