

Present: Carol Roach, Wendy Henderson, John Witherell, Raquel Welch, Larry Snowman, Stephanie Woods, Vera Parent, Gail Belyea, Martha Witherell, Brad Hutchings, Mark Irish, Norman Desrouches, Rick Allen, Yvonne Allen, Dawna Kazregis and Tyler McDonald.

Chairperson Carol Roach opened meeting at 6:00pm.

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes – May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Carol motions to amend, correct and review minutes for May 30<sup>th</sup> on June 19<sup>th</sup>; Seconded by John; All in favor.**

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### **Action Items:**

#### **Building Permit:**

Larry & Pearl Snowman- Map 06 Lot 15A (10'x12' Storage Shed) **John motions to approve permit; Seconded by Raquel; 4 to 1 abstained**

Richard & Yvonne Allen- Map 07 Lot 08A (16'x20' Workshop/Storage Shed) **John motions to approve permit; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.**

Laetitia Bernard- Map 14 Lot 34C (16'x10' updating/bigger sitting area) **Wendy motions to approve permit; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.**

Bill & Sharon Gates – **Larry motions to approve permit; Seconded by John; All in Favor**

Warrant # 25 = \$22,925.21 **Larry motions to approve as written; Seconded by Raquel; All in Favor.**

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### **Elected Officials:**

**Road Commissioner** – Not present

**Tax Collector/ Town Clerk/ Treasurer** – Vera contacted Secretary of State to inquire actions to be taken when persons withdrawal their names from running for an elected position on a ballot; Secretary of State referred her to MMA and was advised because the absentee ballots have already gone out; Ballot will have to stand as is and see how it plays out. Vera informs the Board members Absentee Ballots are available until June 8<sup>th</sup> until 5pm. Carol questions how the write-ins work; Vera states they are considered dirty ballots; they will be processed, when ballot goes through the machine and recognizes there being a write in it will spit it to the opposite side to be manually counted votes for names written in. Because machine will not recognize the different names being written in and will not tally the votes separately by name. Vera states the school vote will have to be manually counted at the end of the night as well. Vera also informs the board the flag pole outside the office was knocked down and wasn't reported by the individual who knocked it down. Counter computer was taken by Brian to upgrade so we are down one computer and trio cannot be accessed in the Select-Board room until Brian brings the counter one back. Vera has requested Brian to purchase and add Office Sweets 360 to computer. Also, thirty day tax notices went out last week.

**Fire Chief** – reported he would not be able to make the meeting.

**Committee Reports-** Jack is working with DEP on junkyard permits for Dicky Powell and the other two possible junkyards site visits will be done. There's been a complaint on a sewage smell next door/near to the Witherell's home, whom states they are not the complainers; Jack's following up on issue. Skip (Planning Board member) joined our meeting after theirs to give an update; Steven Cordwood wants to move down with his son; there are some serious septic issues, Jack is also on top of the issue; the building on the Packard Rd is in a state of disrepair. Questions if Porta Potties are legal for residents to use at their camps/lots because the state will not let people use holding tanks. In discussions about a solution, it was mentioned to put a policy/ordinance in place that would address the usage of porta potties. Policy or Ordinance should be ready in September for the November ballot for voters to vote on. Also mentioned was to have stipulations on the amount of people using one unit, if many people are using the one then it should state in policy or ordinance that multi-units need to be rented/purchased for so many people in use per unit. Skip mentioned the one's we should be worried are about are the people who purchase their own unit. A lot of discussion on this issue and will continue to look into the legal aspect of the usage of these units.

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### **Selectmen's Business:**

**Consult with the Towns Attorney:** Carol has not gotten a response from Attorney.

### **Old Business:**

**FPES contract-** Does the Board want to start discussing with FPES or to wait until we get the report from the Fire Marshal? Larry feels we should wait until we receive the report. John asked Yvonne if she notified her tenants. Yvonne states she has spoken with the Food Pantry and the Seniors and verbally stated they could use the building for their programs. The consignment shop has been closed and they are in the process of removing the items out of the

building and from out of hallways. Stoves in the kitchen have been disconnected and can't be used. Yvonne stated they are not allowing any new programs in until after the report is back from Fire Marshal. They will not be making any more sales; the vendors are coming to get their stuff. John stated he would like the notice posted on the building stating to see the Selectpersons for any question taken down. The board of Selectpersons did not shut the building down it was FPES's decision to shut it down and everyone is assuming that the board did because of the notice.

**John motioned to go into Executive Session in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E) Legal Counsel; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.**

**John motioned to return to regular session; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.**

**John motioned to table until Fire Marshal's report; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.**

**ACO discussion-** Tabled from last week, Vera is making a list of dogs not registered and will send to Sue Milligan. The individual we have had complaints on has been into the office but did not register her dogs. Vera will contact Sue to let her know the dogs have not been licensed. Board member questions how long it's taken Sue to respond?

Answered 1 month. She is not responding in a timely manner and we are getting many complaints for over the last few years. **John motions to put a bid out for a new ACO; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.** Sue will be notified that we are seeking a new ACO. Larry states there have been many issues many of times and we need someone competent that will respond when ACO is called because of dangers animals. One of the persons who has a complaint has tried contacting Sue through her place of employment and by the Oxford County Sheriff's department.

**Follow up from Larry of the Hatch complaint of Map 09 Lot 27-** Larry states it's not a health hazard, building is in bad shape and not habitable. No one is living in the residents so it's not a health concern. Larry feel's Jack (CEO) should write a letter to the owners asking them to secure the property. As a follow up a letter will be written to the Hatches that states a site inspection was done and letting them know a letter is being sent to the owner of property that will state the place needs to be secured. Also, informing them that legally the board has done all we can.

**River Road (Florence Hastings)** Any further action? She's come in to see what Peru will do about winter maintenance to her Road; Canton is considering to discontinue the maintenance on their end. John thinks we should wait to find out what Canton's decision will be before we act on this issue. We need to look at our options and contact our attorney to see what would be the best option for our town. **John motions to table River Road until after vote and decision from Canton; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.**

**Play Ground** – we can't do anything with how it is now. The concrete needs to be redone with new material. John recommends to wait to see if how the people will vote for the funds. **Carol motions to table until after the vote; Seconded by Wendy; All in Favor.**

**Simplex-** Quote came in at \$900.00 to reactivate. Based on the conversation with Bill; it doesn't matter if the building is occupied or not the Simplex system has to be in working or if it's in the building or pulled out. \$400.00 annually for monitoring provided Terms and Conditions. We don't have the money in the budget but something has to be done. The system over there is the mother board to the ones we have in the Town office and to pull it from that building and to have the brains installed in the Town office building will cost 4 to 5 thousand dollars. To activate the brains over there, which in turn will also cover the Town office building would cost \$400.00 a year and will last for 15 to 20 years. Sales representative did say he didn't recommend transferring system. **Raquel motions to pay the \$400. To reactivate in the FPES building and we can change motion once we decide what we are going to do with the building; Seconded by Larry; All in Favor.**

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### Public Participation

Attendee inquired on the amount of liens; about 185. Right now there are about 5 that needs to be foreclosed on. Interest is charged on back taxes. Vera states she has at least 3 properties she will bring to the board to decide on what the town should do about non-payment; she says maybe in July she will bring them to the Board. The tax payer has 18 months before the town can do anything. Nothing new on Tress Mountain. Who do we call if the ACO isn't responding? Oxford County Sheriff's Department. Inquiry on the Hazards of the property that Larry had to visit and why it's not considered a health hazard; Larry responds there isn't anyone living in it. He will contact Jack to insure that the right measures are taken with property owners to secure the building.

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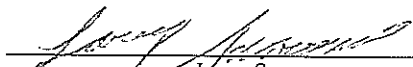
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**John motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Larry at 8:40 pm. All in favor.**

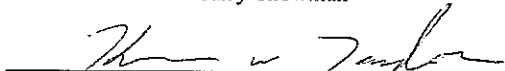
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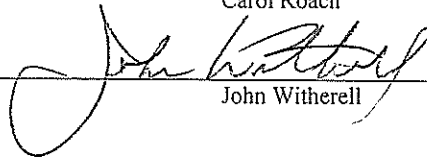
NOTE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED UNTIL SIGNED BY THE SELECTPERSONS.

June 5, 2017

  
Larry Snowman

  
Carol Roach

  
Kevin Taylor

  
John Witherell

  
Raquel Welch

