

Town of Warren

Minutes for December 6, 2017 Special Town Meeting

County of Knox, SS.

State of Maine

The Special Town of Warren Meeting at the Town Office on December 6, 2017 was opened by Melissa Sukeforth, Town Clerk at 7:00p.m.

Article 1: Election of Moderator - To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Wayne Luce was elected as moderator with 5 ballots cast.

Wayne Luce Started as moderator.

Luce asked if there was any objection to the Town Manager speaking at the meeting as he is not a resident of Warren. No objection.

Article 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of the tax lien for the year 2016 on the Steamship Navigation Company property depicted on Tax Map R11. Lot 38 and located on the Camden Road in Warren. Under Title 36, Section 944, by recording a Waiver of Foreclosure in the Knox County Registry of Deeds.

Discussion:

Anthony Jameson asked if the Town received the Lawyers opinion. Yes his view has not changed since the letter he wrote in 2013, Town Manager read a portion on the letter.

Ed LaFlamme: for 22 years the DEP has been responsible and has not cleaned it up. They are going to take 17% of the money for cleanup. He asked DEP for an amount that they have hauled out of there, they could not give a number of tons. If the Town waits for DEP to get it finished we may never see it done. Would like the Town to take over and clean it up.

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Doug Pope asked about the legal side of properly notifying the owner. According to State law the Town only needs to send to last known address but the Town goes above that and also sends to his lawyer.

Paula Sutton asked if in the last 20 years has there has been any legal action against the owner for the illegal dump site? Not to anyone's knowledge.

Michael York: assuming it takes a million and a half dollars, he does not want any of his tax dollars to go to cleaning up the dump site. Resident asked if the Town could take it and put it up for sale, yes but anyone interested in purchasing the property could also get in contact with the owner directly and buy it, the Town does not need to foreclose for that to happen.

DEP has not replied back to questions from the board including if the materials could go to Dragon.

Anthony Jameson: DEP is looking for a way out of cleaning it up. Not in favor of taking the property and having it as the Town's problem.

Michael York: DEP is willing to hand over the money 375 thousand because they are looking to wash their hands of the problem.

Mark Waltz: Town Lawyer does not want the Town to take this land and should go with his recommendation and if the Town were to take it over there should be a plan in place first.

Article 2 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show on hands. 17-5

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town at 7:26p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Board Secretary Sara K. Davis on December 6, 2017.

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Given under our hands this 20th day of December A.D. 2017

Wayne Luce

Wayne Luce, Chairman

Roger Peabody

Roger Peabody, Vice-Chair

Arnold D. Hill

Arnold D. Hill

James Kinney

James Kinney

Carole Courtenay

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Melissa A. Sukeforth

Melissa A. Sukeforth, Town Clerk

