

ST. GEORGE SELECT BOARD & ASSESSORS

St. George Town Office MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2018 – 6 p.m.

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Members present were: Richard Bates, Chair; Randy Elwell, Jerry Hall, Wayne Sawyer, and Tammy Willey. Also present: Tim Polky and Elizabeth Curtis.

PUBLIC HEARING - Liquor Licenses:

Craignair Inn by the Sea – There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REGULAR SESSION:

- Adjustments to Agenda: There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

- Minutes: The Select Board minutes of November 26, 2018 were reviewed.

On a motion by Selectperson Willey, seconded by Elwell, it was voted 4-0-1 abstention (Sawyer) to approve the November 26, 2018 minutes, as written.

- Communications - The following communications were received:

Select Board members received an email letter from Josiah Wilson.

A Conservation Committee communication was received from Ken Oelberger.

The Select Board received an email from Josiah Wilson regarding the Harbor Committee and 10 Cold Storage Road. Selectperson Elwell suggested Wilson talk with the Harbor Committee if he had any questions or attend a committee meeting, if possible. Mr. Polky said the Harbor Committee meeting minutes were being worked on, and Mr. Elwell said those minutes should be reviewed at their December 4th meeting. Chair Bates said brief updates regarding 10 Cold Storage Road are usually given at Select Board meetings and that information should be reflected in the minutes. Chair Bates will contact Mr. Wilson regarding his email.

Selectperson Willey said she received an email from Ken Oelberger who said the Conservation Committee had received the contract for the Meadow Brook project. Mr. Polky noted it was the contract for the grant.

- Warrant: The warrant for the week of December 3, 2018 was reviewed and signed. The total expenses were \$72,353.53 and includes a December payment of \$30,504.00 for winter road maintenance for the town of St. George and Rt. 131 and \$4,530.62 for the purchase of salt and sand. Chair Bates asked about the payment to Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson. Ms. Curtis said it was payment for legal services on the Patterson property. Selectperson Willey asked about the CMP payments and had the payments been adjusted. Ms. Curtis said she would have an update on that later in the meeting.

- Update on Winter Road Maintenance: Ms. Willey asked if J.K. Kalloch was just using salt on Rt. 131. Mr. Polky said the State contract calls for all salt, but the town may use some sand in the mix. Mr. Polky responded to Selectperson Elwell that the chemicals the state had used on the roads were harsh and even the salt was bad for the environment, but people wanted to have clear roads. Mr. Polky noted that the State will not go back to using sand on the roads because it is hard to get and had caused health issues.

- An Update on the Newsletter: Selectperson Hall asked if committees were submitting their (brief) monthly summaries for the town newsletter. Chair Bates said he had not reminded committees to get their summaries in, so the December deadline date was missed. Selectperson Hall thought if the Harbor Committee meeting minutes got published within a week or so, that would help in planning a January newsletter.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Polky reported Performance Paving finished the paving on Taylor's Point and Fogerty Corner. They placed a binder down and put the surface on the roads.

Mr. Polky said he received a document from Phil Carey, Review Coordinator for the State of Maine. He said Mr. Carey had reviewed the town's Comprehensive Plan and accepted it as complete. Mr. Polky said the comment period runs until January 9, 2019 after which time, the State will make their decision regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery Committee: Selectperson Hall reported on the Cemetery Committee. The committee met and discussed the remaining items for their draft guidelines. The draft has been circulated for review, and it is awaiting committee members' approval. If all the members are able to approve the draft, Mr. Falla will seek legal counsel to review the document. If any members of the cemetery committee do not agree with the draft guidelines, it will be discussed at the January 23, 2019 meeting.

Selectperson Hall explained the draft is a set of guidelines for all the cemeteries to use, but it will be up to the individual cemeteries if they choose to follow them. Guidelines for the Seaside Cemetery (which the town owns) would become the basis of a town ordinance and the committee will discuss this at their next meeting. Chair Bates said assuming there are no problems with the legal review, the ordinance could be voted on in May of next year. Mr. Hall said yes and noted the ordinance process had been discussed at their last meeting.

- Planning Board: Chair Bates reported on the Planning Board. They met on November 27 at 7 p.m. and there were no planning applications to be considered. The Board continued their work on developing a Sign ordinance, with the provisional plan to have a public workshop on it in January and based on the workshop, a Public Hearing would be held and hopefully voted on in May 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on 10 Cold Storage Road Renovations: Mr. Polky said the engineers will be contacting the applicants (the contractors) on the project for a pre-qualification interview.

- Update on Solar Panels: Ms. Curtis said she had a conversation with Nick Sampson from ReVision Energy. ReVision Energy has several towns whose net energy billing agreement is not being honored by CMP. ReVision has filed a PUC complaint. Ms. Curtis said she will get copies of the bills to ReVision but is not sure ReVision will get this cleared up soon. She also reached out to CMP contact person, Diana Morgan, Net Energy Billing Coordinator. Ms. Morgan has given Ms. Curtis the same information twice before and the same information to Selectperson Hall. Ms. Morgan told Ms. Curtis it has been forwarded to billing and she could not help it if they did not do anything. Ms. Curtis called Customer Service, was put through to a group dealing with this issue, left a message but has not heard back from them. Ms. Curtis said she may have to go to CMP in person to see that this issue gets resolved.

Ms. Curtis said the town has 34,000 kilowatt hours banked - eight months' worth. The Select Board agreed that was a lot of money. Selectperson Elwell asked if there was a complaint process where they could start legal action. Ms. Curtis said that should definitely be pursued but was not sure if anything would get cleared up quickly.

- Update on Audit RFP: Ms. Curtis said there were six firms interested and she and Mr. Polky scheduled a pre-proposal informational meeting for Monday, December 10 at 10 a.m. at the town office for any of the firms who wished to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Liquor License: **Craignair Inn by the Sea** - Mr. Polky said the Craignair Inn will be under new ownership as of December 28, 2018; therefore, the new owners need to apply for a liquor license. A public hearing was held on December 3, 2018 at 6 p.m. There were no public comments.

On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall, it was voted 5-0 to approve the liquor license application of Greg and Lauren Soutiea, d/b/a Craignair Inn by the Sea.

- Victualer/Innkeepers License: **Craignair Inn by the Sea** - On a motion by Selectperson Elwell, seconded by Hall, it was voted 5-0 to approve the victualer/innkeepers license of Greg and Lauren Soutiea, d/b/a Craignair Inn by the Sea.

The Select Board will meet in Executive Session on December 17, 2018, to review the Town Manager's yearly work performance and discuss his salary.

At 6:28 p.m., on a motion by Selectperson Sawyer, seconded by Hall, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite R. Wilson
Select Board Recording Secretary