

**BELFAST AND MOOSEHEAD LAKE RAILROAD PRESERVATION SOCIETY
vs. TOWN OF UNITY
WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULED DELIBERATIONS OF
ADJOURNED SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 TAX ABATEMENT APPEAL
PETITION #335
OCTOBER 9, 2007
9:30 A.M.
(TAPE 1 A)**

PRESENT: Waldo County Commissioners John M. Hyk, Chairman; Amy R. Fowler and Donald P. Berry, Sr. Also present were Petitioner Robert LaMontagne, President of the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad Preservation Society and Defendants Town of Unity Assessors Max Gillette and Larry Swanson along with Selectmen Ron Rudolph and Jim Kenney. County Clerk Barbara Arseneau and Deputy County Clerk Veronica Stover were present to record the minutes.

Commissioner John Hyk opened the hearing at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hyk apologized and informed those present that the Commissioners had received the additional written documentation sent by both the Petitioner and the Defendants just that morning, had read through it and realized that they needed more time before coming to a decision.

J. Hyk: We realized this around ten minutes after 9:00 or 9:30 or so, and we just couldn't call you up, but we can tell you this – we're not making a decision today. We are making a decision someday. (Laughter among all present.) And it will be by – what did we say?

A. Fowler and D. Berry, Sr.: November 6th.

J. Hyk: By November 6th. We will probably – we will be having a meeting on that day or before...

A. Fowler: And you will be notified way prior to.

J. Hyk: And you will be notified way prior to. It won't be changed – this is it. This is the big one – November 6th. And we apologize, but we want to get it right. We don't want to get it fast.

L. Swanson: I won't be here, anyway. We're coming back on the sixth – seventh. Just so you'll know.

A. Fowler: Let me make it a motion for discussion, O.K.? **I make a motion that we continue the hearing for more deliberations – so that we may deliberate – reaching a decision on or by November 6th.**

D. Berry, Sr.: I second that.

J. Hyk: All in favor? [Motion passed unanimously.] There you go.

A. Fowler: For discussion: As I say – the information that we got – literally – we got it on Friday and, just like when I was a Selectmen, as much as you want to sit there and hash it out ahead of time, you can't! You know; as I say, literally this morning – and then with the holiday [Columbus Day, October 8, 2007] because there's no mail; so everybody has just finally gotten all the information.

J. Hyk: We were mailed everything on Friday. Nobody got it. Nobody got it on Saturday. It'll be there when I get home. That's unfortunate.

A. Fowler: Literally – I happened to be in the office on Friday when the Fed Ex man came. That's the only reason why I actually had mine ahead of time but, as I say, these two didn't. And we do; we apologize because when we got here this morning - because that's when you can talk about it; you guys all know this game - it's like, "How do we get a hold of them?"

J. Hyk: We apologize for bringing you in here...

R. LaMontagne: The foliage is great!

A. Fowler: It is!

M. Gillette: Nice drive! I have no ill feelings. Don't even apologize.

R. LaMontagne: It's a great day; beautiful foliage. We'll see you in...when you're ready.

A. Fowler: Yes. "Someday." (Laughter.)

****D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded closing the discussion at 10:38 a.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Barbara L. Arseneau
Waldo County Clerk