

## **SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Board of Selectmen: Scott Littlefield, Gerry Taylor, Dan Gay;  
Treasurer/Selectmen Clerk Angela Cushman, CEO Jim Roberts, Tax Collector Yvonne Shaw

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom McKenney, Jarod Harriman, Wayne Perry

*Selectmen Scott Littlefield declared the meeting open at 18:00.  
Agenda approved by Selectmen.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Fire Commission. Jim Roberts communicated that the Fire Commission approved to move forward on replacing the lighting at the fire station with Efficiency Maine rebates offsetting the cost. Jim also provided the Selectmen with the Fire Chief's Quarterly Report, October through December 2014 and the recommended Ambulance & Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule.
2. Time Warner Renewal. Time Warner on December 3, 2014 gave the town notice that it seeks renewal of its cable television franchise. The town has 6 months to obtain public input of future cable needs and performance of Time Warner. Angela Cushman to work with the Town's Attorney for next steps. Update: Angela obtained some pricing from a consultant to help with the renewal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Saco River Corridor. Tom McKenney communicated that there is a bill 467 that has been submitted to reduce the Saco River Corridor from 500 ft to 250 ft. The feeling of the commission and the director it has been in place and has been working. The main focus of the Saco River Corridor Commission is preserve the water quality of the Saco River and stated there are several towns (Saco, Biddeford & Scarborough) that rely on the Saco River for drinking water. Currently, the Commission regulates up to 500 ft and was established by the legislators. Department of Environmental Protection regulates the first 250. Tom stated that he will be attending the preliminary hearing occurring next week in Augusta.

2. Tax Collector reporting. There are 72 accounts with a balance due of \$153,081.27. The excise tax collected for the month of February was \$40,859.
3. Road Posting. Mike Souliere, Road Commissioner, stated that roads will be posted on Friday.
4. State Police January, February & 2014. Reporting was provided to the Board of Selectmen for activity in the town.
5. Parks & Recreation activities. The Selectmen approved a town supper and community yard sale. The community yard sale will need to have appropriate forms filled out by participants.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Wayne Parry stated that if everything passes for the Governor's budget the revenue share will stay the same this year but next year it will be eliminated. Homestead doubles for seniors and is removed for all others and is fully funded by the state. Property tax fairness is going up to \$1,000 for under 65 and \$1,500 for over 65 for those residents where taxes are more than 6% of their income. Income tax reductions are also part of the budget. The goal is to shift more to the tourists. The turnpike fees have been adjusted from 53% to 68% out of state. The town would lose \$96,000 in revenue share but the residents in town would save \$600,000 in income taxes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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**SIGNED:**

1. 03/12/15 A/P Warrant
2. 03/12/15 P/Y Warrant
3. Selectmen minutes 01/26/15, 02/23/15
4. Training requests

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS:**

1. Committee Policy

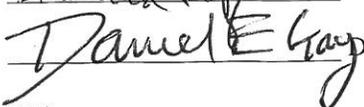
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dan Gay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 18:42.

\*Minutes may not be verbatim they may have been paraphrased for clarity.

 Scott Littlefield, Chair

 Gerald Taylor

 Daniel Gay

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