

TOWN OF TOPSHAM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Russell  
David Douglass  
Ruth Lyons  
William Thompson

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Marie Brilliant

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager, Richard Roedner

A meeting of the Topsham Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the Municipal Building at 100 Main Street, Topsham, Maine.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL**

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present were invited to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The recording secretary took the roll call and noted that all Selectmen were present except for Selectman Brilliant who had been excused.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Things were going fine during the recent rainstorm, until around 11:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. when some flooding occurred in 3 or 4 intersections around town. The rain slowed and the problems were addressed.

This Sunday the Fire Department is holding an Open House and everyone is invited to attend.

We are operating with the new hours at Town Hall, which are:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

State Representative Denise Tepler presented an update of happenings in Augusta, including:

- Very few changes were made to the Taxation Code during this past session; compromises are difficult to come by.
- Bill on Snack Tax passed putting a sales tax on a variety of prepared food (small nut snacks, granola bars and the like).
- Revenue Sharing stayed at the level it had been.
- We are looking at a very tight, short session.

- Taxation Committee has 7 bills that were carried over.
- Representative Tepler said she submitted a bill concerning preventative dental care for intellectually disabled adults.
- Planning to hold Small Business Seminars in January in Topsham.

Selectman Thompson mentioned he would like to see a law in effect which would encourage individuals to keep their property in a presentable fashion, i.e., to junk or messes in yards, etc.

Representative Tepler said she would be pleased to meet with anyone at any time to discuss issues of concern and will check with the Town Manager to determine a date to present her next quarterly report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None noted.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None noted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - None noted.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SELECTMENS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**
2. **APPROVE AND SIGN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 ELECTION**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ROLAND BRETON AS WARDEN FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION**
4. **APPROVE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2015, OPENING AND PROCESSING ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND HOURS FOR REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

Motion was made by Selectman Douglass, seconded by Selectman Lyons, and it was

**VOTED**

To approve the Consent Calendar, items 1 thru 4 (including backup for Item 4) with a correction to Item 1 - minutes. (Correction: Pg.1 last sentence, change "Saco Fire Department" to "Topsham Fire Department").

**PUBLIC HEARING** - None noted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None noted.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**15-63 CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, HISTORY COMMITTEE, ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND TOPSHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Motion was made by Chairman Russell, seconded by Selectman Lyons, and it was unanimously

**VOTED**

To make the following appointments:

Charles Phipps to the Conservation Commission (3-year term)

Ed Mendes to the History Committee (3-year term)

Thomas Sawyer to the Board of Assessment Review (a re-appointment for 3-year term)

Jane Scease to the Topsham Housing Authority (a re-appointment for 5-year term, 1 year of which has already been served)

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patty Williams, Recording Secretary