

MINUTES
Town of Bowdoinham
Select Board Meeting
December 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call the Meeting to Order & Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order and quorum established by Select Board Chair Peter Lewis at 5:30 p.m. Select Board members Peter Lewis, David Engler, Jeremy Cluchey, Judy Gray, and Tom Walling were present. Staff present included Town Manager Tom Woodin. Board member Jeremy Cluchey was absent.

2. Amendments to the Agenda –

3. Approve Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes

1. November 12, 2019

B. Warrants and Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer’s Warrant # 40 for \$ 500,808.04

C. Sheriff’s November Report

On Motion of Engler/Walling the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Warrant and Financial reports, along with the November Sheriff’s report as presented.

4. Action Items

A. Appoint Margaret “Peggy” Muir to the Advisory Committee on Aging.

On motion of Engler/Gray the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Margaret “Peggy” Muir to the Advisory Committee on Aging.

B. Vote to authorize the Town Manager to be an authorized user on Down East Credit Union accounts (and sign authorization form).

On motion of Gray/Walling the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Town Manger to be an authorized user on Down East Credit Union accounts.

C. Approve request for new private road named “Sweet Fern Lane”.

On motion of Engler/Walling the Board voted 4-0 to approve the request for a new private road off of Bay Road named “Sweet Fern Lane”.

D. Approve a Board of Selectmen letter be sent to a Spear Drive resident to clarify the Town’s position regarding maintaining a drainage easement on private property.

On motion of Peter Lewis the Board voted 4-0 to approve a Board of Selectmen letter be sent to a Spear Drive resident to clarify the Town’s position regarding maintaining a drainage easement on private property.

- E. Discussion on whether to continue to retain Leah Rachin as the Town attorney when she changes employment and goes to work for Drummond Woodsum. Sign document with the Town's intentions.

On motion of Engler/Gray the Board voted 4-0 to continue to retain Leah Rachin as the Town attorney when she changes employment and goes to work for Drummond Woodsum.

- F. Approve and sign quitclaim deed for property at 817 Ridge Road to release the Town's interest from a 2010 tax foreclosure that had been previously overlooked.

On motion of Walling/Engler the Board voted 4-0 to approve and authorize the quitclaim deed for property located at 817 Ridge Road to release the Town's interest from a 2010 tax foreclosure that had been previously overlooked.

5. Discussion Items – None

6. Town Manager's Report – The LCI project is a bit behind schedule due to unforeseen circumstances, however it is moving along. LCI plans to start contacting customers in approximately 30-45 days, and is looking toward February, March, April completion.

The new public works truck is now in service.

The Manager will be interviewing an applicant for the Finance position on Wednesday.

Bryan Benson, Solid Waste & Recycling Director, will be attending a January select board meeting to discuss significant rate increases at Casella Waste.

The Manager attended the BCDI meeting on Monday at the Town Hall and it went very well.

7. Select Board Member's Request for Agenda Items for future meetings – Discuss 2020 State bicentennial plans.

8. Announce Future Select Board Meetings

A. January 14th – Regular Meeting

B. January 28th – Regular Meeting

9. Comments from Select Board Members – Peter Lewis informed the Select Board members of the upcoming Spirit of American Awards to be held December 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sagadahoc County Courthouse.

10. Comments from the Public – Resident Dean Beckwith commented on the greenhouse request for the waterfront.

Resident Joshua Bodinet inquired about his recent applications for the Public Works position.

11. Executive Session(s)

A. Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1, Chapter 13, §405 (6) (A) for a personnel matter.

On motion of Engler/Gray the Board voted 4-0 to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. A. Title 1, Chapter 13, §405 (6) (A) for a personnel matter at 6:34 p.m.

On motion of David Engler, seconded by Tom Walling, the Board voted 4-0 to exit Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

1. Any Action as a result of Executive Session – No Action

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:25 p.m.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

Peter Lewis, Chair

David Engler, Vice-Chair

Absent
Jeremy Cluchey

Judith Gray

Thomas Walling

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Bate, Admin. Assistant