

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
May 12, 2016



Selectmen in attendance: Christine Torno, Paul Nadeau and Royce Heath

6:00 pm – Open Meeting

- Christine Torno introduced as new Selectperson.
- The Board voted for a Chairman by each writing a name on a piece of paper. The vote was 2 to 1 to elect Christine Torno Chairperson.
- Selectman Heath made a motion to elect Christine Torno Chair of the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Selectman Nadeau; all in favor.

Chairperson Torno asked that the Town Clerk be notified so she can make the necessary changes, contacts, etc.

Department Head Meetings

After some discussion, Chairperson Torno made a motion to begin mandatory Department Head meetings the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor. A letter will be sent to all Department Heads asking them to attend the mandatory meeting on the third Thursday of each month beginning on June 16, 2016. If the Department Head can't make it, they are required to send someone to represent them.

Elections

Chairperson Torno stated that we will have to have another election, as some essential services were voted down, such as Fire/EMS/EMA Department, Code Enforcement Officer and Transfer Station. The Selectmen will meet with these Department Heads to review their budgets and look for a way to cut them more. Then they will go to the Budget Committee for their input and recommendations.

Miscellaneous

The Selectmen were presented with an authorization for Cash Management Services for interim Treasurer, Debi Rix. Chairperson Torno made a motion to authorize Debi Rix for Cash Management Services; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor.

The Certified Reimbursement Ratio Application was signed by Selectmen Nadeau and Heath (previously by Chairman Thompson) for submission to Maine Revenue Service. Our certified ratio is at 100%.

Discussed the Town owned mobile home on Station Lane and how to possibly dispose of it. Will call JMS in Sanford for a price to remove it.

Discussion about assessing.

Chairperson Torno said she would like the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the Selectmen's meetings.

Chairperson Torno said she would like the Transfer Station to give out the stickers, as well as, the office staff. Selectman Nadeau wants to wait until the budgets, etc. get straightened out.

Chairperson Torno feels that the clerks shouldn't be counting their drawers then scanning their own checks and that the Treasurer should scan the checks.

Regarding her phone, Chairperson Torno doesn't want to use her personal business phone for town business so for now her messages will come to the Town Office and she will pick them up here. She would also like to see the present office phone system be changed.

Public Input

Laura Bragg asked where the old Selectmen's table was. The Selectmen responded that it was at the Old Town Hall and that the Historical Society wanted it as they have the chairs that go with it.

Budget Committee – says 9 members and 1 alternate to be chosen by the Selectmen

Laura wanted to know if the corrections added to the ballot were looked at by a lawyer. She said the nomination papers were issued before the Selectmen decided to change the ordinance to 9 members. She asked how they would pick the person needed on the Budget Committee because three people were voted on at the election. The Selectmen said they would talk to the Town Clerk before deciding on how to choose a Budget Committee member.

Harrison Thorp asked if there is going to be a decision as to the number of people on the Budget Committee. Selectman Heath said we have to go by the ordinance. Harrison wanted to know if a decision could be made right then about who they would choose for a Budget Committee member. The Selectmen said they need to talk to the Town Clerk first.

Tony Bragg asked that it be put in writing that the change to the ballot is legal. Chairperson Torno said **to ask the Town Clerk.**

There was some discussion about why the Selectmen don't use MMA instead of constantly contacting the Town attorney. The Town pays dues to MMA each year and in turn is entitled to free legal advice.

Tony Bragg mentioned that the Fire Department shouldn't hide the full time Chief position in the budget; that it should be separated and spelled out that he is going to be full time. There was discussion regarding the way the question was written and Tony and Laura said the information should be spelled out so that everyone can understand it.

Chairperson Torno made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.