

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF DOVER-FOXCROFT
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015~ 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

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

Also present: Town Manager, Jack Clukey.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Warrants

1. Administrative Warrant #51
2. Payroll Warrant #52

Resolution #151-032315

MOTION: Conroy, seconded: Taylor, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Selectmen – March 9, 2015

Resolution #152-032315

MOTION: Thomas, seconded: Taylor, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Motion passed.

IV. QUITCLAIM DEEDS

V. BOARD OF ASSESSORS/MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

VI. OPEN SESSION

A. Public Hearing

B. Senator Davis & Representative Higgins Presentation

Town Manager, Jack Clukey, thanked Senator Davis and Representative Higgins for being available to discuss issues in the current legislation. Senator Davis said that there will be a vote on the Governor's proposals on April 1st. Senator Davis explained that the committees are each working on proposals that affect the budget. He said that each

committee submits their proposed piece of the budget to the appropriations committee for a vote on April 1st.

Senator Davis spoke of proposals in the legislature such as a bill for fleet vehicles to pay excise tax to the town where the business is located rather than payment to the State. He said that there are 18 vehicles of this nature located in Dover-Foxcroft representing approximately \$8,000 in vehicle excise tax that could be collected for the town. He also spoke of a proposal for telecommunication assets to be taxed locally representing a value close to \$1,500,000 that would be included on the local property tax rolls.

Both Senator Davis and Representative Higgins expressed that they do not support the proposal to change the homestead exemption and neither of them supports the decrease or elimination of State revenue sharing.

Other proposals in the legislature discussed were changes to allow some form of taxation of non-profit organizations, a proposed decrease on sales tax, but an increase on taxation for meals, lodging, rental cars, and professional tax increases for services such as legal and personal care.

Town Manager, Jack Clukey, asked about repealing MUBEC (building code requirements). Senator Davis said that he has a proposal to repeal it. The Town Manager asked if the bill would allow for the opportunity for the town to adopt its own code. Senator Davis said that if repealed, towns would be able to adopt their own building codes. Representative Higgins said that he proposes a modest bill to change the population requirements for MUBEC from 4,000 to 5,000.

Chairman Edgerly said that building code requirements should be uniform regardless of the size of the municipality.

George McKay asked about LR/LD 506. Senator Davis said that he recently received the proposed bill that will prevent public/private entities to initiate certain projects or have the authority to exercise eminent domain and is in the process of reviewing it.

George McKay said that the bill would be beneficial to those who do not want to see development such as highway/corridor projects go forward. Senator Davis agreed that the authority of eminent domain should sit with the government and not a private entity.

Representative Higgins also spoke of other initiatives such as one to provide incentives on generated electricity. He also said that he supports a bill to expand the 3-ring binder project as there are currently no competitive advantages for it in rural Maine. He said that he is supporting an economic development bill being proposed for \$12.5 million to provide planning grants to 50 Maine communities for high speed internet. He said that each community can apply for as much as \$200,000 with a match of \$5,000.

Representative Higgins also spoke of a natural gas pipeline that would provide energy to fuel electricity plants cutting costs and keeping them stable. He said that the decision will be made by the Public Utilities Commission. He also said that there is a hydro power bill that will be voted on that he doesn't expect will pass as it has to do with energy credits from windmills that are not benefitting the State of Maine.

Town Manager, Jack Clukey, talked about the PERC contract expiring in 2018. He said that the MRC is working on a super high tech recycling facility in Hampden and is also working to locate additional landfill space for residual waste. The Town Manager said

that the goal of the MRC is to have the new landfill up and running with the new technology in January, 2018.

Open Session – Public

George McKay spoke in support of LD 506 and said it was good of Senator Davis to bring forward LR 373. He said that he is not in support of a private company building a corridor through Maine and exercising eminent domain. He encouraged the Board of Selectmen to write a letter to the transportation committee in support of the bills.

C. Open Session – Board of Selectmen

Selectman Grammont followed up discussion regarding the MDOT meeting and the access ways through town that the State is responsible to maintain. He said that there is a very small amount of miles in town and the infrastructure is very poor. He said that the improvements needed to our roads do not appear to be a high priority.

The Town Manager said that Senator Davis and Representative Higgins visited the town office with Transportation Commissioner Bernhardt to discuss transportation concerns the day following the MDOT meeting. He said that Matt Demers from the water district was also present to discuss upgrades to utilities that could be done in conjunction with an MDOT road project on Route 7.

D. Adjustments to the Agenda

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager, Jack Clukey, reported that the solid waste committee met on 03/18/15 to discuss pilot projects to promote recycling.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor License Renewal Application-Foxcroft Golf Club

Resolution #153-032315

MOTION: D'Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the liquor license renewal application for Foxcroft Golf Club submitted by Jessica Bentz. Motion passed.

B. Food Cupboard

Town Manager, Jack Clukey, discussed the plan to continue the work of the Living Word Food Cupboard by the Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Cupboard (DFAFC) when operations cease at the end of the month. He said that the goal of the DFAFC is to establish a temporary location with a shipping container located at the fairgrounds to provide parking and access to rest rooms for six months. He said that the public works department would obtain and set the container at the fairgrounds for storage in the fall.

Resolution #154-032315

MOTION: D'Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (7-0) to allow the food cupboard to utilize a town storage container in its transition to a permanent location. Motion passed.

C. Solid Waste

The Town Manager reported that he met and discussed the potential for the amount of recycling that the town could be doing with the owner of Trashbusters. He also said that the solid waste committee discussed the potential to implement two pilot projects over the summer months to promote recycling. He said that the first is to place a large recycling container for paper and cardboard at 2-3 multi-family residential sites to see if the value of material collected in the containers could offset the cost, and the second project would be to offer a \$100 per month drawing at the recycling station and award a ticket to anyone dropping off recyclables at the window.

Resolution #155-032315

MOTION: D'Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (7-0) to move forward with the pilot projects to promote recycling. Motion passed.

D. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager, Jack Clukey, reported the following:

Nomination papers are available for the following offices: Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor: Two positions /Three Year Term; Member Executive Committee Thompson Free Library: One position/One Year Term; HAD# 4 Board of Directors: One position/Three Year Term; RSU No. 68 Board of Directors: Two positions/Three Year Term. Deadline for filing is Monday, April 27th.

The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to meet jointly with the budget advisory committee this Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 PM, to discuss recommendations. He said the committee recommends some adjustments to the budget including some additional road maintenance hours for public works, a revised revenue sharing estimate, and the inclusion of an expense and offsetting revenue from Maine Public Employees Retirement System (Maine PERS).

Town Manager, Jack Clukey, reported that he attended the outreach meeting put on by the MDOT on Wednesday, March 18th.

The barn demolition is well in progress and should be finished by the end of the week.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, 02/23/15 Corrected
- RSU No. 68 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 030315
- MRC, Correcting the Record, Gregory Louder Executive Director

XI. CLOSING REMARKS (If necessary and time permitting)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ADJOURN

Resolution #156-032315

MOTION: D'Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn at 8:27 PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Town of Dover-Foxcroft Board of Selectmen

Elwood E. Edgerly, Chairman

Jane K. Conroy

Cynthia Freeman Cyr, Vice Chairman

Gail D'Agostino

Stephen G. Grammont

Scott A. Taylor

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