

**Minutes May 18, 2022**  
**Select Board Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:** Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Tim Veazie, Wendy Trafton, Rose Hill and Chuck Cusano.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 4, 2022**

Approval of minutes was tabled until next meeting, needs some corrections.

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE as of 5/02/2022:** \$633,565.95

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**OLD:**

*The Rotary District Grant was discussed and the importance of applying. Jeff made a motion to approve to go forward with the application process, Discussion was on possibly applying the grant towards electric chainsaws. Charles 2nd the motion. Motion passes 2-0.*

**NEW:** *Truck 9 for the fire dept was brought up about the usage for the truck for transportation to training classes for the dept employees. Tim brought to the boards attention that he has to transport equipment to the training and to use his own personal vehicle would require special insurance. The concern of the truck not being available for a call while in use was brought up. The truck can get places where the big trucks cannot. The fire dept has an on-call system with the Thorndike Trailblazers where the club has members who will volunteer to transport equipment to difficult areas. Tim also brought up the Fire Chief, Mike Dionne has approved the use of the truck for travel to training. Charles made a motion that Truck # 9 to be used by personnel transportation when appropriate and approved by the Fire Chief. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passes 2 - 0*

**ROADS/SAND & SALT SHED**

Sand & Salt Shed Update – Jeff made contact with D.E.P. and now has a town contact person Jonathan Rice. The new billing system for the project will go as flows: Invoice to Jeff Allen – then to Jeff Trafton – then to Mr. Rice.

Snow Removal bid for the parking lots has been tabled to discuss fuel surcharge. Reynolds Concrete has not been notified/

DOT Bridge Report for Knox Station #2442 & Ware Bridge #3308 was reviewed and placed on the bulletin board for those who would like to read it. The select board did discuss coming up with a Bridge Repair plan for the town. Bridges need to be inspected and addressed for repair. Reynolds Road has a small bridge that will need attention. Charles will contact DOT they have a program to come out and help look at the bridges. Discussion tabled until end of June

### **TOWN OFFICE**

#### **Old:**

**The Fire Truck Replacement Fund;** After talking with Julie Cote at Bangor Savings it would be in the best interest of the town to put this account into a different account that would accrue more interest. Charles made motion to have the Treasurer contact the bank and have this account moved Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion passes 2-0

**KNOX FUND:** Jeff has sent a letter about the funds not being utilized to Thorndike. Rose is still working with Keel Hood the auditor on previous Knox Funds being placed in the wrong account. Will revisit this end of June

#### **NEW:**

**The Canopy Grant** has been approved for Thorndike. Jeff made a motion to accept, receive and sign for the grant. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passes 2-0. Doreen will pick up signed documents.

RSU 3 documents have all been signed and warrants posted.

New Flag was raised with the help of Jeff Trafton, Melanie Cole, Randy Fox and the help of their children. Flag pole was taken down maintained.

***Town Laborer position:*** *The Board has had discussions about hiring a person to help with town projects. This person would work under the Select Board, be paid a yearly stipend and then hourly for projects completed. This will have further*

*discussions with the hopes of bringing the idea to the Town Body. Rose will put this out in an e-blast to the town for ideas, suggestions and feedback on the idea.*

**Cemetery Caps:** *Caps have been requested by the Cemetery Committee to number graves. Motion made by Charles to authorize the committee to purchase the caps with a \$2000.00, to include the shipping and handling. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passes 2-0.*

**Warrant Review/Approval :** Motion made by Jeff to sign the warrants with adjustments made. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>

- a) Warrant #26: \$60,671.03
- b) Warrant BMV #27: \$773.00
- c) Warrant Preview #28: \$68,162.45 (voided)
- d) Warrant #29: \$1,557.84
- e) Warrant #30: \$68,162.45 (re-issue of the voided Warrant #28)
- f) Warrant BMV #31: \$493.00
- g) Warrant Preview 32: \$13,913.84

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Jeff to purchase a wreath for Memorial Day wreath laying quiet ceremony, fee of \$75 dollars to pay for a wreath. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Doreen will order the wreath.

Next workshop meeting will be Tuesday May 31 @ 6:00 due to Memorial Day Holiday

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**Adjourned:** Motion made by Jeff to adjourn, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> adjournment 7:47 p.m.