

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
@ The Levi Stewart Library's
Jones Nutter Auditorium
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 6 P.M.**

Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE. Chairman Whitney called the meeting to order at 6:00PM, followed by the pledge.

- A. Board Members present:** Jim Emerson, Alden Bolstridge, Dennis Carr, Chairman Roger Whitney, Tony Bennett.
- B. Employees Present:** Lois Jones.
- C. Residents Present:** Galen McKenney, Everett Simpson.

Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS. None.

Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.

- A. August 23, 2023.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the minutes, as written. Four in favor – Chairman Whitney abstained.

Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.

- A. Payroll Warrant #36, 37.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2nd to approve warrant #336 & 37. All in favor.
- B. A/P Warrant#38.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Carr 2nd to approve warrant #38. All in favor.

Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Maine Historic Preservation letter – Morse's Corner School.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectmen Bolstridge 2nd to move forward with a committee to research grant funding in attempt of the preservation of the Morse's Corner School. All in favor.
- B. Appointment – Morse's Corner School Ad Hoc Committee.**
 - 1. Patrick Irish, Ron Richards, Patricia Mullis, Brenden Mullis, Brandi Gatcomb – Advisors Everett Simpson & Lois Jones.**
Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Carr 2nd to appoint Patrick Irish, Ron Richards, Patricia Mullis, Brenden Mullis, Brandi Gatcomb, and Galen McKenney as Morse's Corner School Ad Hoc Committee members, and Everett Simpson and Lois Jones as advisors to same. All in favor.
- C. Appointment – Brandon Bemis to Cemetery Committee.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to appoint Brandon Bemis to the Cemetery Committee. All in favor.
- D. Sunken Bridge Road bridge issue.** Manager provided Board with statement from Randy Butler, engineer for Dirigo Engineering, regarding the separation issue on the new bridge. Some questions still remain. Will the proposed pinning of the sections solve the problem, or possibly cause other problems? Will the engineer stand behind

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the recommended fix? Has this issue been encountered before? What were the thoughts of American Concrete? Other suggestions were to get a second opinion from another engineering firm, and to contact MMA Legal for an opinion on who should be liable for the repair costs. Manager will research and obtain opinions.

- E. New General Assistance Maximums – setting Public Hearing date.** Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to set the hearing date to be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. All in favor.
- F. Loitering/Patron Policy.** Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the Patron Use Policy, as presented. All in favor.
- G. 805 Dexter Road – clean-up.** Discussion was had to determine if this is a health hazard or not. It was suggested the Planning Board review the current ordinance and clarify what is a violation and/or create a Blight Ordinance. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve legal action to enforce cleanup at 805 Dexter Road. Two in favor – Selectman Bolstridge and Selectman Emerson. Three opposed – Chairman Whitney, Selectman Carr, and Selectman Bennett.
- H. Jeff’s Catering liquor license – ratify approval.** Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to ratify the approval of Jeff’s Catering liquor license. Four in favor. Chairman Whitney opposed.

Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Department of Labor inspection report – updated Fire Department.** Manager stated that after the informal hearing, the fines were reduced by \$700. Once the Town has remediated all citations, there will be a penalty discussion.
- B. Broadband update.** Manager informed the Board that TDS is working towards a Federal grant for Town-wide broadband, which would be no Town match required.

Item 8. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS. None.

Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE.

- A. MRC – Board of Directors nomination.**

Item 10. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

- A. Dennis** – Commented that there is a motorcycle on Maple Street that is parking on the side of the road – it is causing a traffic flow problem. Manager will send a letter.
- B. Jim** – Voiced concern that the Grease Monkey has too many unregistered vehicles and does not have a junkyard permit. Due to the number of vehicles is blocking the view of traffic when pulling on to Route 7 from Exeter Road. Manager will discuss with Code Enforcement Officer.
- C. Tony** – Commented that he was pleased to see that people are using the picnic tables at the old swim front on Stetson Road.
- D. Alden** – Inquired if Stacy had brought back any information regarding the requested upgrades to the health center – Manager stated not yet.
- E. Roger** – Agreed with Selectman Carr from last meeting that there should not be any type of yard sale at the Bandstand – or personal gatherings without permission from the Manager. Even if it is public property, where do we draw the line of what is allowed and what isn’t.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones
Town Manager