

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes @ The Levi Stewart Library's Jones Nutter Auditorium Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 6 P.M.

**Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE.** Chairman Whitney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the pledge.

**A. Board Members present:** Jim Emerson, Dennis Carr, Alden Bolstridge, Chairman Roger Whitney, Tony Bennett.

**B. Employees Present:** Lois Jones, Justin Gudroe.

**C. Residents Present:** None.

**Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.** None.

**Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.**

**A. December 28, 2022.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

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

**A. Payroll Warrant #1.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the warrant. All in favor.

**B. A/P Warrant#54, 55, 2.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the warrant. All in favor.

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

**Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. Carry/reappropriate Accounts to 2023.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2<sup>nd</sup> to move the following funds from the Administration operations budget in the amount of \$8,350.52 to cover overages in the following operations budgets: Animal Control budget in the amount of \$202.90; Landfill Monitoring in the amount of \$1.20; Public Works in the amount of \$1,762.35; Community Center in the amount of \$6,381.06; and Debt Services in the amount of \$3.01. There was some discussion whether or not the motion was needed due to a warrant article at town meeting. All in favor.

Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to “carry over” the following amounts in the following accounts from the 2022 budget to the 2023 budget: Debt Service (E-20-43-60-91) in the amount of \$10,000; Wellness Program (E-20-96-50-15) in the amount of \$2,100; Sunken Bridge Road bridge (E-60-99-65-20) in the amount of \$31,438. There was some discussion that these funds should be lapsed to surplus and then used as an appropriation from surplus. Manager agreed that is exactly what happens, with the exception of the Sunken Bridge Road bridge account. Four in favor; Chairman Whitney opposed.

**B. Project fundraiser funds to carry to 2023.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to “carry” the following funds in the special revenues for the following projects: Brad Davis Memorial Playground (E-70-70-30-55) in the amount of \$20,143.85; Public Works Tools (E-70-70-30-57) in the amount of \$239; Recreation Department Bleachers (E-70-70-30-56) in the amount of \$7217; and Recreation Department Proceeds (E-70-70-30-58) in the amount of \$1,207.03. There was some discussion on the necessity of this due to the funds being collected for stated projects. Four in favor; Chairman Whitney opposed.

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- C. Fuel Bids 2023.** Manager mentioned that she had met with several Town Managers from other towns, and they were able to lock-in prices for fuel oil and diesel, etc. Did the Board want to consider putting out a fuel bid at this time? There was some discussion, but general thought was that prices are still fluctuating and dropping; best to wait.
- D. LED lighting for Community Center – Efficiency Maine.** Manager has obtained a price quote for converting the lighting at the Community Center. Manager has also spoken with Mike Lebel, from Perfect Fit, and he was going to ask his electrician if he could get a better price. Waiting for a response from Mr. Lebel.
- E. Town Report Dedication.** There was a suggestion made – Manager will check the past dedication listings to see if this person has received it previously.

## Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Sale of Fernald Ave Property.** Selectman Carr made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to NOT use a commercial auction house to sell the Fernald Avenue property. After some discussion, all in favor.  
Selectman Carr made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to sell the property at the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Board of Selectmen’s meeting, setting a minimum bid of \$50,000, with a \$5,000 deposit required at time of bidding – to be advertised in the Bangor Daily, Piscataquis Observer, Rolling Thunder, Eastern Gazette, and MMA classifieds. All in favor.

## Item 8. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

- A. Special Town Meeting Minutes.** Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Special Town Meeting, December 28, 2022 minutes. All in favor.
- B. Appointment – Kelly Irish to Rec Committee.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the appointment. All in favor.
- C. Set auction date of Bowden Road, Tax acquired – Map 10, Lot 002B.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Chairman Whitney 2<sup>nd</sup> to sell the tax-acquired property on February 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, and set the minimum bid at \$1,500. All in favor.

## Item 9. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

- A. Dennis-** Commented it was good to see the grader wing being used.
- B. Jim-** None.
- C. Tony-** None.
- D. Alden-** Brought up a discussion on plowing and maintaining beyond the Town’s ownership on Worthen Road and Atkins Road. Justin informed the Board on the Atkins Road the distances that were being plowed and sanded, and where the turn-arounds were. There was some discussion for the reason these two roads are being maintained beyond the discontinued part. Discussion continued to include Old County Road. Manager will look for previous Board minutes on the Old County Road.
- E. Roger-** Asked if there was a way to remove the cement basin riser that is in the bottom of the hills, in the cattails. Some discussion ensued.

## Item 10. CORRESPONDENCE. None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones  
Town Manager