

# **Select Board meeting minutes May 4, 2021**

**\*\*\*\* OPENED MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE \*\*\*\***

**Attendance: Reggie Cunningham, Lucille Gardner, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry Jeff Trafton, Wendy Trafton, John Thornhill, Jeff McCaunaghy, Nate and Jeff, Nova Representatives and Rose Hill**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Jeff Trafton chair called meeting to order.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 20 2022; Motion made by Jeff to review the minutes, discussion about some clerical errors to be fixed. Motion made to accept the minute with changes by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles motion passes 3-0**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE as of 4/20/2022: \$695,073.45**

**Nova Farm- Nova Farm** – Nate and Zach representatives from Nova Farms LLC were in attendance to get applications, for Maine Adult Cannabis Use Local Authorization and Certificate of Compliance of Occupancy LLC to be signed by the select board to meet state statues. A motion was made by Charles to sign the documents, after discussion that motion was retracted. Jeff made a new motion to take the documents with him, he will contact Augusta to be sure the documents are filled out precisely, Jeff will get them notified and have ready for the board to sign. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the addition that the documents be brought back to the next select board meeting for the final signing, motion passed 3-0

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- *Was asked by Doreen if Mike had ordered the New air packs, Rose responded a P.O. had be given out and that they have been ordered.*
- *New Business: Reggie Cunningham expressed some concerns of possible set of turn-out gear missing from the Fire Dept. It was lent out Oct. 2021 to Ethan Bryant and not sure if it was returned. Rose will make contact with Tim Veazie and Mike Dionne to check the status of the gear.*
- *Discussion resumed about using the Fire Dept brush truck being used by a member to go to training in Waterville. It has been conveyed that this is not acceptable. Charles will reach out to Tim and Mike about this issue.*

## **ROADS/SALT SHED**

- Roy Greeley called in to see if he is still needed to do roadside mowing for the town, Rose presented to the board his new fee of \$2,500. Doreen made a motion to accept Roy's \$2500 fee(due to fuel cost increase) and to have resume mowing the roadside for 2022, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion motion passes 3-0
- Salt Shed Update – Construction is underway. The bond is still in the process of being released to the town Alyssa Tibbets and Michelle wheeler still working on a closing date. Some bills have been submitted to the Town for payment. Jeff made a motion that after checking with the DEP to approve the invoice that the bill form engineers of \$68,162.45 be paid out of Surplus and be returned to that account once the bond comes in., Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes 3-0
- Snow removal bids will be opened at a special select board meeting set for May 11, 2022 @ 7 P.M.
- The Bailey Road was discussed, in that the Unity end of the road now has a weigh limit 2300 lbs. So the board discussed to avoid trucks entering the road that exceed the weight limit that Thorndike should follow Unity. Doreen made a motion to make the Bailey a permanent weight limit posting of 2300 lbs, upon D.O.T. approval, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes.

**FIBER EXPANSION:** The committee received and email that we did not receive the grant that was applied for, there was lots of competition. We will be eligible to re-apply in the Fall.

## **TOWN OFFICE**

### **Old Business**

- John Thornhill gave an update on the East Thorndike Road roadside tree and branch clean up. As off the meeting he had about another 450 feet to go, the Fowler's will come in and scoop of the branches. There have been a few landowners concerned about what was being cut, but John set them at ease. While doing the cleanup he found some issues, such as culverts that may need attention and road erosion in spots.
- Town Clean-up day- after getting information from Sullivan's waste about the cost the board has decided to wait and have this put on the next fiscal year's warrant. There are fees for the clean-up and if not is collected on the day from the participants the town

would have to accrue the cost. This is not something can be done with the town bodies permission. Rose will send out an e-blast to the community explaining the situation.

- Jeff let us know that he has drawn up a letter to go to the Town of Knox. Rose will be getting in touch with auditor about funds placed in the wrong account.
- *Jeff made a motion to replace the present Kyocera printer in the office for a more up to date and efficient printer, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> no discussion, motion passes 3-0*
- *Trio update from Rose is that the new computer programs for BMV, Dog licenses and CC update will be up and running Monday May 9.*

### **New Business:**

- *Bangor Humane Society Contract is up for renewal, Jeff mad a motion to sign the one year contract, Doreen 2n motion passes 3-0*
- *Documents were presented to the Board to sign for the upcoming RSU budget vote and an article to build a new transportation garage. Jeff made a motion to sign the documents Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes all documents signed.*
- *Doreen presented on behalf of the Cemetery Committee that new Veteran grave flags need to be ordered and a new flag for the outside pole at the Town Office, Jeff made motion to purchase the flags, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passes 3-0 Doreen also asked that it be conveyed to the town that the Cemetery committee will gather at the Town office on Saturday May 21 @ 9 a.m. to proceed to the graveyards to place flags on Veterans graves. All are welcome to join. Rose will put on the website and send out in e-blast*
- *Rose spoke about the upcoming change in Town office Hours, the office will be open longer each day, with the exception of Friday, which be the close. Day. Rose will give the town body ample notice of the upcoming changes.*
- *Rose has brought the boards attention that a Town office cleaning person will need to be hired. Rose recommended Jean Asadorian, she has spoken with her. Doreen made motion to hire Jean to clean the office 2 hours per week at minimum wage, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes 3-0*
- *Doreen made a motion to make available to the Cemetery Committee memberships to the Maine Old Cemetery Association perks of joining lots of training accessible as contacts. Fee is \$10.00 person Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes 3-0.*

*Warrants; Jeff made a motion to accept and sign the following warrants*

*A/P warrant #21 \$7,404.87*

*#24 BMV \$2,753.00*

*#23 BMV \$395.00*

*Warrant preview -\$60,467.00*

*Payroll Report - \$1,76.99*

*Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> no discussion motion passes 3-0*

*Motion made to adjourn by Doreen, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passes Adjourned 8:15 p.m.*