

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

MARCH 27, 2013

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Aubrey Carter. In attendance were Board members Warren Gay, Danny Manchester, Glenn Davis, and Cony Upton; Town Manager Christopher Loughlin; Secretary Cathy Lord; Finance Director Meghan Dennison; Sharon Mack, Hillary Savage, Kim Emerson, Patrick Whitney, Sharon Foss, Jim Lenke.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board VOTED:

To approve municipal warrant #80 in the amount of \$14,210.52; to approve municipal warrant #81 in the amount of \$278,858.92; to approve municipal warrant #82 in the amount of \$14,204.60; and, to approve municipal warrant #83 in the amount of \$55,149.15 .

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board VOTED:

To approve school warrant #38 in the amount of \$163,968.23.

3. BID OPENING - STORM DRAIN PROJECT

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that five bids were received in response to a request for bids for repairs to the Bowker Street storm drain. He told the Board that there is \$21,972. in the municipal budget allocated to complete the project.

Bids:

Carver Construction: \$29,800. (Bowker Street) \$1670. (Addendum)
Hanscom Construction: \$27,575. (Bowker Street) \$3595. (Addendum)
Dirt Diggers Inc.: \$24,960. (Bowker Street) \$2000. (Addendum)
Mark Wright: \$41,520. (Bowker Street) \$2500. (Addendum)
By Us Inc.: \$15,966. (Bowker Street) \$1352. (Addendum)

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board VOTED:

To award the bid to By Us Inc. for the bid amount of \$15,966. for the Bowker Street storm drain project and for the bid amount of \$1352. for the Addendum.

4. BID OPENING - TOWN REPORT

Mr. Loughlin distributed two bids submitted in response to a request for bids for the printing of 750 town reports.

Bids:

Express Copy \$1,751.00

Bangor Letter Shop \$2,178.07

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board

VOTED:

To award the bid for the printing of 750 copies of the annual town report to Express Copy for the bid amount of \$1,751.

5. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL - ARAMARK (UMM)

Mr. Loughlin reviewed a liquor license renewal submitted by Aramark (UMM) with the members of the Board.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a liquor license renewal for Aramark (UMM).

6. REQUEST TO WRITE OFF TAXES FOR TRAILER

Mr. Loughlin explained that there is no longer a trailer sitting on property located at 12 West Kennebec Road at Map 3 Lot 72 and that taxes in the amount of \$561.88 need to be taken off the town's books.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

To write off taxes in the amount of \$561.88 on a trailer formerly located at 12 West Kennebec Road (Map 3 Lot 72).

7. REQUEST TO SELL TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY - TRAILER

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that a trailer located in the Davis Trailer Park has been acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board

VOTED:

To put out to bid a trailer owned by the Town due to non-payment of taxes for sale to the highest bidder.

8. WRITING OFF MAINE WILD'S SEWER PENALTY AS DOUBTFUL COLLECTION

Mr. Loughlin asked the Board if they would consider writing off the sewer penalties owed by the Maine Wild Blueberry Company. Mr. Carter pointed out that he had talked with the town's auditor previously about what to do in this matter. The Board discussed how to proceed. Mr. Upton commented that it appears that the Town will never be able to collect this debt. The other members of the Board agreed.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board
VOTED:

To write off the principal (\$139,490.45) and the interest (\$111,576.46) of a sewer penalty assessed to Maine Wild Blueberry Company as being uncollectible as a doubtful collection.

9. STRAY CAT ISSUE

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board
VOTED:

To table the stray cat issue.

10. PARKING ADJACENT TO THE HEALTH FOOD STORE

Mr. Loughlin reviewed the Board's decision at their last meeting regarding parking adjacent to the health food store. Mr. Kim Emerson speaking for Axiom Computers told the Board that he thought it was discriminatory to make people park on the other side of the street; he suggested that the Board designate thirty minute parking for three parking spaces which would give shoppers the opportunity to access the health food store. Mr. Upton cautioned that it may not be a good idea to designate specific uses for parking spaces. Mr. Loughlin said that three spaces could be designated for use by shoppers without naming any business. Mr. Davis said that a thirty minute parking designation could be made for all the front parking spaces. Mr. Carter pointed out that whatever is decided there will need to be enforcement of the parking signs. After discussing the problem at length, the members of the Board agreed to designate the front parking spaces in the parking lot for thirty minute parking only and that signs will be erected advising drivers of the parking limit.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board
VOTED:

To designate all parking spaces in this municipal parking lot as having thirty minute parking.

11. PRESENTATION BY JIM LENKE

Mr. Lenke updated the Board on economic development efforts using Facebook, Pinterest, Gmail, developing a community play area using donations and community labor, development of a Machias logo, and development of community garden plots. Mr. Upton suggested that Mr. Lenke contact Mr. Pellon regarding the use of land for the community play area. The Board thanked Mr. Lenke for his efforts and gave their approval for his on-going efforts.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Contracts for the school construction project were signed.

B. Mr. Patrick Whitney updated the Board on progress in raising funds for the Southside softball field improvements. He advised the Board that approximately \$11,000. has been raised from private sources; he asked the Board if the Town would release \$5000. in funding for the project. Finance Director Megan Dennison noted that there is \$13,713. in the recreation reserve fund. The Board discussed scheduling a special town meeting to address using \$5000. from the recreation reserve fund for the Southside field improvements and to transfer funds from the road reserve for the completion of the paving project.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board
VOTED:

To schedule a special town meeting on April 10, 2013 at 6:00 PM to act on
electing a moderator, to transfer \$5000. from the recreation reserve account
for the Southside softball field project, and to transfer \$34,904.
from the road reserve for the completion of the paving project.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board voted to
adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM.