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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes @ The Levi Stewart Library's Jones Nutter Auditorium Wednesday, October 23, 2024 – 6 P.M.

**Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE.** Called to order by Chairman Dennis Carr, at 6:02PM, followed by the pledge.

- A. Board Members present:** Jim Emerson, Chairman Dennis Carr, Tony Bennett, Ralph McNaughton.
- B. Employees Present:** Lois Jones.
- C. Residents Present:** Jackie Emerson, Jim Louder.

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

**Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.**

- A. September 25, 2024.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

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

- A. Payroll Warrant #41, 43.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve warrants #41 and 43. All in favor.
- B. A/P Warrant#42, 44.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve warrants #42 and 44. All in favor.

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

**Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. Motion to have Board of Selectmen act as Receiver in the event not enough trustees – for the Corinna Water District.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> that the Board of Selectman are willing to accept the receivership of the Corinna Water District if there are no longer enough trustees to provide a quorum, if it is legal to do so, and if the PUC approves. Discussion regarding if it is legal for a selectman to serve both as a water district trustee and a selectman. Manager will inquire through MMA Legal. All in favor.

**Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.**

- A. Cemetery mowing contract.** Selectman Bennett made a motion and Selectman McNaughton 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve a one-year cemetery mowing contract, for the following cemeteries: Village, Corinna Center, Morse's Corner, Nutter, Higgins, and McKusick; for the cost of \$14,000, to include trimming and blowing, as necessary – not to include spring and fall clean-up. In the event the work is acceptable, there is an option to extend for two years. Three in favor. Chairman Carr abstained.
- B. Sunken Bridge repair.** Discussion centered around the proposed repair and future action. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman McNaughton 2<sup>nd</sup> to not allow the proposed repair take place until the contractor has provided proper paperwork – to include worker's comp insurance, and the Town of Corinna listed as an additional insured on the liability – and to postpone the repair from October 24<sup>th</sup>,

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to no sooner than October 28<sup>th</sup> if/when proper paperwork has been provided. All in favor.

Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman McNaughton 2<sup>nd</sup> to contact the Town's attorney to see what recourse the Town has in relation to the repair and/or replacement of the Sunken Bridge Road concrete culvert. All in favor.

Manager will continue to contact other engineers for a second opinion.

Public works supervisor will work on the possibility of creating a turn-around in the event the bridge cannot be repaired and the road needs to be closed for the winter.

- C. Public works/road work discussion.** Discussion centered around the best options for the Packard Road repair of the paved section. Plan is to add to the budget and see what the budget looks like at that time.

## **Item 8. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.**

- A. Cemetery Mower.** Discussion about ordering a new zero-turn mower. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman McNaughton 2<sup>nd</sup> to ask provider to hold a mower for the Town, and to table final decision until Manager can identify what lines from the budget will be used to pay for it. All in favor.

## **Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- A. Commissioner of Maine, letter.** Acknowledged.

## **Item 10. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.**

**A. Dennis** – Asked for an update on the two houses on St. Albans Road. Manager stated one has been turned over to the person-in-position who has plans to update and clean up the building. The other one is still in the hands of the attorneys of record. Also asked about an update for the Exeter Road property. Manager informed the Board that it had been to court and the consent decree gave the property owner 90 days to clean up and to pay all attorney's fees. If not cleaned up, Town can clean up and add cost as a supplemental tax to the property.

**B. Jim** – Stated someone mentioned a street light by the Perfect Fit Community Center to light up the crosswalk.

**C. Tony** – Commented that the roof on the sand shelter was still not fixed. Public Works supervisor informed that it would be fixed before winter.

**D. Ralph** – Stated that the Board meetings should not be canceled, even if there is nothing on the agenda and it is only for ten minutes. It's a good check-in for the members to discuss concerns.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones  
Town Manager