

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 23, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Steve Jagiela, Recycling group

Jerry Markley

Bailey Bowden

Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:03 PM.

Last week's minutes mis-stated that a tax lien had been applied to the 192-acre (former MCHT) property located on Map 07, Lot 13. In fact, a 30-day notice had been sent to MCHT. MCHT actually still owned the property at the time the tax bills were sent out. The Town closed on the purchase of the property later in April last year. No error on the part of Amy Dunn. The Board voted & approved the write off of the balance on account #215, in the amount of \$1,030.56.

Steve asked questions about the PERC contract and the existing steel & metals recycling at the transfer station. Rapp recommended that the recycling group contact PERC sand request a tour of the facility. Hatch explained the metal recovery process provided by Grimmel.

Jerry asked about getting his concealed carry permit. The Board discussed securing the service of Elizabeth Grey or someone else to take care of Jerry's permit. Jerry is still interested in taking on that role, he just can't issue one for himself.

Bailey reported that a field trip from George Stevens Academy came up to Pierce's Pond last week and was very disruptive to the alewife run. Students were driving fish back down stream by chasing them in the stream.

Hatch reports that Ellery's field staff will be in town next week to follow up on the status of permits issued last year.

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Bailey suggested that the town write an ordinance on alewife harvesting. Hatch will ask MMA if the town has the right & authority to write and enforce such an ordinance.

Bailey advised the Board that the moratorium on industrial scale aquaculture is expiring. Board voted and approved a one-time 180-day extension.

Board signed a Certified Ratio Declaration form, option #2. The Town will factor values up town wide to certify @ 100%.

There are 320 Homestead Exemption properties in town. The total value of those exemptions is \$8,000,000 @ 0.0114 mil rate.

Hatch spoke with Ellery regarding the possible violation of McB's Tree Growth status. Ellery advised that only the Town can request a copy of the management plan.

The old snow plowing contract will be reviewed and revised for a new round of bidding.

An audit by the Maine DHHS General Assistance of the town's program resulted in their recommendation that the town improve upon the promotion & advertisement of the program and contact phone numbers on the town's website.

No meeting next week, thank you 5th Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.