

## **2nd Annual Summer Residents Meeting – August 9, 2013**

Summer residents attending: Mike and Jean Wagner, Ajay and Alice Jagtiam, Elaine Berry, Judy Beck, Sandra Gorry, Fran Zambella, Sylvia Ellingwood, Marti and Don George, and Shelly Shelton.

Select Board members attending: Sue Reay, Allen Curtis

Others attending: Stefan Pakulski (Town Manager), Clif Buuck (CEO), Milt Wright (Trails), Kathryn Woodsum (SWRC).

The Select Board convened this meeting at 3:00 PM along with staff, summer residents, and chairpersons of different Town committees.

There was a question about how to encourage the safe maintenance of the Family Market parking lot. The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) will talk to the market owner, as well as the Masons who own the building that houses the Post Office.

Regarding Transfer Station hours, summer residents would like Sunday hours, even just to drop off trash. Commercial haulers are available who could pick up weekend trash and recycling. One person asked if she could have \$1 off if she has to hire a commercial hauler. Residents do not get any discount for hiring haulers. Another person said it is an inconvenience to close the site on July 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a suggestion to shift hours from one weekday to a Sunday. This would be extremely valuable to a group of people don't use other services (besides fire protection, roads, the beach, and the Town Office). Someone asked if a dumpster could be put at the beach if that's open on Sundays – which probably would require consultation or approval by the Rec Board.

In a show of hands, nine people would like the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee to consider making Sunday hours available at the Transfer Station.

There was a comment that Torsey Pond is being abused by large, powerful, noisy boats. This could be addressed through a Game Warden.

The yield sign on Thundercastle Road helps, but there was a comment about improving the signage at the intersection with Chase Road. The Road Committee could review this, and the Town could consider any needed tree trimming at this spot.

Sylvia Ellingwood said the Town's messages about the cattle problem on Main Street are overdone and harassing the farmer. Sue Reay and Allen Curtis explained the problem in more detail.

Sue Reay noted there have been just three complaints about fireworks, so the Select Board is not inclined to promote an ordinance for more limitation of fireworks.

There was a suggestion to rotate the date for the Summer Residents meeting to around July 4<sup>th</sup> so more people who come to Town at that time could attend.

There was concern about the erosion on the Baggot land, formerly the Kents Hill Orchard. A consent decree may be forthcoming for the contractor (McGee) to fix the problem. A concern was raised about possible genetically modified organisms (GMOs) on this land too, but the Town is unaware. It's possible that RoundUp ready GMO corn is grown. Judy Beck expressed some criticism of the Maine Farmland Trust in this case, as the land is no longer a small family farm.

Ajay Jagtiam said thanks to the Select Board for holding this meeting.

Milt Wright noted there are three guided trail walks tomorrow and encouraged summer residents to participate.

The new farmers market was noted.

There was discussion of the tax mil rate, especially about school costs, lack of state funding, the impact of regionalization, on-going contract negotiations with the teachers' union, the differences between RSU member towns, and the need for town leadership to meet with the RSU before and during the budget process.

There was a question about putting benches on some Town trails, and a question of how trails might be able to generate money.

Someone from Touissett Point noted their contributions to the Fire Department.

The meeting adjourned by 5:00 PM (check time?).