

MINUTES
Town of Bowdoinham
Select Board & Board of Assessors Meeting
July 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call the Meeting to Order & Establish a Quorum at 5:30 p.m.

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

2. Amendments to the Agenda - None

3. Approve Consent Calendar

- A. Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019

- B. Warrants and Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Warrant # 9 for \$ 23,907.55

- C. Reports & Communications

1. Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters' Month Activity Report - June

- D. Quit Claim Deed(s)

1. Raymond M. and Anne R. Kellet

On Motion of Cluchey/Walling the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019 as presented. Select Board member David Engler abstained.

On Motion of Cluchey/Walling the Board voted 5-0 to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented.

4. Action Items

- A. Sign Approved Disposition of Tax Acquired Property Policy

Select Board Chair Peter Lewis stated this is the amended policy that was approved at the July 23rd Select Board meeting.

5. Discussion Items

- A. Review ConnectME Contract Agreement with Lincolnville Communications, Inc.

Interim Town Manager Nicole Briand stated that the Town was approved for the \$90,000 ConnectME Grant to provide fiber optic service to unserved residents of the Town. The next steps are to get 100 residents signed up for service and sign a contract with LCI. LCI has a signed contract with the State of Maine for the ConnectMe Grant award.

Board Member Engler asked what will happen if the Town does not reach the 100 signatures as required.

Board Chair Peter Lewis stated that the Town currently has 81 signatures and he is very confident we can obtain 19 more signatures through continuing to reach out and going door to door to the residents who have not yet signed up for service.

Vice-Chair Cluchey asked if this signature was a commitment to service.

Chair Lewis stated that signing up for service is an expressed interest for service and not an actual contract and commitment.

On motion of Cluchey/Walling the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Contract with Lincolnville Communications, Inc. and authorize the Interim Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the Town.

6. Interim Town Manager's Report – None

7. Select Board Member's Request for Agenda Items for Future Meetings

A. Impact on roads/trees due to trimming from CMP and Asplundh and any possible compensation for this damage.

8. Announce Future Select Board Meetings

A. August 13th – Regular Meeting – Vice Chair Cluchey will not be present

B. August 27th – Regular Meeting – Board Chair Lewis will not be present

9. Comments from Select Board Members

Vice-Chair Cluchey stated he will not be at the next meeting on August 13th, but would still like the topic of damage to roads due to trimming from CMP and Asplundh to be discussed. Vice-Chair Cluchey stated that the Town has spent a lot of time and money improving the roads, and if there has been damage to the roads from the CMP and Asplundh trucks, then maybe the Town should look into possible compensation for this damage.

10. Comments from the Public - None

11. Executive Session(s)

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

On motion of Cluchey/Walling the Board voted 5-0 to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (A) for a personnel matter at 5:45 p.m.

On motion of Engler/Cluchey the Board voted 5-0 to exit Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:34 p.m.

Select Board
Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

Peter Lewis, Chair

Jeremy Cluchey, Vice-Chair

David Engler

Judith Gray

Thomas Walling

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Bate, Admin. Assistant