

MINUTES
MAPLETON ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING
March 13, 2002

PRESENT: Chair-Wayne Kierstead, Bonnie Steeves, Richard Hoffses, Emily Sue James and Dana Packard.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager- John Y. Edgecomb and Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector- Tammy Condon.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair, Wayne Kierstead.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Dana Packard, second by Emily Sue James to accept the minutes of February 13, 2002. Wayne Kierstead noted that in addition to the motion to sell the fire truck at no particular price, the motion further authorized Chief Richard Wark and Chair Wayne Kierstead to sell the fire truck without having to return to the Board of Selectmen. Dana Packard amended his motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the revision to item G under the New Business section to authorize Chief Wark and Chair Wayne Kierstead to sell the fire truck. Bonnie Steeves seconded the motion to amend. All in favor, motion passed.

REVIEW, APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS: Warrant 4 and payroll for Warrant 5 were signed by the Elected Officials. The Trial Balance and investment reports were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) The Board was asked to consider transferring \$3492.71 currently in a the FEMA account to the Surplus account. A motion was made by Richard Hoffses, seconded by Bonnie Steeves to transfer \$3492.71 from FEMA to Surplus. All in favor, motion carried. (B) Under recommendations from the Maine Municipal Association's legal staff, Maine Municipal is requesting an article for passage in the Town Meeting Warrant. Listed as Article 27, the article does not change any current health care services or costs. It is simply a legal statement that the MMA is requesting be approved by the Town of Mapleton. A motion was made by Bonnie Steeves to accept the recommendation from MMA as Article 27 in the Town Meeting Warrant. The motion was seconded by Dana Packard. All were in favor, motion carried. (C) John has contacted the Maine State Police was unable to resolve the Nomacca Drive road hazard issue. John asked the Board to bring the issue of either discontinuance or abandonment of the eroded portion of Nomacca Drive to a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing

could occur at the regular Selectmen's meeting on April 10, 2002. The Board discussed the differences between "discontinuance" and "abandonment". Discontinuance meaning to give up the maintenance of the road, and abandonment meaning to turn back title of the land to the owner(s). A motion was made by Bonnie Steeves to consider abandonment of Nomacca Drive at a Public Hearing to be set on April 10, 2002 at 7:00 PM (during the regular Selectmen's meeting). The motion was seconded by Richard Hoffses. All were in favor, motion carried. (D) The Town Manager presented a proposed draft Road Ordinance for the Board of Selectmen to review. The roads have been posted for years with no type of ordinance in place authorizing the Town to do so. The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) has provided a standard ordinance, which has been customized to Mapleton needs. According to the Maine Municipal Association and MDOT, if the Town were ever challenged on its road posting, there is no ordinance for support, which may not hold up in a court of law. Most ordinances need to be passed through a town meeting, however, this ordinance can be passed by the elected Board of Selectmen. Motion by Dana Packard to accept the proposed Road Ordinance. Second by Richard Hoffses. All in favor, motion passed. (E) Chair of the Board of Selectmen, Wayne Kierstead, presented the Board with the results of the bid opening that took place on March 7, 2002 at 4:00 PM. Lew Kidney submitted the highest bid. Wayne stated that he had to call the gentleman with the highest bid because he didn't state what he intended to do with the property. The newspaper advertisement did not state that it was a requirement to state the intentions for the property and include with the bid. However, Mr. Kidney sent a statement the next day. He plans to either tear the building down or fix it up if repairable. A motion was made by Dana Packard to accept Lew Kidney's bid for \$6050.00 and to initiate a contract with Mr. Kidney that stipulates performance conditions that detail a time frame for completion – preferably by the end of this summer. Upon completion of the contract, a Municipal Release Deed will be signed and given to Mr. Kidney. A second was made by Bonnie Steeves. All were in favor, motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: (A) Town Manager, John Edgecomb presented the Board of Selectmen with the 2001 Audit from Davis, C.P.A. The expenses listed in the audit compare accurately to the figures produced by our office. Upon reading the recommendation made by Peter Davis regarding bank reconciliations, John provided the Board with a letter from the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector in response to the recommendation. The Board read the letter. A motion was made by Dana Packard to accept the letter from the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector, Tammy Condon and enclose the letter with the audit in the Town's permanent file. Seconded by Richard Hoffses. All were in favor, motion passed. (B) John updated the Board of Selectmen of further information he has received regarding the "Comprehensive Tax Reform". (C) John provided

the Board with a draft letter to the Maine Department of Transportation regarding the proposed future highway north. The Board agreed with the letter. (D) John reminded the Board of the Hanson Lake Survey meeting to be held March 27, 2002 at 6:30 PM.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: April 10, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Condon". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Tammy Condon
Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector