

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 23, 2015
6:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Landon DeWitt, Dan MacDonald, John DeWitt, and Matthew Skolnikoff

The Selectmen approved the minutes of November 16, 2015. (3-0)

The Selectmen reviewed what the Town attorney said about the current situation of Bob Gerber being authorized to enter into consent agreements with people who have shore-land zone and other zoning ordinance violations. The attorney reported that it is okay for the Selectmen to authorize Bob Gerber to do these consent agreements for the Town. The attorney also said it is legal for the Chair of the Planning Board can be the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) for the Town. He did say that may not be the best arrangement; but it has been that way in other towns in the past. He said the Isle au Haut revised zoning ordinance that was amended in 2012 states that the Chairman of the Planning Board shall be the CEO.

Matthew Skolnikoff attended the meeting to see if we would appoint him as CEO instead of Bob Gerber. The Selectmen said they would not appoint anyone at this time; but would like to discuss this matter with the Planning Board.

Dan MacDonald made a motion to notify the Planning Board of what the Town attorney told us about the position of CEO and who can hold that position and get their input. Also, put an Article on the 2015 Annual Town meeting Warrant Addendum. Landon DeWitt seconded it. It passed. (3-0)

Landon reported talking to the Town attorney about details for the power company lease for the former Lamson lot. The attorney thinks it may be better to sell the land to the power company rather than leasing with conditions the land will come back to the Town in the case if the power company stops using it.

Dan reported Jane Holbrook (Ben MacDonald's Mother) had contacted him. She wanted Matthew Skolnikoff to give the keys to Ben's house to the Selectmen and she was looking for someone to look in Ben's house for Town papers. She also said the family was hoping to pay the back taxes and keep the house and property.

Dan reported on the Zone C Lobster Council meeting. Of note was that the vote to go to limited entry or not is still tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, John DeWitt, Third Selectman
