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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes @ The Levi Stewart Library's Jones Nutter Auditorium Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – 6 P.M.

Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE. Called to order by Chairman Dennis Carr, at 6:00PM, followed by the pledge.

- A. Board Members present:** Jim Emerson, Chairman Dennis Carr, Ralph McNaughton, Tony Bennett.
- B. Employees Present:** Lois Jones, Justin Gudroe.
- C. Residents Present:** Jackie Emerson, Ron Richards, Darlene Bagley, Galen McKenney, Everett Simpson, Jim Louder.
- D. Non-Residents Present:** Randy Butler, Tim Sawtelle.

Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS.

- A. Take out of order Item 7A – Sunken Bridge Road bridge – Randy Butler.** See notes below, under Item 7A.

Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.

- A. July 24, 2024.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2nd to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.

- A. Payroll Warrant #32, 33.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2nd to approve warrants #32 & 33. All in favor.
- B. A/P Warrant#34.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2nd to approve warrants #34. All in favor.

Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Morse's Corner School update.** Everett Simpson was present to inform the Board that he attended the Maine Historic Preservation Committee meeting in Augusta. The Morse's Corner School's nomination to the National Historic Registry was approved and will be sent to the national level. A decision will be forthcoming in the fall.
- B. PFAS filtration system replacement.** Manager informed the Board that one of the systems that the DEP installed for PFAS water filtration needs to be replaced. DEP will reimburse 90% of the system installation costs.
- C. Corinna Water District succession.** Chairman of the Corinna Water District was present to discuss the next steps of succession for the Corinna Water District. If all Trustees no longer wish to serve, the CWD will be assigned a Receiver by the PUC. The Town may be asked to be that Receiver. Would the Board be willing to be the Receiver for the CWD until either more Trustees are found or the CWD was voted to be a department of the Town? General consensus was that the Board would be willing to act as a Receiver when the time comes.

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D. Pets in the building. Manager commented that there are no rules against dogs in the building, and residents often bring their own pets into the Town Office. Manager inquired that if there was an emergency, would it be acceptable to the Board if they brought their dog in – as long as it was either on a leash or confined to the Manager’s Office. The general consensus was that if there is no rule against it and the dog is confined, the Board was ok with it.

Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Sunken Bridge Road bridge – Randy Butler. Taken after Item 5. Tim Sawtelle, the Owner of Dirigo Engineering and Randy Butler were both present. Mr. Sawtelle commented that the engineering firm was not happy with the Sunken Bridge. His firm had contacted an independent geo-technical consultant to perform more borings to determine the soils. The following were his comments regarding the bridge:

- a. The immediate sub-base was not set when the contractor installed the stone.
- b. The weight of the bridge is only slightly more than what was there before the bridge was constructed – meaning the gravel, etc, of approximately 100 lbs/sqft more.
- c. There is a better distribution of weight over the 22ft width.
- d. Possibilities of stabilizing the sub-base include:
 - i. Do nothing – when the stone is gone & culvert hits native soil, it will stop.
 - ii. Inject grout to fill voids – using ground penetrating radar.
 - iii. Tie the top of the deck together so it can’t move/separate.

Mr. Sawtelle commented they would be back in two weeks with a possible proposal. He also commented that the steel plates that were installed needs to be checked that they were installed the way Dirigo recommended.

Selectman Emerson asked who would bear the cost. Mr. Sawtelle said that Dirigo will cover the geo-technical and cost of repairs.

Selectman McNaughton stated he would like to see what the geo-technical borings show. He also inquired about why the bridge was not constructed with a “burrito” under the concrete culvert, it was not a dry base; should have been excavated to sub-base, a foot of stone/bedding, geotextile, and wrapped. Stone does not create a bearing area.

Mr. Sawtelle will return in two weeks with more info and a sketch. Discussed adding galvanized “weathering steel,” that when painted, will last decades.

B. Land Use Ordinance amendments. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2nd to send the proposed Land Use Ordinance amendments to the Town’s attorney for review. All in favor.

C. Sidewalks requirement update. There was some discussion on how to proceed. Determined this should be a question on the Town meeting warrant articles.

Item 8. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS. None.

Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Penobscot County Commissioners RE: EMS services. Acknowledged.

B. MMA Risk Management – Dividends. Acknowledged.

C. Senator King – CDS request. Acknowledged.

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Item 10. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

- A. **Dennis-** None.
- B. **Jim-** None.
- C. **Tony-** Asked if CEO had heard from the Grease Monkey owner. Nothing yet.
- D. **Ralph-** Commented the playground is done and it passes inspection.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones
Town Manager