

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF DOVER-FOXCROFT
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016 ~ 6:30 PM
DOVER-FOXCROFT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MEETING ROOM
MINUTES**

I. OPEN MEETING

A. Opening Ceremonies

Chairman Edgerly opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

B. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Edgerly, Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr, Jane Conroy, Gail D'Agostino, Stephen Grammont, Scott Taylor, and W. Ernie Thomas.

Also present: Town Manager, Jack Clukey.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Treasurer Warrants

1. Payroll Warrant #4, #10, #14, #15
2. Wastewater Warrant #5 PY, #6, #12 PY
3. Trust Fund Warrant #7
4. Administrative Warrant #8, #9, #11, #13 PY
5. General Fund/WW Checking Acct. Warrant #M-07-16

B. Cemetery Conveyance

David & Rheba Michaud, Dover Cemetery – Poole Yard Lot 26, Spaces 5 & 6

Resolution #040-082216

MOTION: Conroy, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Meeting – July 25, 2016

Resolution #041-082216

MOTION: Thomas, seconded: Freeman Cyr, and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of July 25, 2016. Motion passed.

IV. QUITCLAIM DEEDS

V. BOARD OF ASSESSORS/MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

VI. OPEN SESSION

A. Public Hearings

Roads (or portions of) Proposed for Discontinuance to Winter Maintenance-

Chairman Edgerly opened the hearing at 6:35 PM. Town Manager, Jack Clukey referred to a list and a map of roads proposed for discontinuance. He said these roads have been closed to winter maintenance in the past and are up for re-closure. The proposed closures exclude approximately the first .4 miles of Klimavicz Road, the first 800' of Lee Cemetery Road, and the first 980' of Hewett Road measured from the Milo Road. He said that the town would maintain these sections.

Brenda Macomber asked if the red lined section of the Klimavicz Road meant that it would be maintained in the winter. The Town Manager said that the red lined section of the Klimavicz Road would be discontinued to winter maintenance.

Brenda Macomber said that she plans to build on the Klimavicz Road. She asked why the town would plow beyond Jeremy Greene's residence with only seasonal homes beyond the property. The Town Manager said that the public works committee looked at the entire road and proposed to plow 700' beyond Jeremy Greene's property where it was also easy to turn around. The Town Manager also said that for whatever the term of the discontinuance, after one year, the term of discontinuance can be changed by the Board of Selectmen.

The hearing was closed.

B. Open Session – Public

Brenda Macomber said regarding ATV speed limits, Klimavicz Road is barely passable at 10 MPH, and asked if there would be speed limits for ATVs and who would have the right of way.

The Town Manager said that he asked for a DOT representative to do an assessment of the roads affected by the ATV access routes. He said that the DOT sets speed limits and regarding right of way laws, ATVs follow the same laws as all other motor vehicles.

Selectman Taylor said he would talk to the ATV Club and acquire signs.

Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr asked how it was going with the ATV access routes at this point.

Sharon Vlasak said that there has been a lot of traffic with ATVs coming through faster than expected.

Selectman Taylor said that this is the first week that the access routes have been open.

Brian Westman, owner of the Bears Den, and lives along the trail, said that some customers, who have travelled the route for the first time, have said that it is nice to enjoy something new.

Selectman Thomas said that initially the Board talked about having the access routes for one summer and acquiring grants, but the grant application deadlines were not met, and now the question is whether the access routes are being proposed for two summers.

Chairman Ederly said he recalled that the ATV access routes were for a one-year trial basis.

Selectman Taylor said that the club may ask for an extension as next July is when the club expects to have an answer regarding grant funding.

Brenda Macomber said that there are landowners opposed to the ATV access route and that she told Mr. Lyford that she did not agree with the access route and wants to know why it is still being approved without landowner permission.

Selectman Taylor said that the access route goes through town owned property.

Chairman Ederly said that if Mrs. Macomber had maps or documentation that showed otherwise she should bring it to the Board.

The Board discussed the history of Klimavicz Road when it was named "Old Stage Coach Road" and when it was State and/or County owned. Town Manager, Jack Clukey, said that at one time, all County roads were turned over to the municipalities or to the State.

Selectman Grammont said that he didn't realize last weekend was the official opening of the trail as it seemed the trails were being used beforehand.

Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr asked if there was other feedback regarding the ATV access routes.

Town Manager Jack Clukey said that he was asked by a property owner on Foxcroft Center Road if they could use the trail even though the signs were not yet posted. He said he told the property owner to wait for the signs to be posted.

C. Open Session – Board of Selectmen

Representative Norman Higgins gave the following report-

Representative Higgins offered a word of thanks to Senator Paul Davis for 700' of pavement on Summer Street.

Representative Higgins reported that the Town of Atkinson voted 72 to 8 to proceed with de-organization and voted unanimously to withdraw from SAD 41. He said there are 32 students who may enroll in RSU No. 68 and Foxcroft Academy. He also said that half the land is in non-taxable status.

He noted that the hydro project at the mayo mill will be in the works for another two years.

He met with discontented residents at the mill regarding energy costs. He said that they met with Jonathan Arnold who connected them with the PUC Consumer Division to work on resolving their issues.

He said he went to Augusta with Chris Winstead of PCEDC to pitch a broadband grant and if they do not succeed, they will try again for the same source of funding they were last working on.

While the Governor is not participating on biomass issues at this time, the Legislature has taken a break on biomass issues until October – November.

There is a powerline expansion project in Lincoln, Orneville into Atkinson and then Charleston, Pittsfield which will provide 1200 megawatts of wind power to southern New England.

There is a collaborative effort between the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Church and the Town of Dover-Foxcroft to pave the parking lot and widen it at the Congregational Church.

Mark Eaves, Speaker of the House of Representatives will be in Piscataquis County on October 12th for an “Aging Tour” focusing on our aging population and corresponding needs in this region.

Selectman Thomas asked who is benefiting from windmill energy and whether Maine was benefiting. Representative Higgins said that Maine would get some indirect benefits such as construction jobs for the transmission lines. He said that cheaper power on the New England grid was helpful to Maine but that Maine would not benefit directly from the power by connecting to Maine markets.

Representative Higgins said that a recent analysis shows that student enrollment is down by 40% over the past 20 years (from 1995 to the present).

Selectman Conroy asked Representative Higgins if in his visits with neighboring towns, the topic of sharing resources in education is ever discussed.

Representative Higgins said there have been conversations in the Milo and Brownville area but those schools would need to make considerations of how they would want to share resources and grow.

Representative Higgins said that if you follow the “Stand up for Me” initiative, it could have a major impact on a municipality’s mil rate, and in turn funnel those funds back into education.

Selectman Thomas said that ranked voting may be on the November ballot and asked what Mr. Higgins opinion of that is. Representative Higgins said there could be various outcomes to ranked choice voting but said he doesn’t have a strong opinion either way.

Selectman Conroy asked for an update on Charleston Correctional Facility. Representative Higgins said that at this time a plan has not been worked out due to statewide hiring freezes.

D. Adjustments to the Agenda

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Liquor License– Bears Den Restaurant
 - 1. Renewal Application
 - 2. Special Amusement Permit

Resolution #042-082216

MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Taylor, and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the liquor license renewal application for Bears Den Motel Restaurant and Tavern, 73 North St., Dover-Foxcroft. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr noted information missing from the application (Line #4). Brian Westman said he would be willing to submit the completed page to the town office.

Resolution #043-082216

MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the Special Amusement Permit for Bears Den Motel Restaurant and Tavern, 73 North St., Dover-Foxcroft. Motion passed.

- B. Roads (or portions of) Proposed for Discontinuance to Winter Maintenance

Resolution #044-082216

MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (7-0) to sign the 2016 Resolution for Roads Discontinued to Winter Maintenance. Motion passed.

- C. Comprehensive Plan – November 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting Referendum

Town Manager, Jack Clukey noted that the Comprehensive Plan has been approved by the State and can be brought forward for a town meeting vote in November. He said the Comprehensive Planning Committee will hold a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, September 28th and another public hearing on the final ballot for the November 8th Special Referendum Election will be held on October 24th.

Resolution #045-082216

MOTION: Freeman Cyr, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (7-0) to place the 2016 Proposed Comprehensive Plan on a Special Town Meeting Referendum Ballot on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Motion passed.

- D. Sangerville Fire Department Game of Chance Permit

Town Manager, Jack Clukey explained that the Sangerville Fire Department submitted an application for Bingo for the Piscataquis Valley Fair but could not be assured that the permit would be approved in time for the fair. The Town Manager said that because this is an annual event, the Town issued a blanket letter of approval and placed it on file with the State preceding ratification by the Board of Selectmen.

Resolution #046-082216

MOTION: Freeman Cyr, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (7-0) to ratify the blanket letter of approval for the Sangerville Fire Department to allow Bingo, Beano, Game of Chance for the calendar year of 2016. Motion passed.

E. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager, Jack Clukey gave the following report:

Paving will begin the week of August 22nd. In addition to Lincoln Street, the Bear Hill section, and Range Road, we estimate that we can do Anderson Road (first on next year's list). He also said that he was working with the engineer to see if the town could use a shim on a section of Park Street to make it easier to plow.

The town will be doing some repairs to the town parking lot at Monument Square over the next few weeks. The Congregational Church is looking into doing some additional improvements at the same time.

There is a strong interest by the owners of branns mill to take steps toward the redevelopment of the site. They are currently working with PCEDC on accessing EPA cleanup funds, and they will be approaching Pine Crest in terms of a collaboration to facilitate the cleanup similar to the collaboration between Pine Crest and the town for the cleanup at the mill.

The town is working with Ransom Environmental Consultants to put together a plan for repairing the dam at branns mill pond and the goal is to complete the repairs or take some steps toward completion this fall.

The town will be soliciting bids for replacing the retaining wall on Pleasant Street with a goal at having it complete this fall.

Foxcroft Academy students have been performing community service projects for the town. Students have been raking mulch at the mill, river walk, painting at the ice rink, and they will be back for another painting project next week.

Some improvements are being made to the Morton Avenue ballfield this fall. The infield will be replaced and brought up to grade. Base paths will be re-aligned and the backstop will be replaced. The cost of these improvements will be split with RSU No. 68.

The stone has been placed at the corner of Greeleys Landing Road and Cotton Brook Road on the former Wiles lot. The Wiles family will place a plaque on the stone and Tim Merrill will be placing a granite bench there as well.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- RSU No. 68 Board of Director's Meeting Minutes, 080216
- Town of Dover-Foxcroft Municipal Committees and Appointments
- MRC Newsletter

XI. CLOSING REMARKS (Open Session if necessary and time permitting.)

The Town Manager recognized Town Clerk, Lisa Niles, for achieving recertification as a Certified Clerk of Maine.

Selectman D'Agostino asked for an update on MMA Convention. The Town Manager said that the Town Clerk will register any Board member that would like to attend.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ADJOURN

Resolution #047-082216

MOTION: Grammont seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Town of Dover-Foxcroft
Roads Discontinued to Winter Maintenance
Proposed for August 22, 2016

1. Chandler Road to its end, north from Orchard Road, a distance of 1.0 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.
2. Orchard Road, west from 180 Orchard Road (tax map 13, lot 13C) to the Guilford town line, a distance of .2 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.
3. Portion of Gray Hill Road, also known as Gray Valley Road, from a point at which the road turns at right angles toward Guilford, west to a portion of Chandler Road discontinued in 1942, a distance of .3 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.
4. Foxcroft Center Road to its end, north from Bolton Road, 308 Foxcroft Center Road (tax map 14, lot 48), a distance of .2 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.
5. Portion of Lee Cemetery Road to its end, south from 20 Lee Cemetery Road (tax map 11, lot 98), a distance of .14 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.
6. Portion of Hewett Road, also known as Hasette Road, Buck Road, or Burgoine Road, south from 241 Hewett Road (tax map 15, lot 19) to 84 Hewett Road (tax map 12, lot 25), a distance of .9 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.
7. Portion of East Dover Road also known as John Hall Swamp Road, south from 784 East Dover Road (tax map 9, lot 9) driveway to the Bangor Road (State Route 15), a distance of 1.5 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.
8. Fletcher Road to its end, north from the Guilford Road (State Route 15) to the Dover-Foxcroft Water Treatment Plant, a distance of .3 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.
9. Klimavicz Road to its end, beginning approximately 700' east from 58 Klimavicz Road (tax map 14, lot 81), a distance of .45 miles more or less for a period of 10 years.

RURAL MAP

