**Town of Hollis Select Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 3, 2016, 5:00 PM**

***(Not televised discussion, public welcome)***

Present:

Select Board Members: David McCubrey, River Payne, Roger Hicks; County Commissioner Marston Lovell; Administrative Assistant: Bennet Flinner

1. County Commissioner Marston Lovell – Discussed contract deputy for Hollis. Recommended that the Select Board create a presentation for York County to show financial savings and net positive cash flow and consider sharing a deputy with neighboring town.

2. Dog Fines – Select Board agrees with the Town Clerk that the $25.00 late fees for licensing dogs is mandated by the state and cannot be waived or discounted.

3. Radar Speed Trailer Application – Completed by Roger Hicks and will be mailed on 2/4/16.

4. Memorandum of Understanding with SMPDC – River will follow-up with a concern regarding the TIF amendment agreement draft review – is SB involved with process as well or just the committee?

5. Fire/Rescue Budget – Roger will touch base with Jason.

6. Generator – Roger was contacted by Steve Thistlewood regarding a 10,000 watt generator that is to be given away by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO). Roger put the town in for consideration and will keep the SB updated.

7. Update on ACO – Received resignation notice from Louis Marchand 1/31/16. Will announce open position on televised meeting this evening and put advertisement in the Smart Shopper.

8. Truck Registrations – Select Board agrees it is appropriate for the tax collector to continue to send new truck registrations over 26,000 pounds to offices of Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

9. Warrant Articles –Deb is working on Re-evaluation; Roger is working on the contract deputy and snow; Dave is working on Design concept/Architect; Dana is working on the growth ordinance, River is working on the citizen’s initiative and road acceptance.

10. FOAA Update – The town’s policy ordinance on FOAA is completing requests within 10 days, but it should be changed to a more reasonable amount of time, depending on the request. The town has a right to refuse unduly burdensome requests.

11. Salmon Falls update – Town has received $2,500 check to cover the fine for demolition without a permit. Dave suggests a letter be drafted to confirm receipt of this check and what it covers. Will be worked on by Dave and Bennet.

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Present:

Select Board Members: David McCubrey, River Payne, Roger Hicks; State Representative Don Marean; Chairman/SAD 6 Board of Directors: Becky Bowley; Administrative Assistant: Bennet Flinner

1. Old Business
2. Update on Community Building – Mold remediation has been completed – all mold has been removed. We are still running the HEPA air scrubbers until we received air quality test results. We should receive the results tomorrow.

2. Dog Licenses – There will be no waiving of late dog license fine of $25.00.

1. New Business
2. Animal Control Officer – We have received a notice of resignation from Louis Marchand, our ACO. Therefore, a replacement ACO is needed. Any persons interested can drop off or send their resume to the Select Board. We will also place an advertisement in the Smart Shopper.
3. Thank you note – Town of Hollis received a lovely card, flowers and a large box of Whitman’s chocolates from the Dennett family for the town’s support in having electricity added to one of their family homes built in 1792.
4. Surveys – If you have a copy of your home’s survey, please provide a copy to the town.
5. Warrants, Payroll and P.O.’s
6. Treasurer’s Warrant: 1.18.2016 - $37,923; 1.25.2016 - $32,687.
7. Payroll: 1.18.2016 - $10,669; 1/25/2016 - $19,696.
8. P.O.’s: None to report.
9. Correspondence
10. Road sand/salt still available behind the town hall for Hollis residents only.
11. Free tax preparation to qualified filers during the tax season – To make an appointment, visit [www.cashmaine.org](http://www.cashmaine.org) or call 1-800-965-5762 ext. 2718 or 207-324-5762 ext. 2718.
12. LIHEAP – Fuel Assistance 1.800.965.5762 or 207.324.5762 Applicants are also considered for weatherization and other energy bill assistance. Apply today!
13. Goodwill Workforce Solutions (Job Assistance) Tuesdays 1pm-4pm at Adult Ed/Parker Farm Road 929.9185
14. Waterboro Transfer Station – REMINDER - Hollis permits for $25. Cash and Checks only accepted. No credit or debit cards.
15. Trash/Recycling Update – Thank you for recycling! Reminder to please have your trash and recycling curbside by 6:00am on your designated pick-up day. 96 gallons total trash is acceptable for weekly pick up. (3 - 32 gallon bags or 6 - 16 gallon bags). Don’t forget to take advantage of the services at the Waterboro Transfer Station.
16. Public Road Damage- Any problems with potholes or other damage to public roads (town or state), please contact Bill McNulty at Sanford dispatch 324-5322 or call the Town Hall to report the problem. If you contact the town hall and leave a message, please include your name, phone number and the road in which there is an issue.
17. Select Board Meetings are televised and replayed on the Saco River TV website, SRC-TV.org for Peg TV. Usually takes 2-3 days to be uploaded to the website for viewing.
18. Members needed for Budget Committee and MSAD 6 Budget Advisory Committee. Great for students and young adults that want to build references, experience and network!
19. Public Comments and Questions
20. Update from State Representative Don Marean and review of biennial budget passed last year that is in effect through 2017.

* Provided $170 million tax relief to Maine citizens.
* Military pensions became state tax exempt.
* Homestead exemptions for 2016 will increase to $15,000. In 2017 will increase to $20,000.
* Provided $80 million school funding.
* Provided $2 million for nursing homes, federal government matched $16 million. Revenue sharing will continue to be funded at current level.
* Governor introduced a drug-fighting bill, passed by the house and senate for $3.7 million. Funds will assist the Maine DEA and provide treatment for addicts.
* Land for Maine's Future Bonds - Because money generated from these bonds are in a trust fund, they cannot be used as leverage by the Governor. He has since released $6.5 million from those bonds and put in a bill to release $11.2 million in the future.
* Frye Island Withdrawal from SAD 6 - per the Governor's senior advisor that the withdrawal is only a rumor, no bill has been drafted for action. Governor wrote a letter to the school board advising them to work together toward a solution. Don contacted the SAD 6 superintendent, Frank Sherburne, and recommended that the school board reply to Governor's letter and work with Frye Island on a resolution.
* State revenue is up 13.5%
* Rank Choice Voting - Don reports that he and other members of the House and Senate believe that a rank choice voting system is a violation of the constitution regarding “parality” or majority vote. These members wrote a letter to Attorney General's office for the opinion of whether or not this would be in violation of the constitution.
* Tax Conformity - Governor has put forth a tax conformity bill. A meeting regarding this bill will be televised live on the website tomorrow, 2.4.16.
* Homestead exemption question from Dave - Does the town reimburse the entire amount of homestead ($15,000) if the property value is lower than $75,000? Dave wants to make a maximum cap percentage based on the property’s value. Don made a suggestion of putting in a bill regarding this for next year.
1. Becky Bowley announced that there will be a Special Board of Directors meeting next Monday, 2.8.16, that will include an executive session and consult with legal counsel regarding MRSA § 405 (6)(E) and a workshop to conduct the Board’s Self-Evaluation. Becky also indicated that she will be writing a letter to the governor regarding the concerns the board has regarding the withdrawal of Frye Island from MSAD 6.

*Select Board Meetings – Televised 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7-9pm, untelevised every Wednesday from 5-7pm at the Town Hall.*

**Next Meeting of the Board**

**Feb. 4th** 10:00AM Road Committee Meeting at Plains Road Fire Station

**Feb. 8th** 7:00PMBudget Committee upstairs at the Community Building

**Feb. 9th** 6:30PM Community Day/Hollis Fest upstairs at the Community Building

**Feb. 16th** 6:30PM Long Range Planning Meeting upstairs at the Community Building

**Feb. 17th** 7:00PM Next Televised Select Board meeting at the Community Building

**Feb. 25th** 10:00AM Truck Route Committee at Poland Spring