

April 14, 2016

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Meeting
held April 14, 2016
in the Probate Courtroom
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Susan Hatton, SCEC
Joshua Rolfe, RCC
Rich Rolfe, Jail
Mike Hinerman, EMA
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Jill Holmes, Treasurer**

Commissioner Christopher Gardner was not present.

The meeting for Unorganized Territories business was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the U.T. Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2016

Approval of the March U.T. meeting minutes was tabled.

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Heron Weston provided a monthly written report in advance. (See attached)

Heron reported that the septage spreading site in Marion has been reopened for the season.

The U.T. Annual Shellfish Management Review for 2015 has been submitted to DMR. The local Shellfish Committee will be meeting to review the ordinance and set up a date for the upcoming conservation day to take place near the end of May.

The final snow removal contract installments have been sent out.

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The Danforth Ambulance Service budget was approved for 2016-17. There was an increase in the stipend from \$50.00 to \$76.00 per capita. The increase will add \$15,000.00 to the budget to purchase a new ambulance.

The Community Guided Planning and Zoning Project has selected the coastal regions of Trescott, Edmunds, Marion and Cathance on which to focus.

Heron reported that there has been a delay in the installation of the Cathance Lake dry hydrant. The work has been delayed due to flooding in the work area. The contractor has been issued an extension of three extra weeks for completion. The completion date has been changed from April 13th to May 6th.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

Program Manager Susan Hatton submitted a report. (See attached)

Ms. Hatton stated the application for a TIF Economic Development Planning grant from Axiom Technologies has been withdrawn. Axiom Technologies will be requesting TIF funds to begin the initial phase of a fiber-to-home project in Edmunds. Ms. Hatton anticipates that Axiom will be prepared to be present at the May Commissioners' meeting to request the grant funds.

Ms. Hatton stated that the Grant Committee has recommended that the grant policy reflect that an application for an additional grant will not be accepted from a grant recipient until after the look-back period, as written in the respective Grant Agreement, has expired. This would not alter the total life-time grant amount of \$100,000.00 for an applicant.

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to accept the recommendation by the Grant Committee to make an addendum to the grant policy to reflect that an application for an additional grant not be accepted from a recipient until after the look-back period has expired. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

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An update from Cobscook Bay Company was submitted. (See attached)

Ms. Hatton presented a request from the Grand Lake Snowmobile Club. She explained that the company that Grand Lake Snowmobile Club purchased the Snow Rabbit trail groomer from has requested to take the groomer to a couple of trade shows. In return, the company will do the annual maintenance and put a hitch on the groomer for free. The company will also keep insurance on it while they have it. County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald asked if the company would plan to come get the groomer and bring it back. Ms. Hatton replied that the company would; with the assurance that the company would have insurance on the groomer before it was picked up,

MOTION Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the request by Grand Lake Snowmobile Club to loan the Snow Rabbit groomer to be displayed at trade shows. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.