

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 15, 2015**  
**6:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

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

The Selectmen approved the minutes of Monday, June 1, 2105. (3-0)

Selectmen approved and signed School Payroll Warrant #25 for the amount of \$11,306.50. (3-0)

Selectmen approved and signed Town Warrant #10 in the amount of \$20,390.85. (3-0)

Matthew Skolnikoff had several questions/comments for the Selectmen about the current situation the Town is in. He questioned if the Selectmen should be continuing on as Selectmen or if there term was up in one year. He also questioned if the Selectmen should be appointing people to Town positions, i.e. the Planning Board and other positions. He thought he remembered that there was a Town vote back in the 1990s at the Annual Town Meeting that required the Planning Board and other Town positions to be elected rather than appointed. The Selectmen felt they were correct in proceeding under these circumstances and have the authority to make these appointments. The Selectmen will check with the Town's attorney and the Town's minutes.

Matthew wanted to know the status of the Town's books, when will the Town Reports and when the Town meeting might happen. The Selectmen replied the 2013 books were still with the Town's auditor and he could not tell us when they would be done. The 2014 books are still incomplete. There was a discussion about whether the audits have to be included in the Town Report. Matthew thought they did not but they had to be available. Matthew expressed discontent of himself and others with the situation. The Selectmen replied they weren't happy about it either. And the only reason two of them remained on as Selectmen was to try to help straighten out the situation and would not be seeking re-election.

Matthew also questioned comments about trash collection. He asked if businesses could put out trash. The Selectmen said yes. He also asked about the case of people who have more than one house – can they put out a bag for each house? The Selectmen replied the Guidelines specify one bag per pick-up per “household.” They explained that a “household” is a house that has people living in it. For example, a house that is only rented during the summer can put out trash during summer.

He also said he heard a rumor from a neighbor of the trash collector that trash collector was burning trash and/or recyclables during the winter that were being stock piled waiting to be transported to Stonington. The Selectmen had no knowledge of this happening.

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The Selectmen were charged a late fee of \$1,592.97 for Knox County tax. The tax was due in September but was not paid until February. Landon will call to check on this.

The Selectmen have received word that the present school teacher will not be teaching after this coming year 2015-2016. The Selectmen noted that they will have to make sure the Miss Lizzie House rental will be available for the new teacher July 2016.

The Selectmen accepted the resignations of Kirsten Barter, Treasurer and Dorothea Dodge, Deputy Treasurer. (2-0)  
Landon Abstained.

The Selectman appointed Belvia MacDonald as Treasurer until one is elected at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. (3-0)

Belvia has been going over the Treasurer's books for 2014 and reported most is done but there are a few missing items and had a list to give to Kirsten to see if she has them.

The Selectmen need to send a copy of this meeting's minutes to the bank to verify the resignations of the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, and the appointment of the new Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeWitt, Third Selectman