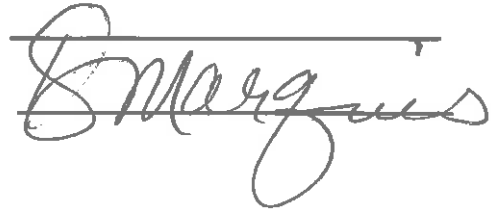


**Selectmen's Meeting
Town of Bowdoin, Maine
August 21, 2017**



Present were:

**Marc Bernier
Deborah Marquis**

6:30 PM Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

Selectmen reviewed and initialed and/or signed the following:

- A/P and P/R Warrant # 18
- Selectmen's minutes for July 14th
- Andro-Gov bank reconciliations for May, June and July
- Rapid Renewal bank reconciliations for May, June and July
- General Journal entry # 40
- Copy of a repeat notice of a letter written to Cory Edwards by Ryan Leighton on April 4, 2016, regarding violations for operating a junkyard on his property at 127 Starbird Corner Road
- Letter from the Maine Forest Service to Town Assessors offering technical assistance in reviewing parcels enrolled in the Tree Growth Tax Law program.
- Letter from the McDowells with an address change for tax bills for their property on Augusta Rd
- Letter from Spectrum Generations thanking the Town for 2017 contribution of \$250.00
- MSAD 75 meeting agenda for August 24, 2017 for the Board Policy Committee
- Email from Sarah Bennett of EMA regarding online seminar about the latest tools and metrics for road safety and pavement forecasting. Copies given to Tom Garrepy and Jerry Brown
- Memorandum dated 8/21/2017, from John W Conway, Attorney with Linnell, Choate & Webber, LLP, regarding discontinued roads maintaining a public easement over them .

Other Business:

- **Dana Morgan and Clint Cote** were in again regarding the issue of ATVs being able to access discontinued roads that have maintained public right of ways or easements.
- Clint said he wishes that they could just get together and work out some compromise.
- Marc told them he has received a memo from the Town attorney but he did not get answers to specific questions that he had asked, so they are waiting for more clarification.
- Marc further stated that he does not have any personal interest for or against either the landowners whose property may be crossed by some of these roads, or the public users of these roads.
- Dana said he has read that the Selectmen do not have the power to give permission for recreational vehicles to use these roads, and he just wants the Selectmen to know that if that happens, he will take the issue to court to get an answer. He said this is not what he wants to do, but he feels that strongly about this issue.
- Marc said if the Town attorney tells us the public right of ways (easements) cannot be closed to the public then as far as he is concerned the public is allowed to use them and no other approval is needed. Deborah agreed.

Other Business: Continued

- Tom Garrepy said the Fire Dept roof has new snow brakes to replace the damaged ones from last winter, however, they are of plastic, so they will likely break again.
- Tom said No Yarmouth has decided not to purchase our old tanker so he will be looking for other buyers.
- Regarding a new computer for Melanie, Clyde said he has Carol's old computer at home and has installed Windows 10 on it so it would probably be good for the few things she needs it for on her desk.
- Clyde said he is getting a proposal from John Lewis about securing the computers and giving each employee their own desktops. He said a State IP is needed. Comcast would charge \$19.00 per month for that. Clyde told John this work would have to be budgeted at the next Town Meeting.
- JR Card said he will be talking to Valerie at the State about the culverts needed in Town to see what they will do and what we will be expected to do.
- Carol told JR that she will check again with Morton Salt tomorrow to get a quote for this year's salt
- Clyde said Phil Beck at the recycling center is asking for a small dumpster to use for trash that people are tossing into the recycling bins. This was not approved.
- Carol said Phil has found someone in Topsham who will take air conditioners and will pick them up whenever we have 10 of them. Phil said the charge would be \$15.00 to residents. The Selectmen said OK. Also they approved Phil's request to charge \$10.00 each for all TVs and computer monitors, instead of \$5.00 for smaller ones as we have been doing.
- **Adjournment: At 7:22 PM Marc made a motion to adjourn, Deb seconded and the meeting adjourned.**