

Select Board's Meeting Town of Bowdoin, Maine 04/10/2023

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Present were: Marc Bernier Deborah Marquis Brad Totten

6:30 PM: Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative

Reviewed and signed the Warrant and Minutes for 04/03/2023. Motion to accept by Marc Bernier, second by Deborah Marquis, all in favor.

Other Business:

- Deborah Marquis received a call from the State Auditor for General Assistance and would like to meet with her on Tuesday April 18th.
- The Board received an email with a survey for Broad Band and would like it posted in the lobby so people could take one and fill it out.
- Motion by Marc Bernier to suspend the Select board meeting to open the Public hearing, Deborah Marquis second, all in favor.
- 6:45 PM Public Hearing for the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance revision
 - 1. There were 24 attendants and many positive discussions on the revised ordinance. Many felt the 600 square feet was not big enough, such as elderly parents needing handicap accessibility. Also for children moving back or just staying in Town.
 - 2. Concerns -
 - a. How would it affect existing subdivisions. Answer-That would depend on the covenants in each individual subdivision.

- b. Would this drastically increase the size of the Town and the affects.
- 3. Question- does the new driveway need to meet road design standards. Answer-No.
- 4. The Primary lot and the Accessory lot must stay as 1 lot.
- 5. The Accessory Unit would be defined as the "Total gross floor area" as defined in MRSA Title 30 sect. 4366. The square footage wood exclude decks, garages and unfinished basements.
- 6. There was a show of hands to see what size the square footage should be, 850 sq. ft.- 10 1000 sq. ft.- 16.
- 8:00 PM the Public hearing ended.
- The Board will revise the existing revision and get a draft to Peggy Reinsch to review and will send a letter to John Lewis to put on the Town website to explain the purpose of the ordinance.
- Marc Bernier will contact Greg Foster, the forester, to change the date on the contract for the arrangement of timber harvesting on 2 Town lots.

Adjournment at 8:35 PM Deborah Marquis made the motion, Marc Bernier second, all in favor Respectfully Submitted by Melanie R. Page