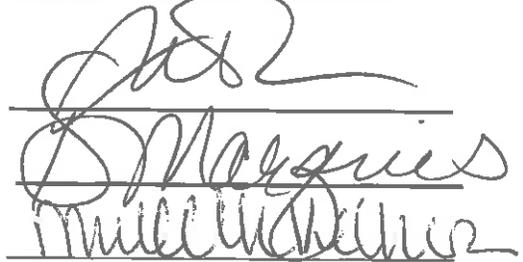


**Selectmen's Meeting
Town of Bowdoin, Maine**

May 9, 2016

A true record is recorded:



Two handwritten signatures are shown, each on a horizontal line. The top signature is in cursive and appears to be 'Marc Bernier'. The bottom signature is also in cursive and appears to be 'Michelle Keleher'.

Present were:

**Marc Bernier
Michelle Keleher
Deborah Marquis**

6:30 Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative

The Selectmen reviewed and signed or initialed:

- Selectmen's minutes for 4/25/16
- Letters with notes for Tax Acq Property
- Letter from MDOT regarding bridge repair on Rt 125 near Bing Moore Rd
- Signed contract with MC Roy Construction for replacing Fire Dept roof
- April Bank reconciliations for Checking/Sweep account and Rapid Renewal
- MSAD mail regarding Meeting of Board Policy Committee and Agenda and Board of Director's Building Committee
- Animal Control Report from 1/1/16-4/30/16
- MMA letter regarding nominations to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
- E-mail from Sagadahoc County re: increase of \$9877 to proposed 2016-17 budget

Audience Participation

- Tom Garrepy came in for the signing of the Roofing contract.
- Jr Card was in
- Jay Somers came in from Comcast
 - Jay said there are 180 homes in town without cable. Cable would require about 16 ½ miles of cable, which would be a hybrid of coaxial cable. The estimated cost would be \$670,000. He said Comcast would pay \$280,000 of this and they would be looking at some grant writing in the late Summer or early Fall. He said he does not know whether ConnectMe will contribute or not. These costs include make-ready work, permits etc, and also includes long driveways.
 - As for bundling in this area, Jay said Bowdoin is 550 not 750 but current speed starts at 10 megabytes which is the same as Brunswick.
- Jay asked if a phase in of 3 years would work for the Town.
- Marc said he believes we would have some push back from Townspeople on that.
- Jay asked if the Selectmen think the customers would be willing to pay. Marc said it would be a hardship for many, but possibly they would be willing if they

could do this over one or two years paying an extra \$20.00 per month extra on their bills.

- Jay said he might be able to work out something like that.
- Jay said he will be pushing ahead with ConnectMe and the project would be starting six months after all of the budget is in place.
- Deb said she would be willing to help with contacting ConnectMe
- On another note, Jay mentioned that Comcast has a special price for Internet for students who qualify for free school lunches.
- Tom Garrepy told Jay he just canceled internet at the Fire Dept because it was too expensive at about \$100.00 per month for a volunteer department.

Other Business:

- Roger Roy was in to sign the roofing contract. Marc asked him if he would also put a few shingles on the Salt Shed roof too. He said he would.
- Roger requested 50% of the contract up front for purchasing materials, etc. He said the job would start on June 21st and would take about two weeks.
- Roger Roy said he has been unable to get cable on West Rd. Marc told him he should have no trouble getting Cable where he is.
- Clyde told the Selectmen there will be a hearing with the Board of Assessment Review at the County Court House.
- Clyde said he talked to Mrs Gallant about why her taxes increased.
- Regarding other questions by the Selectmen, Clyde said Murray Landscaping has only one trailer, and the Goddard place on Main St is being sold.

Adjournment

- At 7:30 PM Marc made a motion to adjourn, Deb seconded and the vote was unanimous.