

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
@ The Levi Stewart Library's  
Jones Nutter Auditorium  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 6 P.M.**

**Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE.** Called to order by Town Manager, Lois Jones, at 6:05PM, followed by the pledge.

**A. Board Members present:** Jim Emerson, Dennis Carr, Alden Bolstridge, Ralph McNaughton, Tony Bennett.

**B. Employees Present:** Lois Jones.

**C. Residents Present:** Joe Ortelano.

**Item 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.** Town Manager opened the floor for nominations. Selectman Bolstridge nominated and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Carr for chairman. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to cease nominations.

Four in favor – Selectman Carr abstained.

Vote taken for Dennis Carr for chairman. Four in favor – Selectman Carr abstained.

**Item 3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.** None.

**Item 4. APPROVE MINUTES.**

**A. February 14, 2024.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

**Item 5. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.**

**A. Payroll Warrant #9, 12.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve warrants #9 & 12. All in favor.

**B. A/P Warrant#10, 11.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve warrants #10 & 11. All in favor.

**Item 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**A. Joe Ortelano –** Mr. Ortelano had three questions he wanted to ask:

**a.** What was happening with the house at 9 St. Albans Road after the drug bust? Manager stated the Sheriff had not yet informed if the property was going to be confiscated as evidence.

**b.** What can we do about the Grease Monkey? Manager informed that the Code Enforcement Officer was working on the clean-up with the landowner.

**c.** Asked if there are any rules or regulations regarding putting a dumpster on a front lawn. Manager stated that there are no ordinances against it.

**Item 7. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. Appointments.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the appointments as follows:

**Planning Board (5 year terms)** - Roger Belanger – expires 2028; **Cemetery Committee** - Mary Nye; **Recreation Committee (3 year terms)** - Ruth Oviatt, JoHanna Costello, and Armand Cloutier – expires 2027; Nick DeLong and Ben Clukey, alternate – expires 2025; **Corinna Water District** - William Condon, Trustee -3 year term expires 2027; **Ballot/Election Clerks** (to 2026) – Tony Bennett, Stephanie Bridges, Julia Cyr, Mary Nye, Jamie Irving, Christine Kealiher, Carla McKay,

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Barbara Peavey, Edwina Soule, Kimberley Thomas-Watson, Amanda Wilson, Darlene Bagley - Dep. Warden; **Corinna Community Center** - Gary Dorman; **Safety Committee** - Ron Richards. All in favor.

- B. ARPA funds – earmark projects.** Manager informed the Board that the remaining ARPA funds must be earmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup> and under contract by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Some proposed projects are a new electronic signboard down by Route 7, and paving the community center parking lot. Some questions for the signboard was the ability to change size on letters and symbols, and a second price quote. It was suggested to maybe piggyback on the new fire station paving for a better price. Manager will research.
- C. Comp Plan – Zoning – LD2003.** Manager is in contact with state agencies regarding the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, date of approval, and how it all plays with the LD2003 statute. There was some discussion about growth districts and the requirement or not of a residence being on Town sewer or Town water. Manager will continue to research.

**Item 8. OLD BUSINESS.** None.

## **Item 9. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.**

- A. Town Meeting Minutes approval.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Annual Town Meeting minutes. All in favor.
- B. Dodge 1500 truck damage.** Manager informed the Board that there was a vandalism incident involving the Dodge 1500 truck having a couple of holes drilled in the gas tank. Estimate to repair is approximately \$610.

**Item 10. CORRESPONDENCE.** None.

## **Item 11. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.**

- A. Dennis-** Asked if funding for Brandon’s CDL was all set. Manager stated that it may be up in the air, but will not know until further avenues of funding are exhausted. Also asked about the old and new trucks and where are they. Manager stated the new truck has been delivered to HP Fairfield in Skowhegan, and the old truck has been repaired and is now also in Skowhegan.
- B. Jim-** Commented that he would like to know sooner if an employee leaves Town employment.
- C. Tony-** Commented that it has been requested to have a street light at intersection of Nokomis Road and St. Albans Road. After some discussion, it was mentioned that the house at 9 St. Albans Road usually had significant light on at night and now there is none and it is being noticed that there is a lack of light. Also stated the new culvert on Greenbush Road is soft. Manager will have public works check it.
- D. Alden-** None.
- E. Ralph-** Asked about a probationary period for new employees – Manager stated that yes, there is a six-month probationary period. Also asked if the Sunken Bridge issue has been resolved or is it lingering. Manager stated that it is still lingering bus has been in contact with the engineer and the final payment to engineer has not yet been paid.

**Item 12. 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