

# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes Through the Zoom application Link below April 22, 2020 – 6 P.M.

**Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Chairman Whitney called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

**Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.** There is one addition to Item 6, E – DOT grant engineering estimates.

**Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.**

**A. April 8, 2020.** 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 #13, 15, 16.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the payroll warrants 13, 15, and 16. All in favor.

**B. AP Warrant #14, 17.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the accounts payable warrants 14 and 17. All in favor.

**Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**A.** Allen Proctor – Reported that he had received a phone call from Vic Buckland regarding the American Legion using the gym facility to hold its weekly Bingo. Their facility is not large enough to support the six foot social distancing. He has not obtained permission from the American Legion yet to hold it off the American Legion premises, however, he was looking into his options. The gym facility is certainly large enough to accommodate the numbers he was asking about. They would have to provide insurance binder, disinfecting chairs and tables, request masks: but this will all have to wait until the state of civil emergency is lifted by the Governor. At that time, it can be discussed again. Allen also stated that he had turned off the air handlers and heating system. Selectman Littlefield cautioned turning off the air handlers, as it could cause mold to grow in the building. This will have to be monitored.

**Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. Food Sovereignty Ordinance.** Town Manager reviewed information regarding the Food Sovereignty Ordinance. There was a request that the Town of Corinna adopt an ordinance regarding Food Sovereignty. MMA Legal sent a response to the Town Manager highlighting issues with current ordinances around the state, that most are ineffectively written. Town Manager felt that a Food Sovereignty Ordinance was unnecessary. Planning Board chairman, Laurie Clark, informed the Board that she had contacted some towns asking if they had ordinances or not, and if why they enacted or chose not to enact an ordinance. She also felt, at this time, that an ordinance was unnecessary. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Littlefield 2<sup>nd</sup> to table further discussion of a Food Sovereignty Ordinance. Selectman Littlefield and Selectman Bolstridge in favor. Chairman Whitney, Selectman Emerson, and Selectman Carr opposed. Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to forward the issue to the Planning Board, have them invite Dan Davis, the originator of the request, to a meeting and to hear his reasoning for wanting such an ordinance. All in favor.

**B. Public Works Truck Bids.** Town Manager opened the first truck bid from Daigle & Houghton – a 2021 Western Star 4700SF, including extended warranties for \$124,276.00 and with the HP Fairfield upfit, a total of \$204,215.00. The second truck bid was from

Freightliner – a 2021 Western Star 4700SF, including extended warranties for \$127,206.00 and with the HP Fairfield upfit, a total of \$207,845. The third truck bid was from Freightliner – a 2021 Freightliner 114SD, including extended warranties, for \$120,056, with the HP Fairfield upfit, a total of \$199,995.00. The Board had a few questions about the engine and other configurations. Due to being a web meeting, Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2<sup>nd</sup> to table the awarding of the bid until the Board has a chance to review the proposals and asked that the Town Manager scan and email all copies of the truck bids to the Board members for review. All in favor.

**C. Spare Parts Dump Bodies.** Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2<sup>nd</sup> to advertise the town's 2 4-season dump bodies for sale by sealed bid, in the local paper. All in favor.

**D. Municipal Quit Claim Deed.** Selectman Littlefield made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve signing the quitclaim deed. All in favor.

**E. DOT Grant application engineering firm estimates.** Town Manager reviewed the estimates from two engineers for completing the DOT/DEP grant application process. Plymouth Engineering proposed \$7,000 for Line Road and \$12,000 for Sunken Bridge Road for a total of \$19,000, knowing there could be an additional \$3,000 for permitting through the US Army Corp of Engineers. Dirigo Engineering proposed \$8,000 for Line Road and \$9,000 for Sunken Bridge Road, for a total of \$17,000.

\*\*Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Littlefield 2<sup>nd</sup> to award the grant application bid to Dirigo for Line Road, and, depending on how multiple grants would affect the Town's ability to receive either grant – if no negative impact, then, to have Dirigo also prepare the grant application for Sunken Bridge Road. All in favor.

**Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.** None.

**Item 8. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.**

**A. Dennis-** Commented that the cigarette butt urn apparently had tipped over and strewn butts all over the lawn. Would like to see it cleaned up, and the urn weighted again.

**B. Jim-** Commented that the town crew is doing an excellent job, especially the clean-up after this last heavy storm that caused a lot of tree damage.

**C. Kerby-** Inquired if the Town Manager had looked into the PPP – Paycheck Protection Program – loan/grant program offered through the banking system. The Manager had asked the bank if municipalities qualified, and unfortunately, municipalities do NOT qualify. This program was designed for small businesses only. He also asked if the Town Manager had gotten an answer back from ABM regarding the control of the school heating. Manager had not heard back from ABM, yet.

**D. Alden-** Commented that the town crew is grading the gravel roads, and they are getting better.

**E. Roger-** Commented that the proposal of duties and responsibilities from the Town Manager looked like a great place to start. The BOS will maintain constant review and can change, add, delete duties and responsibilities of the committee, at any time. It was also commented that all recreation funds that are collected should go through the committee and be turned in to the town office. There was a recommendation that only one person on the Committee be responsible for collecting funds from paying people and the Rec Committee, and turn those funds into the office. This will be an evolving committee, as needs and wants change throughout the process.

He also questioned the Manager if the Fire Dept had chosen which truck to eliminate. Selectman Emerson commented that truck 351 has been stripped of all tools and equipment and added to truck 352, but there has not been a formal vote that he was aware of among the firefighters.

**Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE.**

**A. MRC quarterly meeting and newsletter.** Manager had scanned and emailed the quarterly agenda for the MRC and the quarterly newsletter.

**B.** Manager also had informed the Board that confirmation had been received from the Maine Bond Bank regarding the loan. The interest rate dropped significantly from what had been proposed. Final paperwork will be in the mail in the next few days.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones  
Town Manager