

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
@ The Levi Stewart Library's
Jones Nutter Auditorium
June 10, 2020 – 6 P.M.

Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER. Chairman Roger Whitney called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

- A. Board Members present:** Chairman Roger Whitney, Alden Bolstridge, Kerby Littlefield, Jim Emerson, Dennis Carr
- B. Employees Present:** Lois Jones, Steve Brown
- C. Residents Present:** Laurie Clark, Jackie Emerson, Darlene Bagley, Gary Dorman

Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS. No issues with these additions.

- A. Item 9B. – Interest rate on delinquent taxes.**
- B. Item 10A. – Poverty Abatement Request.**
- C. Item 6C. – Community Center Committee bylaws.**
- D. Item 6D. – Commitment – set meeting date to discuss mil rate.**

Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.

- A. May 27, 2020.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Carr 2nd to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.

- A. Payroll Warrant #23.** Selectman Littlefield made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve the payroll warrant. All in favor.
- B. AP Warrant #24.** Selectman Littlefield made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the AP warrant. All in favor.

Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

- A. Jackie Emerson.** She asked if there had been any decision regarding the bandstand repair. Manager informed that there was an approval for repair and contractor had been notified. Manager will double check with contractor for a time frame. She also asked about the removal about the tree that was dead. Manager knew nothing about the tree. Chairman Whitney commented that the tree will be replaced.

Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. School Board Warrant signing.** Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve and sign the RSU#19 school budget warrants. All in favor.
- B. Fiberright.** Manager reported that MRC/Fiberright in Hermon is closed at this time, due to failed funding of Coastal Resources. Our trash is being hauled to Norridgewock, to a landfill. Cost to town is not going to change, at this time. Fiberright will continue to look for funding. Selectman Littlefield said MMSW knew what was happening and should have notified the town. We did receive a letter from MRC, informing the Town of the issue with funding for Coastal Resources.
- C. Community Center Committee Bylaws.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Boldstridge 2nd to approve the Community Center Committee Bylaws. All in favor.
- D. Commitment – meeting date to discuss mil rate. (July 15th, 5pm?).** Due to the election and school budget vote being changed to July 14th, this has shortened the time between the vote and the date of commitment. If we change the selectmen's meetings for July to the 15th and 29th, the third and fifth Wednesdays in July, instead of the regularly scheduled 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, we could still have two regular meetings, without

having to hold a special meeting for tax commitment. Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Littlefield 2nd to hold the regular selectmen's meetings in July on the 15th and 29th, at 6PM. All in favor.

Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Fire Truck. Manager had spoken with Fire Chief Emerson regarding which fire truck the Fire Department has decided to sell. Fire Chief Emerson stated that the department could not come to an agreement at their last meeting so he will be performing pump tests on one or both of the trucks, and he will be making the final decision by July 1st.

B. Truck Towing package. There was some discussion about the costs of adding a towing package and paying for that package outright or using some of the funds that would buy user's manuals that are available online for free. No decision was made at this time, as there has been no decision of award for the purchase of the truck.

C. Approval of Fernald Ave site plan. There was some discussion of the site plan, but overall, it was approved to move forward with that plan, and obtain the bidding documents for Fernald Ave.

Item 8. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

A. Dennis- None.

B. Jim- None.

C. Kerby- Asked if it would be possible to report the Aero club building and sell it now that we are meeting in person again. There was a difference of opinion from MMA Legal, however, it was felt that because the decision to sell the Aero Club was prior to town meeting, had even been advertised, but was postponed due to the COVID-19 disruption of meeting held in-person, that we could now move forward with the sale of the Aero Club. Manager and Board agreed to move forward, re-advertise, and sell.

D. Alden- Asked about the progress on the Bandstand. The contractor has been notified. Manager will contact contractor and inquire when he will get to the repairs. Alden is going to provide Manager with a list of streetlights that are out and have been out. Third, Morse's Corner Cemetery has a couple trees that need trimming – the branches are low and will scratch vehicles that try to go under them. He will provide a drawing to the Manager.

E. Roger- Stated he had received some complaints about the dust on gravel roads and was wondering when the calcium would be spread. Steve Brown stated that right now, the town loader is not working and he will get to it as quickly as he can.

F. Lois – Reported that the Community Center Committee would like to demolish the north end of the old elementary school (not the cafeteria end). It was felt that keeping the cafeteria as a rental possibility was important for income purposes. The north end is the section that is the most in disrepair. It was felt also discussed that if we move the town office to the school, then the cafeteria would be greatly needed for those income possibilities. Also, the research for selling the Pegasus is coming along and all agreed it can be sold – advertise it quickly. Lastly, the committee recommends selling the portable classroom, “you buy it, you move it” type of sale. The Board felt that needs to be approved at a town meeting.

Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Olver Associates – update for paving. Manager followed up on Selectman Bolstridge's question from last meeting regarding putting lifts on manhole covers, etc. Manager contacted Olver Associates and they stated that yes, there are a few MH covers and some water valves that will definitely need some adjustment. The next question is who is responsible for fixing and is there any cost to the town?

B. Annual interest rate on Delinquent taxes. Manager received an email from Maine Treasurer's Office regarding an error in the posted delinquent tax rate on the State website. It was erroneously posted as a maximum of 9% and it should be only 8%, as

allowed by state law. State law supersedes town vote, so even though we have voted the 9%, we can only charge the 8% and will not need to have another town meeting.

Item 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A. POVERTY ABATEMENT REQUEST. 1 M.R.S. 405 (6)F. Postponed due to notification of applicant.

Item 11. ADJOURN MEETING. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones
Town Manager