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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes @ The Levi Stewart Library's Jones Nutter Auditorium August 12, 2020 – 6 P.M.

Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE. Chairman Whitney opened the meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the pledge.

A. Board Members present: Chairman Roger Whitney, Alden Bolstridge, Kerby Littlefield, Jim Emerson, Dennis Carr

B. Employees Present: Lois Jones, Stephen Brown

C. Residents Present: Jackie Emerson, Laurene Clark, Ken Kealiher, Karen Kinney, Wayne Cousins, Mike Laflin, Darlene Bagley

Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.

A. Item 6 E – Planning Board – Land Use Amendment, Town Meeting. No objections to this addition.
No other additions.

Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.

A. July 29, 2020. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

B. August 3, 2020. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.

A. Payroll Warrant #33. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve the warrant. All in favor.

B. AP Warrant #34. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve the warrant. All in favor.

Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Farmer's Table Alcohol license. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Carr 2nd to sign the Farmer's Table Alcohol license. All in favor. Signed.

B. Public Works Supervisor. Manager stated there are three candidates for the position. One candidate is a current Town employee. Should the Town employee be given first opportunity for promotion, given that they are already in the Town's employ? There is no specification in the Personnel Policy. Board agreed that the Town's current employee should be given the first opportunity to accept this position. If employee accepts, then Manager will re-advertise for the vacated public works employee position.

C. Discontinued/Abandoned Road list to define status. Discussion was centered around a list of roads to be clarified and how the Board would like to have them clarified. A copy of list and map is attached to the minutes. There was some discussion of which roads should be included on the list. Other discussion was regarding the process and how the Board would like final determination – either a

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Board vote or a Town Meeting vote. Manager will contact Town attorney and work with him throughout the process.

- D. UMaine school of engineering.** Manager informed Board that she had been in contact with the Professor of the Engineering department at the University of Maine. Their students must complete a capstone project to graduate, and they look for projects to work on. Manager submitted two projects, the elementary school and grounds for conversion to a Community Center; and the Fernald Market building, to convert to a fire station. It's free because it's students working toward their degree, and it may help if/when we apply for grants. Board felt this was a good idea and will look forward to seeing final results.
- E. Planning Board – Land Use Amendment, Town Meeting.** Planning Board Chairman Laurene Clark was present to ask the Board to set a date for a Special Town Meeting. She was asking for September 9th, at 6pm, before the regular Board meeting. This request is to correct a clerical error in the Land Use Ordinance that was updated at the last Town Meeting. Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Littlefield 2nd to approve and set a special town meeting for Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 6pm. All in favor.

Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Pole permit.** Wayne Cousins, the landowner requesting the pole permit, was present. He stated he was no longer asking for the pole permit signatures. He had spoken to the abutting landowners and has permission from them, for easements to put in his poles. There was more discussion about the road in question, West Barker Road, and whether there was a town easement, or if the Town had any legal interest in the road. This will be one of the roads to be clarified with the Town Attorney.

Item 8. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

- A. Dennis-** Commented that he had been riding the roads and thought the public works crew was making progress and things were looking good – excellent job credit to pw.
- B. Jim-** Discussed that he had been to the swim front dam, on Alder Stream, and noticed it is in really bad shape, that if the something doesn't happen soon, it may completely fail. It was questioned if we wanted to keep it as a dam or let it go. Manager is to check with IF&W and maybe Maine DEP regarding what are the requirements or responsibilities of the Town. Is this a duck or fish waterway that will require the Town to maintain the dam? Manager had previously spoken with DEP at the Federal level and was informed that the "owner" had responsibility and could repair as they saw fit. Manager will check further.
- Also commented that roadside mowing hasn't been done. Manager had checked with contractor. He had some breakdowns that the coronavirus had delayed delivery of parts. There were a few towns before us, but should be soon.
- C. Kerby-** None.
- D. Alden-** Commented that the fire department had an emergency call in the middle of the night to the Stewart Library Building with no way to get in. Can they get a copy of the keys? Also, it was noted that there are several other locations around Town with junk – noting one place with tires and a car across from the new Dollar General.
- E. Roger-**Inquired when paving may start. Steve Brown informed that Pike will be starting to grind joints in the next week, and reconstruction on Fernald Avenue will begin next Thursday (August 20). It was noted that there is some work that needs to be done on most of the gravel roads, for example, the fabric is showing on the Bolstridge Road; and shoulders need cutting to allow the water to flow off the road.

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Commented that since there will be a special town meeting scheduled anyway, maybe there should be an article to allow the Board of Selectmen to spend the unexpended funds from the paving loan, for other paving.

Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to add a warrant article to the Special Town Meeting warrant to allow the Board of Selectmen to spend the unexpended funds of the paving loan for additional paving projects. All in favor.

Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE. None.

Item 10. 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