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**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
@ The Levi Stewart Library's  
Jones Nutter Auditorium  
Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – 6 P.M.**

**Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE.** Called to order by Chairman Dennis Carr, at 6:01PM, followed by the pledge.

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

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

**C. Non-Residents Present:** Randy Butler – engineer from Dirigo Engineering

**Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.**

**A. Take Item 7A first – out of order. Taken after Public Comments.**

**B. Take Item 7D – out of order. Tabled, no Planning Board members present.**

**Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.**

**A. May 22, 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 #24.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve warrants #24. All in favor.

**B. A/P Warrant#25.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve warrants #25. Three in favor; Selectman McNaughton abstained.

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

**Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. 177 St. Albans Road – court action motion.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to pursue court action if the DEP fails to continue or conclude a clean-up, either singularly against the landlord or tenant, or jointly. All in favor.

**B. Community Resilience grant info and public meeting – Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> @5pm, @ bandstand.** Manager provided information to the Board regarding this meeting. Laurie Osher from EMDC will be leading the discussion. Residents will be able to interact with Ms. Osher, which will help to determine what we should request funding for.

**C. Advertising on sign – fees etc – non-profits, business more.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow community groups – for example, Masons, American Legion, Methodist Church, and other non-profits – to advertise on the new sign, and allow residents to pay for advertise at \$25 a day, for 5 second intervals, for birthday wishes, or similar. All in favor.

**D. FEMA grant application approval.** Manager stated she is advertising for proposals for technical and grant writing assistance, and engineering, for the Corundel dam project. This includes grants for FEMA/MEMA and other state, federal, and private grants, to obtain significant funding for the project. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Town Manager obtaining proposals and moving forward with grants for the Corundel dam. All in favor.

## Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Sunken Bridge Road bridge – Randy Butler.** Randy Butler, from Dirigo Engineering, was present for discussion of the Sunken Bridge project. As previously noted, the concrete box culvert sections are separating and sinking into the sand/silt above and/or below the culvert and road. Some suggestions are to narrow the bridge by removing the top 5 sections and replacing 4 of the sections in an offset and wrapping a cable around the top sections and bottom sections. An extreme scenario is to remove all and stabilize the base with piles or similar. Some discussion was had as to why the design didn't account for an unstable base to begin with – it was thought that maybe the Town would not have completed the project due to cost if it was too high. A question was asked if we should be concerned with putting a weight limit on the bridge itself; for example a plow truck in winter, or farm equipment. It was stated that those vehicles are exempt from a weight limit, anyway. Selectman McNaughton felt that the plans were inadequate and Dirigo Engineering is responsible for their design. Engineer also signed off on the contractor's work. Mr. Butler commented that he would be measuring movement throughout the summer and provide updates and other possible repairs. Selectman Carr made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2<sup>nd</sup> to table any decision until they have seen the monthly reports from the engineer for the next few months. All in favor. Selectman McNaughton made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2<sup>nd</sup> to request a new improved, completed design from Dirigo Engineering, not just a repair. All in favor.
- B. PSA – for acreage for PW facility.** No decision was made at this time – wait until a decision has been made from the Appropriations Committee if the Town will be receiving funds.
- C. Ribbon Cutting.** There are three dates proposed, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, or August 16<sup>th</sup>. Manager is waiting to obtain a date from Senator Collins' office.
- D. Comp Plan/Land Use update – Planning Board.** No planning board members were in attendance – topic was tabled.
- E. Remaining funds from fire station construction usage. Wash-bay for fire trucks only, not for personal vehicles.** Selectman Carr made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow the Fire Department to purchase supplies and equipment from their list of requests with remaining money, except for the \$3,500 for paving – that was committed from the Fire Department's organization and must still be paid. All in favor.

## Item 8. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS. None.

## Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE. None.

## Item 10. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

- A. Dennis-** Asked what is happening at 17 Exeter Road. Manager stated the CEO is waiting to hear back from the new attorney. Inquired if there is an update on the fencing at Nutter Cemetery. Manager informed there is no update.
- B. Jim-** Thanked Justin for grading the boat launch. Also inquired as to the conditions of the Packard Road. Justin stated that plans are to begin construction the week after July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Tony-** Commented Marvin's garage is looking good.
- D. Ralph-** None.

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**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