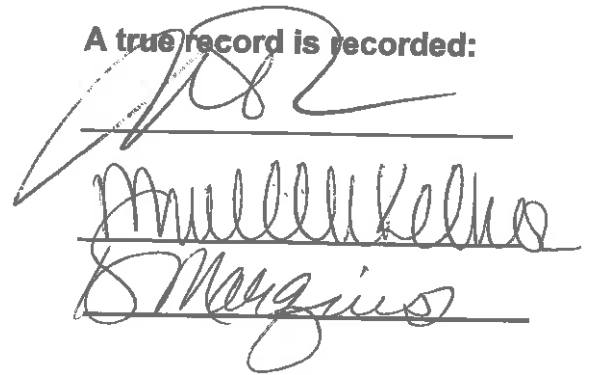


**Selectmen's Meeting  
Town of Bowdoin, Maine**

**Feb 27, 2017**

**A true record is recorded:**



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**Present were:**

**Marc Bernier**

**Michelle Keleher**

**Deborah Marquis**

**6:30 PM Pledge of Allegiance**

**The last Selectmen's Meeting was held on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen's Meeting and public hearing scheduled for Feb 13<sup>th</sup> were canceled due to a storm. The 20<sup>th</sup> was a holiday. The Public Hearing was rescheduled for Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Administrative:**

Selectmen reviewed and signed or initialed the following:

- Management letter from auditor, Purdy Powers & Company.
- Note to Karen Mayo to put notice of Town Meeting in the Barefoot News
- Intent to Harvest notice dated 2/8/17
- Maine Natural Gas update regarding pipelines
- Email from SAGEMA regarding CodeRED a county public alerting tool now being implemented
- Dept of Agriculture announcement about Harbor Management and Access (HMA) Grant
- A notice from Midcoast Maine Community Action with a flyer for upcoming Active Parenting Program
- MSAD notices of meetings and agendas
- Letter from Infinity (Comcast) that as of March 14, 2017, they will no longer carry Esquire and Esquire HD
- Planning Board Minutes for January 10, 2017
- Recycling figures from Grimmel Industries for 2016
- Notification from Internal Revenue Service that they received our Form 8038-G (Tax-exempt bond form) for the General Obligation Bond for \$100,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck. This Form was filed by Bernstein Shur.
- **Members of the MSAD 75 Building Committee**, Brad Smith, Mark Conrad and Kim Totten came to the Meeting with Architect Lyndon Keck and Gwen Thomas, an MSAD director from Bowdoin to do a presentation and answer questions from townspeople about the Proposed new high school. The Towns

will vote on this on Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Details on the financial impact to the four towns are available on the school websites.

- **Jay Somers, from Comcast spoke to the Selectmen and members of Town** who are currently without adequate internet service or cable service in Bowdoin. **Townpeople attending this meeting were: Eric Reese, Brad and Kim Totten, Michaeline Mulvey, Tom Garrepy, Jerry Brown, Liana Kelly, Bruce Weeks, Lynda Weeks, Emily White, Jennifer Williams, Laurie Leclerc, Peter Winter and Melanie Page.**
- Jay explained the system maintenance.
- In a survey done one year ago, there were 180 homes that do not have service in Bowdoin. . He said only two towns under Comcast are having this problem and they are Bowdoin and Phippsburg. The minimum requirement to build out the service is 20 homes per mile average or out to 10 homes per mile. A big problem here is wide gaps of farmland with no homes. Marc asked Jay what it would cost to bridge these gaps. Comcast would cover about \$200,000 of the cost of build out. Total cost would vary. He said Connect Maine still has grant possibilities but we would need to check with them for information.
- Bruce Weeks said the Selectmen need to renegotiate a contract with Comcast.
- Marc said we as well as Bowdoinham have been without a contract for some time. Comcast has not shown any willingness to change the current contracts when the Towns have tried to renegotiate.
- The public attendees expressed understandable frustration that despite several meetings nothing is happening.
- A committee of 6 people was formed to explore any other avenues for getting Internet service and/or any way to get funding to help pay for the costs of expanding the cable service.
- Jay suggested that we do a survey.

**Adjournment: 8:25 PM Michelle made a motion to adjourn, Deb seconded, the vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned.**