

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

OCTOBER 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Selectmen Carter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

None at this time.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

None at this time.

3. Recommendation on a New Hire for the Transfer Station.

The Town Manager and the Transfer Station Director had an earlier meeting to review the applications submitted for the part-time Transfer Station position. There was applicant that already works for the Town's Ambulance Department. The Town Manager recommends the position be offered to Tony Wood.

On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Josh Rolfe, the Board
VOTED:

to support the recommendation of the Town Manager and to hire Tony Wood for the twenty-eight (28) hour per week position at a starting wage of \$9.00 per hour. It is to be clear that this position will be his primary job with the Town. Mr. Wood will not be allowed to leave the recycling building during his shift to respond to ambulance calls.

4. Recommendation on a New Hire for the Transfer Station

The Town Manager and the Fire Chief had interviewed these two (2) individuals for the full-time Dispatcher/Driver Position. Both of these individuals have a background in this area and would be very beneficial to the Department for on-call employees. This would provide adequate coverage for the full-time personnel to use their vacation leave and compensatory time. There has not been anyone available to cover shifts for awhile and this has created a liability with the amount of time on the books for Chief Dennison. The Town would be in a better position if one of the full-time employees were to have a long term health issue in the future. It is the recommendation of the Town Manager and the Fire Chief to hire both individuals for the on-call positions.

On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Josh Rolfe, the Board

VOTED:

to support the recommendation of the Town Manager and Fire Chief and to hire

Mr. Joel Hamilton and Mr. Brandon Merrill as on-call Dispatcher/Drivers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

5. Dangerous Building Statute

The Town Manager received several calls about garbage at two different locations on Court Street. The garbage is causing a rodent problem and the neighbors are calling the Town Office. The Town Manager contacted MMA and downloaded the process to follow when dealing with these types of issue. This type of issue falls under the Dangerous Building Regulations. The Town Manager provided an information packet to each board member. The Board decided to start the process at 139 North Street by providing a formal notice to be served to the Property Owners, the Tenant, and any Mortgage Holders that issue a date by which the garbage must be removed. The Town Manager will try to contact the real estate company for 164 Court Street and work out an agreement for the trash removal. Warren stated he could get the number to the bank for the Town Manager.

6. Additional Pay for Office Staff

The Town Staff have been receiving additional weekly pay for duties assumed during the absence of a Town Manager. The Board greatly appreciates the efforts of the office staff during this transitional time and would like a letter put in their files.

On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Jim Whalen, the Board

VOTED:

to rescind the \$150.00 per week stipends from the Town Office staff. This will be effective on October 6, 2015.

7. Downtown Revitalization Committee Representative

The Town Manager was contacted by the Chairperson for the Downtown Revitalization Committee. The Committee will be meeting with the MDOT on October 22, 2015 to discuss the sidewalks and traffic concerns in the downtown area. The Committee asked the Town Manager to attend the meeting but the committee thought it might be beneficial to have a Selectmen participate

On a motion by Warren Gay to

NOMINATE:

Josh Rolfe to serve as the primary representative on the Downtown Revitalization Committee with Jim Whalen to serve as the alternate.

On a motion by Josh Rolfe, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 PM.