

**Town of Kennebunkport
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Village Fire Station-32 North St.
January 9, 2014**

Minutes of the Selectmen Meeting of January 9, 2014

Selectmen present: Patrick A. Briggs, Edward W. Hutchins, and Sheila Matthews-Bull

Selectman absent: Selectman Barwise and Allen A. Daggett

Others present: John Fraser, David James, Arlene McMurray, Chris Perry

1. Call to Order.

Selectman Matthews-Bull wished everyone a happy new year and called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. Approve the December 27, 2013, and January 7, 2014, selectmen meeting minutes.

Since Selectmen Matthews-Bull and Barwise were not present at the December 27, 2013, meeting, these minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to approve the January 7, 2014, selectmen meeting minutes. **Vote:** 3-0.

3. Public Forum (This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to address the Board of Selectmen with any issue that is not on the agenda).

David James said he was interested in lobsters and always admired lobstermen so he purchased the book *Does a Lobsterman Wear Pants* by Barbara Delinsky. He finished reading it so he gave the book to Selectman Hutchins because he is a lobsterman.

Selectman Hutchins was happy to receive the book and actually knew the person on the cover.

4. Consider the following tax abatements:

Property Owner	Location	Map	Blk	Lot(s)	Abatement Amount 2013
Joan Ashworth-Wulf	272 Mills RD Cottage #6	37	2/2	C6	Denied
Joseph & Donna Murphy	5 Dyke RD, Unit #1	34	3	11	Denied
David Lenet	5 Dyke RD, Unit #2	34	3	11	Denied
Sally Cote	5 Dyke RD, Unit #3	34	3	11	Denied
Lisa Kietz, Janice Deroche	5 Dyke RD, Unit #4	34	3	11	Denied

Geraldine Sireen	5 Dyke RD, Unit #5/6	34	3	11	Denied
Hanley Reality Trust, Margaret Hanley, Trustee	5 Dyke RD, Unit #7/8	34	3	11	Denied

These abatements were carried over from the previous meeting in which realtor Heather Motes gave the Board additional information she wanted the Board to consider. Assessors Agent Donna Moore Hays reviewed Ms. Motes' information and still recommended denying all of the abatement requests.

Selectman Matthews-Bull said that all of the sales occurred after April 1, 2013, and will be considered when setting values for the April 1, 2014, tax year.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to deny the abatement requests listed above per Assessors Agent Donna Moore Hayes.

Vote: 3-0.

5. Issue 2014 Waste Hauling Permits.

The Board received the following waste hauling permit applications:

- Pine Tree Waste
- Oceanside Rubbish, Inc.
- Waste Management, Portland

Motion by Selectman Briggs, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to issue 2014 Waste Hauling Permits to Pine Tree Waste, Oceanside Rubbish, Inc., and Waste Management, Portland. **Vote:** 3-0.

6. Award the bid for the Town telephone system.

Interim Town Manager John Fraser reported that the Town received four bids to replace the town offices, police department and fire station telephone system. He said two out of the four bids received were over budget. The remaining two were from NT & T and Coastal Telephone. They both quoted the system that Kennebunk has. He recommended awarding the bid to Coastal Telephone because the price is lower by several thousand dollars.

Motion by Selectman Briggs, seconded by Selectman Hutchins, to award the bid for the Town telephone system to Coastal Telephone. **Vote:** 3-0.

7. Accept the following donations to the Kennebunkport emergency fuel/food account.

- a. The William J. J. Gordon Family Foundation - \$2,000.00**
- b. Betsy Ames Fitzgerald, Coldwell Bank - \$1,000.00**
- c. The Village Fire Company -two checks: \$250 + \$720 = \$970**
- d. Goose Rocks Beach Fire Company - \$496.00**
- e. Church on the Cape United Methodist - \$340.00**

f. Anonymous gift in memory of Dr. Robert Fernandez - \$25.00

Selectman Matthews-Bull added that part of the donation from the Village Fire Department came from the sale of chili at Prelude.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to accept the following donations to the emergency fuel account: the William J. J. Gordon Family Foundation - \$2,000.00; Betsy Ames Fitzgerald, Coldwell Bank - \$1,000.00; the Village Fire Company-\$970; Goose Rocks Beach Fire Company - \$496.00; Church on the Cape United Methodist - \$340; and anonymous gift in memory of Dr. Robert Fernandez - \$25.00. **Vote:** 3-0.

8. Other business.

Selectman Matthews-Bull thanked all of the volunteers and businesses for their help with Prelude. She wanted to give a special thanks to Dwight Raymond and his son from the Kennebunkport Marina. She said there was a problem with the barge that carries the fireworks into the basin and a small window of opportunity to go under the bridge before high tide. She said Mr. Raymond and his son came to their rescue and helped tow the barge under the bridge in the nick of time.

Selectman Hutchins made the following announcements:

- The last day to pick up absentee ballots is Wednesday, January 15.
- The Town Clerk will hold evening hours on Wednesday, January 15, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.
- Ballots must be returned by January 21, 2014, election day, by 8 PM.

Mr. Fraser announced that Town Offices will be closed on January 20 to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

9. Consider the January 9, 2014, Treasurer's Warrant.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to approve the January 9, 2014, Treasurer's Warrant. **Vote:** 3-0.

10. Adjournment.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Briggs, to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Submitted by Arlene McMurray
Administrative Assistant

