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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes @ The Levi Stewart Library's Jones Nutter Auditorium August 26, 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, Dennis Carr; Jim Emerson was absent.

**B. Employees Present:** Lois Jones

**C. Residents Present:** Allen Proctor, Darlene Bagley, Jackie Emerson, Laurene Clark, Barbara Peavey

**Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.**

**A. Executive Session – 1 MRSA 405 (6)A –Public Works Supervisor.** No discussion – all in agreement to add under Item 9A correspondence.

**Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.**

**A. August 12, 2020.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes. All in favor.

**Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.**

**A. Payroll Warrant #35.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the warrant. All in favor.

**B. AP Warrant #36, 37.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the warrants. Selectman Littlefield asked if this is the last payment for Penquis Cap. Manager stated that it was. All in favor.

**Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.

**Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. MMA's Legislative Policy Committee Ballot.** Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to nominate and vote for Town Manager, Lois Jones, to be a member of Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee. All in favor.

**B. Approval of Special Town Meeting Warrant.** Selectman made a motion and Selectman 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant with the following amendments: switch the order of articles two and three, and to word the new article 3 as, "Shall the Town give the Board of Selectmen the authority to spend any unexpended funds from the paving loan, at their discretion." This will allow the Board to either spend the funds for more paving, or to put towards the loan, etc. All in favor.

**Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.**

**A. Sprague's Mill Dam update.** Manager updated Board on the issues surrounding the repair of Sprague's Mill dam. Manager met with John Skelley from MEMA-Dam Safety, and PW Supervisor Steve Brown. Skelley was comfortable with the planned

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repair of the gate and abutting concrete. He confirmed his thoughts via email and copied DEP, Bangor office on the email. Jessica Damon, from DEP, stated that we need to submit a long-term maintenance and repair plan. Manager reviewed the statute that was cited and it appears that the maintenance plan is only if we are doing more than 50% repairs to the dam. Manager will continue to discuss with DEP, as the proposed repair work is significantly less than 50%. MMA Legal offered an opinion that if the dam breaches, then the town cannot be sued due to the Maine Tort Claims Act.

## Item 8. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

**A. Dennis-** None.

**B. Jim-** Absent.

**C. Kerby-** None.

**D. Alden-** Asked if the drawing for the Boardwalk 50-50 tickets was ever completed. Manager said, yes, it had been done. Allen Proctor was the winner. He also asked about updating the fee schedule for the Land Use Ordinance. It was determined that there was no action taken at the board level, that the current fees were set by the Board and were adequate. Selectman Littlefield commented that the only fee the Board has recently changed was the electrical permit. Chairman Whitney felt that the fee schedule should not be included in the ordinance, but as a schedule that the Board sets, with referral in the ordinance to a fee schedule, with no amounts listed in the ordinance. Another concern was that there hasn't been a cemetery meeting for about a year. The last meeting was regarding the expansion of the McKusick cemetery and the need for fencing. Approximately one month ago, there was still no fence around the cemetery. Manager stated that the posts and rails have been ordered and believed to have been picked up – Manager will double check with public works.

**E. Roger-** Asked about the Community Center Program. Manager commented that there is a basketball organization that is using the gym facility quite frequently, and fees are being paid for that. It was clarified that he was interested in what and how the committee was proposing happen to the building and how to budget for it. If the committee recommends demolishing part of it, what is the cost associated with demolition, reconstruction of any exposed areas, and the relocation of the boilers, etc? Going in to another heating season, budget season, and the future, the committee needs to come up with a plan for moving forward with the building, with facts and figures associated with accomplishing those goals. There was some discussion about how much of the building to demolish. He would like committee to look at demolishing all of the old school section, not just the north end. He would like to see a plan that can be presented at Town Meeting. Discussion continued about the little greenhouse and the possibility and preparation of using the alternative ed building for rental purposes.

## Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE.

### **A. Executive Session – 1 MRSA 405 (6)A –Public Works Supervisor.**

Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Chairman Whitney 2<sup>nd</sup> to go into executive session under 1 MRSA 405 6(A), to discuss public works supervisor. All in favor.

Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to come out of executive session at 7:10PM. All in favor.

Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Littlefield 2<sup>nd</sup> to take no action. All in favor.

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**Item 10. ADJOURN MEETING.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones  
Town Manager