



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF May 28, 2013

Members Present: Min Cote, Steve Rae, Min Cote & Mickey Smith, (arrived at 6:10PM)

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Gary Bourne, & Representative from Eldiablo Industries.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg, Vice Chair.

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. Add Vendor License for Wednesday Farmers Market .
2. Request for Letter of Credit Refund from James Wood.

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Stabilization for Gary Bourne (Old Maynard's Building)- Gary would like tax stabilization for the old Maynard's building so that he can have chance to update the building. He plans to revamp the front of the building back to what it was in the 50's & 60's. His plan for occupancy include 7 apartments upstairs and a commercial business on the first floor. He has had some interest in the building but no takers yet. He feels that by revamping the outside of the building he may generate more interest in the interior. He has received grants for the remodeling of the exterior. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator explained that there are three different ways to stabilize that taxes. Property owners can stabilize the value, [which is the most common], or you can stabilize the amount of taxes or the tax rate. Gary stated that he would prefer to stabilize the value of the property which is currently \$123,200

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Steve Rae to grant tax stabilization to Gary Bourne for the value of his property, which is currently listed at \$123, 200 for 5 years. Motion approved. (3/0)

3. Tax Stabilization for "10 Rail Road Street" formerly Melbans Restaurant- Eldiablo Industries purchased the old Melbans restaurant and is turning it into a steakhouse. They are requesting tax stabilization so they may update the building and get their business off the ground. Although there are a few changes to the interior and exterior of the building, much of it will stay the same due to State and Federal Historical guidelines. He plans to be open for business by August. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator explained the 3 options available for tax stabilization. Representative from Eldiablo requested stabilization of the value which is currently listed at \$227,300.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded Steve Rae to grant tax stabilization to Eldiablo Industries for the value of their property currently listed at \$227,300 for 5 years. Motion approved. (3/0) Steve Rae abstained.

4. Bridge Inspection reports- We have received the inspection from the State. These are yearly reports that need to be reviewed by the Selectboard. This will be the last year that we will receive the reports in paper form. Dan is not sure how we will get them next year. He has not received confirmation on that from the State yet.

5. Tax Anticipation for FY14- Mary Ann sent out bids to Union Bank, Peoples United, Merchants Bank, Community National. Merchants Bank did not bid. Mary Ann recommends going with the Union Bank as this would give us a greater profit on interest at \$8969, Peoples United would end up costing us \$3323 and Community National interest profit was only \$2121.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Min Cote to bid from Union Bank for the FY2014 Tax Anticipation note. Motion approved. (4/0)

6. Billings Scholarship- This year there are 3 candidates that have applied for the Billings Scholarship which is for students who are pursuing education in the forestry or environmental science field.

Motion made Min Cote, seconded by Steve Rae to award scholarship at \$350 each to the 3 candidates Daniel Stames, Garrett Densmore and Kaitlyn Jones. Motion approved. (4/0)

7. Farmers Market Vendor Permit- This is the yearly vendor permit for the Wednesday Farmers Market which is held down at the Oxbow.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Vendor Permit for the Wednesday Farmers Market at the Oxbow. Motion approved (4/0).

8. Letter of Credit Refund- James Wood who did some work in the Town Right of Way would like the required \$1200 letter of credit returned. He feels that since other contractors have done work in the same right of way that he should no longer be held liable for the repaving of that section.

Motion made by Min Cote to refund the letter of Credit to James Wood in the amount of \$1200. Motion approved(4/0)

IV. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

V. OLD BUSINSS

1. This is a Fireworks Permit for Kathy Demars that was tabled at the last meeting to due to some concerns of the neighbors farm animals. Kathy has talked with the neighbor, Eric Dodge, PD also spoke to her as well as Bob Beeman. Fran does not have a problem with Kathy having a fireworks display on June 29, 2013.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve fireworks permit for Kathy Demar for June 29, 2013. Motion approved. (4/0)

VI. TA REPORT

1. Maple Street site walk went well. Were there any other concerns, that the Selctboard had or heard from the residents? Board agreed that it went well and once everybody was on the same page with the sidewalk all seemed to be ok with the project. Mickey did have a request for speed bumps.
2. Paving Schedule- Elmore Street from Village line for about 1/2 mile. Copley Ave., Jersey Heights, Walton Rd. Railroad St., PD parking lot and rescue parking lot. We will have about \$300,000 in the paving budget.
3. Will be out on vacation the rest of the week
4. Town Plan Hearings are scheduled for July 1 and July 8 and are scheduled as joint meeting with the Village Trustees.
5. Clock Tower will begin June 10th.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Min Cote**-None
- **Steve Rae**-
 - o As stated before we should probably have a policy regarding Tax Stabilization so that we treat all business the same.
 - o The Clock at the Union Bank Parking lot is not working. Is it possible to get it fixed? Dan will check with Mike and see what we can do.
- **Brian Kellogg**- None
- **Bob Beeman**- Not Present
- **Mickey Smith**- Letter to the editor regarding the roundabout. It was mentioned that it would be nice to have some beautification of the area that is there now. Dan suggested waiting until the contstruction is done. It is possible to apply for Amy Wade funds for this.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 5-13-2013, 5-20-2013 with amendment to the Minutes of 5/20/2013 "Motion was a 3/0 vote rather than a 5/0 vote".
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Steve Rae to approve consent agenda with amendment to 5/20/2013 minutes. Motion approved. (4/0)

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter Executive Session at 7:20PM for Real Estate (4/0)

Motion made by Min Cote Seconded by Mickey Smith to exit Executive Session and enter Regular session at 7:30 PM. Motion approved (4/0)

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:35M.
Motion approved. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 29th day of May 2013 Erica Allen, Clerk

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated and are approved at the next meeting.