

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
*Approved Minutes*

January 20, 2014

7:00pm Calais Town Office

**Attending:** Denise Wheeler, John Brabant, Scott Bassage, Toby Talbot, Rose Pelchuck, Donna Fitch and Gus Seelig.

**Actions:**

Denise Wheeler, Chair, called the continued meeting from January 13, 2014 to Order. Town Moderator, Gus Seelig, will attend later on when the Selectboard reviews the Warning Articles.

The Selectboard reviewed the proposed Highway and Selectboard budgets for fiscal year 2015. The Selectboard discussed which culvert replacement projects the town will apply for State Structures Grants for. The Selectboard stopped reviewing the budget to switch to the Warning Articles.

Warning articles were discussed with Town Moderator, Gus Seelig. Donna Fitch, Town Clerk, reviewed her notes from town meeting last year. This year the school meeting starts at 9:00am and the town meeting will start at 10:00am. If the school meeting needs more time, it will recess and resume after town meeting concludes. Lunch is expected to be served at 12:30pm.

David Schutz, Historic Preservation Chair, and Jack Russell, Planning Commission Chair, have not yet submitted their annual reports for inclusion in the town report.

Scott Bassage announced that there is a committee to review the social service organizations requests for funding again this year.

Donna Fitch anticipates one petition coming in about having a state bank. Donna Fitch will call VLCT about the petition received regarding kids privacy.

The Selectboard resumed discussing the proposed budget line by line. Rose Pelchuck informed the Selectboard that she intends to step down from the Selectboard Administrative Assistant position, primarily taking Meeting Minutes, as soon as a suitable replacement can be found. Rose has served in this position for 11 years. Rose will continue to serve the town as a Selectboard Member. After continued review of the budget, the Selectboard announced the tax rate needed to support the proposed FY 2015 budget is estimated to be 0.6174 compared to the current rate of 0.6157.

Scott Bassage made a motion to authorize the EMFD to expend an additional \$3,349.00 from the EMFD Capital Reserve Fund to pay for the newly purchased, 2009 International ambulance. The motion was seconded, voted and carried 3-0-2. Toby Talbot and Rose Pelchuck abstained from the vote.

Scott Bassage made a motion to adjourn at 9:55pm. The motion was seconded, voted and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Pelchuck  
Selectboard Member and Administrative Assistant