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## Selectman’s Meeting 10/07/2020

Called to order at 6:36p.

In attendance were: D. Berry, J. Trafton, R. Carter, A. Hamblet, G. Falzetta, R. Cunningham, R. Nelson, N&J. Ard, S. Bristol, T. Veazie, P. Pendergast, W. Trafton, C. Greenburg.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen address a published notice of change in allowed attendees to this meetings and online streaming of these meetings. The published change was given in result from a communication from the State of Maine saying only 8 people to attend due to room size. This communiqué is one of several from officials and the MMA. The wording is non-specific and confusing. All who wished to attend this evening were allowed into the community room with the intent of finding further guidance for future meetings. The option to have it at the firehouse if needed has been extended. The Selectmen will Try to have the meetings live streamed for community involvement.

### Accepting previous Meeting Minutes

09/16/2020 minutes, Motioned to accept with clerical changes, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 passed

Discussion:

Page 1, The changes are to mention that John’s work has been highly praised over the years, not only the last three as mentioned.

Page 2, include what the \$2000 was approved for repairs to the truck and the motion was to buy the Speedy dry.

Page 4, Under ‘Other’, Sand Pile should read “2500 yards minimum” note there are currently 4,000 yard . Also, \$4001 the second payment for in Workers Comp Insurance is due in January.

### Fire Department

- The chainsaws have been fixed, the invoice has been sent to the Town Office. Engine #6 did excellent and passed the pump test. However, during the pre-test inspection, the engine had 2x failures
  - Exhaust system. They could not proceed with the test unless it was repaired. It is now repaired and done so under the set budget.
  - There are stripped bolts in the shifting tower. Trafton asked if they gave an estimate on the repair, Bristol was not given a quote. Trafton motions to approve a budget of \$1,500 for the repair. There is more discussion on looking for a local garage to fix it within the budgeted amount. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
- Speedy dry was acquired from Mac’s to replenish supply.

### Committees

- Sand and Salt Shed
  - The Republican Journal will publish the RFPs twice before November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Chair independently created a ‘Source Selection’, no meeting was needed. It will be used to apply for State funds at a further date. The Chair recommends the Board adhere to it moving forward.
  - Chair had a phone conversation with Enid giving her an update. Also, mentioning the original site plan did not need a variance but the footprint was moved and given a temporary variance. Chair advises that

the Town move the footprint back behind the 300ft allowance. Moving to make the space a turnaround area or the 'Available for Residents' Shed.

- There will be a complete 'Available for Residents' site plan before submitting to DEP.
- Loan Terms on State Revolving Fund (RE: Source Selection) The requirements to get and hold this funding are an initial site inspection to get the loan and annual inspection to keep the loan. There are two options:
  - 15 year term Prefab
  - 30 year term stick built
- There is a correction to earlier mentions to how long the town has to cover the sand pile if it gets uncovered. It is not 10 days it is 72hours.
- Parks & Rec.
  - No Updates at this time.
- Planning Board
  - Next meeting will be held 10/14 at 630p. They will be addressing land ordinances and Vote on a new Chair.
- Election Clerk's
  - Next meeting will be 10/8 at 6p
  - Amber requested that the Town Office be closed for town business for the day. Motioned. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
  - The room will look different this year due to COVID-19. The enter/exit will be the same but there will be extra people and ropes guiding the progression through the room.
  - Volunteers are still needed. We need people at night to help count the votes.

#### **Old Business:**

- The Curtis Pond and Parsons Valley Roads have been graded.
- N&J. Ard address questions from letters of violation they both have received for the same residence and issue. The letters came with no instructions on how to appeal. Noted that the repeated visits and letters feel like harassment. They also raise that a drive-bys are not an inspection of property. They ask how to appeal. Trafton deferred to a member of the Planning Board in attendance and states that is not fair for us to start a time clock that the letters mentions when there are no instructions given. Berry gives instruction to contact the Chair of the Appeals Board to set a meeting. Ard mentions that moving forward that instruction should be on the violation letters.

#### **New Business:**

- Appointments
  - Greg Falzetta as Alternative Chair of Waste Management – UARC – Motion to accept for 1 year. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
  - Brian Croft as Assistant CEO and LPI, Motion to accept his resume, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
  - The Sexton position, Motion to Table and re-advertise, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
  - There is an opening on the Appeals Board. Motion to accept G. Fowler was interrupted with an expression of interest for the crowd. The position will be advertised on the Town's website. Matter tabled. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
- Budgetary correction
  - The money paid out of Summer roads needed to be taken from Savings instead. Clerical error will be fixed. Motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
- N4N
  - Holiday gift basket applications are now available in the office from Neighbor 4 Neighbor. Motion to participate this holiday season, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass. The motion will be advertised online and with flyers throughout the community. The Fire Department has delivered them in the past, the town will ask them again for this year.
- The noise level in the community room needs to be addressed. Trafton and Amber will work together to look into sound boards for the room.

- LRAP report
  - There has been no money spent. The report was completed in this meeting. Motion to sign the report. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
- EAP
  - The EAP mentioned that it would be adventitious to create a radio base station here at the town office for emergencies.
  - The Selectmen will invite the local EAP based in Belfast to a workshop soon for a meet and greet.

**Other**

- Envelopes are needed in the office in order to send out corrected tax bills. The corrections are for the due date to be extended to 11/21 and the 7% interest rate to be raised to the 8% agreed on at the Town Meeting. Reminder to residents to make sure the correct address is on file at the Town Office.
- A wind storm blew the plastic off the sand pile and trees fell. The community came out to help, the Selectman want to acknowledge them. Thank you.
- There was a review on the Snow removal policy having to do with parked cars on the road. The current policy will hold. Motion for the Plow contractor to call Road Commissioner who will call the authorities. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.
- P.Pendergast Asks who is responsible for what goes on the website? Answered with Amber updates the website when given instruction to do so. The information and direction comes from Selectmen on the Board.

**Warrants**

Motion to sign the warrants. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.

Payroll \$1,371.41

#37 warrant \$127,836.86

Discussion:

The office needs to call Lynn about the switch for the Firehouse from Spectrum to Uninets. It was approved earlier this year.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-0 pass.