

**OXFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 15, 2016**

**Meeting Convened**

At the Court of Oxford County Commissioners begun and held at Paris, Maine within and for the County of Oxford at 9:00 am on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 being a regular session, there were present:

David Duguay	Chairman
Timothy Turner	Commissioner
Steven Merrill	Commissioner
Scott Cole	Administrator
Judy Haas	Deputy Administrator

Various county officials, employees, media representatives, and other individuals were also present at different times throughout this session.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes Approval**

The following action occurred regarding sets of minutes of previous meetings:

February 16                      approved

**Agenda Adopted**

The meeting agenda was adopted as presented. It has been attached to these minutes.

**Public Comment**

Perry and Sharon Risley of Bethel expressed their concerns for the poor condition of Bird Hill Road, which runs through both Bethel and Greenwood.

**Department Heads**

Department heads met with the Commissioners to discuss a variety of topics, some being unique to specific departments and other topics being of concern to several or all departments.

**Sheriff's Report**

Chief Deputy Hart Daley spoke with the Commissioners concerning departmental matters and distributed a written report at that time.

**Lunch Recess**

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm and re-convened at 12:30 pm.

**Personnel Updates and Actions**

Deputy County Administrator Judy Haas met with the Commissioners concerning personnel matters and distributed related materials at that time.

The Commissioners accepted the resignation of Rosemary Reese of Harrison with a last day set for July 1, 2016 following 36 years of service to the county.

The Commissioners amended policy concerning employee Health Reimbursement Accounts.

The Commissioners then discussed policy concerning comp and flex time but took no action.

The Commissioners approved updates to three job descriptions related to the Sheriff's office: Chief Deputy, Captain, and Lieutenant.

#### **Executive Sessions to Discuss Personnel Matters**

The Commissioners entered into, and came out of, a series of executive sessions to discuss a variety of personnel matters.

Each time they took no action upon returning to open session.

#### **Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate Negotiations**

The Commissioners entered executive session with representatives of Rumford Group Homes to discuss a lease agreement involving 40 Western Ave.

They took no action upon returning to open session.

#### **Items for Discussion and Action – Considered as Time Permits Throughout Meeting**

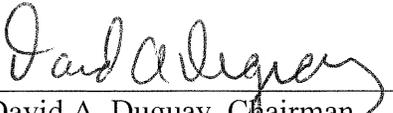
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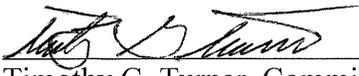
1. Update from Maine County Commissioners Association
  - o Mar 9 Meeting
  - o Legislative Matters
  - o 2016 Directory
  - o Discuss Condition of Bird Hill Road in Bethel and Greenwood
  - o Discuss Maintenance of Hutchinson Pond Road in Albany
  - o Communication from Charles Smith of Mason re Bridge History and Improvements
  - o Communication w/ Albany Residents re State Review of Wind Turbine Proposals
  - o Road Postings for Vehicle Load Limit in Place
    - o All Townships
    - o Tyler Road Gate in Mason Closed for Mud Season
    - o Impact of State Harvesting on Sunday River Road in Riley
  - o **Approved** Liquor License Renewal re Bosebuck Mountain Camps, Lynchtown
  - o State Approval of FY 17 Unorganized Territory Budget
  - o Invitation from Lincoln County – Thur, Mar 17 at 10 am, Wiscasset
  - o Next OCMOA Meeting – Wed, Mar 23 at 6 pm, West Paris
  - o Preservation of Commissioners Records
  - o Update on Courthouse Expansion
    - o State Approval of Funding is Imminent
    - o Multi-Phase Project
    - o Executive Session re Real Estate Negotiations

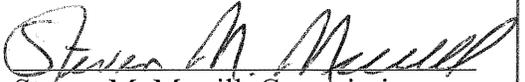
- occurred, no action taken
- Other Items as Needed

**Adjournment**

The Commissioners adjourned at 3:29 pm.

  
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David A. Duguay, Chairman

  
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Timothy G. Turner, Commissioner

  
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Steven M. Merrill, Commissioner

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Scott G. Cole, Administrator

*Notes:*

- 1) *These minutes are intended to be a brief description of meeting actions to provide, in a general sense only, an account of what was discussed.*
- 2) *Unless otherwise noted, all votes taken by the Commissioners were unanimous.*