

**Town of Baltimore
Board of Selectman Meeting
July 6, 2016**

Attending: Wayne Wheelock, Sandy Rich, Orson Kendall, Walter Rich, Kevin Gould, Dan Cox and Deb Bean.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M.

Comments and Concerns- Wayne suggested that the Selectboard send a notice to the Springfield Fire Department to remind them to clean/flush the hydrants in town and advise us when it's done. It was mentioned that Mark used to do this when he was involved with them. Kevin will contact Russ about this.

Secretary's Report- Motion made and seconded to accept minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report- Motion made and seconded to accept report. Carried.

Delinquent Tax Collector- None

Road Commissioner: Chloride was applied but ran out shortly before completion. Depending of the weather, a second application may be made. Orson also noted he marked trees along the roadside that may need to be removed. Kevin said Corrigan's called regarding a tree near them that was dying and they felt blasting nearby damaged it. They felt the town should pay for its removal. Dan will check these out.

Bud mentioned that Better Roads accepted both our grants: Upham-Basso-Loomis and Austin-Thomas. The town's portion is 20 percent.

Orson said Tourville was upgrading the access to his workshop. When originally installed, it was correct with a dip, but the new work has removed the necessary dip. The Selectboard advised Orson to contact the Landowner who should contact the contractor.

An updated delinquent dog list was given to Orson.

Regional Planning- None

Solid Waste- The Recycling Coordinator's Report for June 2016 was available.

Deb and Sandy met with VLCT regarding Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance. Sandy passed out a summary of the meeting and some handouts from VLCT. The State has gotten more stringent regarding requirements for these insurances. In some cases, the Town will have to pay for Workers Comp Insurance when certain contractors do not have their own. Services like electricians and plumbers, while they need to provide certain documents, are generally considered non-municipal jobs. Services that are usually done by a municipality, such as mowing and sanding/shoveling/plowing are considered municipal jobs and the town would most likely pay for Workers Comp if the contractor didn't have their own. Bud will contact the Town's attorney to have the sample contract revised to be more concise and appropriate for the Town.

The new tax rates for 2017 were set.

General Fund: \$.2119

Highway .2105

Municipally voted .0099

The State set Education rate is: Homestead \$1.6000 and Non-residential \$1.5296.

Total tax rate for Homestead is \$2.0323 and Non-residential is \$1.9619.

Old Business- None

New Business- None

Orders were signed.

No Ella Graves bills

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Bean
Town Clerk