Present: Chairman Kathleen Laplante, Vice Chairman Richard St. John, Selectman Matthew Frank, Selectman William Winslow, Selectman Achille Belanger, Town Manager George Finch, Secretary Melissa St. John, CEO John Wentworth

Public:LRTV, Advertiser Democrat, 3 public

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Laplante

2. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Laplante

3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

4. Approval of Warrants #32 & #33

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Financial Warrants #32 & #33 made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Frank. Approved 5-0.

5. Approval of minutes – January 28, 2016

Motion to accept the January 28, 2016 meeting minutes made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business

   a. Appointment of ballot clerks

      Allen, Carmen  Baker, Diane  Baxter, Sheila
      Hodgson, Claudia  Card, Tracy
      Pinkham, Martha  Jacobs, Carole
      Scribner, Roberta  McBride, Debbie
      Sullivan, Joanne  Sykes, Kaye
      Wood, William  White, Iris
      McMahon, Catherine  Colburn, Judith
Motion to accept the list of ballot clerks as presented made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Frank. Approved 5-0.

b. Pole permit – located near Rich Road & Ryefield Bridge Road

Motion to grant pole permits to Central Maine Power for poles located near Rich Road (pole 023H) and near Ryefield Bridge Road (pole 6H) made by Selectman St. John, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

8. Other Business

Date for public hearing for ordinances will be March 24th, 7:00 p.m. at the meeting room at the Town Office.

9. Manager’s Report

- **Foreclosures** – As I have mentioned before, the tax foreclosure process is the part of the job I dislike the most but fortunately Harrison works cooperatively with people facing the foreclosure process. We are not in the real estate business (thus no desire to take property and sell it), nor are we in the banking business, (thus not your financial institute), but are required to conform to State Statutes. With that said I am pleased to note in my five years as Town Manager we now have the fewest properties and dollar value in this unfortunate position. This is a result of the concerted effort of staff to help people understand the importance of getting out and staying out of this financial dilemma.

  o Properties facing foreclosure are properties with three years of back taxes still on the books. The foreclosure process is set in law by State Statute. We will attempt over the next 30 days to work with the property owners to resolve the financial issues to prevent further action on behalf of the town.

  o **2013** – This year only two properties have failed to make arrangements prior to the February 8th deadline for the taxes, interest and liens to be paid on the three year old portion of their property tax bills.

    - Daniel R. Atkinson – Acct 2541 - $1,082.42
    - Stephen D. & Bethany K. Taylor – Acct 1863 - $3,296.51

  o **2012** – In addition we have three remaining properties who failed to make or meet arrangements that will require action.

    - James & Sara Riman – Acct 1656 - $3,084.58
    - Michael & Karen Pascoe – Acct 2104 - $8,859.53
• Thomas W. Harville – Acct 1597 - $2,262.43

• Fire Apparatus Replacement Update – The process is moving forward and the choices for a replacement vehicle have been narrowed down. Today one of the three options was checked out and the other two options will be checked out on Monday. At this point we are confident one of the three will be the final choice and be put in service within the following week to ten days.

10. Executive Session (if necessary)

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Frank. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Laplante, Chairman

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Melissa St. John, Secretary