

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting January 16, 2017  
(approved as amended 1/26/2017)

The meeting (rescheduled from January 12<sup>th</sup>) was called to order at 7:10 pm. Present at the meeting: Selectmen Vern Worthen, Chris Tibbetts and Bob Gardner, Treasurer Yolanda Violette, Secretary Fran Varney Code Enforcement Officer Gerry Redlevske, Resident Bob Burr, Representative John Picchiotti.

Minutes from Dec. 28 approved 3-0.

Citizens' inquiries:

Bob Burr presented request for penalty on withdrawal of 19.56 acres from farmland classification. Fran had confirmed the calculations with Maine Revenue Services. Voted by Assessors 3-0 to accept the calculations as presented (see attached).

Warrant approved 3-0.

Vacancies and appointments

- Cindy Worthen will no longer be serving as School Board member from Mercer to RSU 54. Selectmen approved by 3-0 vote appointment of Mary Ellen Charles to complete the term of Cindy Worthen (which ends March 2019).
- In the event that Gerry Redlevske is elected as Third Selectman in March, the Town will need a new Code Enforcement Officer. Vern will discuss with Mercer's LPI Robert Dunphy about his availability.
- If Gerry Redlevske is elected as Third Selectman in March, the Selectmen will need to appoint another resident to complete Gerry's school board term through March 2018.

2014 property tax foreclosures:

Two properties were automatically foreclosed on in November 2016 by Town for unpaid 2014 taxes. There was discussion as to the minimum monthly payment for an installment payment agreement for the two former owners. This year the minimum monthly amount will be \$300, but it was suggested to review the minimum installment language next year and possibly require 10% of the outstanding debt. Selectmen reviewed and approved 3-0 the letter as written by Fran Varney to send to former owners regarding regaining title from the Town.

Draft for 2017 Town Meeting Warrant

The Selectmen reviewed the first draft of the 2017 town meeting warrant. The capital road improvements article was dropped. Articles added for 2017 included articles 30, 39, 40 and 41. The Selectmen finalized the warrant to be presented to the Budget Committee.

Budget Committee

Committee members will meet with Selectmen on January 18 to make their recommendations.

Selectmen meet again January 26, 2017.

Adjourned 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted, Fran Varney