

March 27, 2023

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager; Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk,

Guests: Adrienne Foss (Daily Bulldog & Mt Blue TV), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Justin Merrill, Lena Hann (Androscoggin Bank), John Simko (Director of Government Banking-Androscoggin Bank), Corey Leclerc (Fire Dept.), Tim Souci (Maine DOT Traffic Engineer), and Dennis Emidy (Maine DOT-Safety Office)

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 p.m. -Tim led the pledge.

2. Minutes – March 13, 2023 – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Selectboard minutes from the March 13, 2023 meeting. Vote 4-0-1. (Gary abstained)

3. Old Business – No discussion.

4. Androscoggin Bank Donation Commitment – John Simko presented a letter of commitment from Neil Kiely, CEO of Androscoggin Bank. Due to the closing of the mill and the challenges that the region is facing, Androscoggin Bank has committed to \$10,000 per year for the next 3 years to support workforce, community, economic and leadership development in the greater Jay region. The Board thanked John and the Bank for their support of our community and for this commitment.

5. Letter of Support for Livermore Falls Water District Congressionally Directed Spending Application–M/M/S to approve a letter of support for Livermore Falls Water District. Vote 5-0-0

6. Master Logger’s Best Management Practices Training – Justin Merrill spoke to the Selectboard about requesting use of the East Jay Gravel Pit for training. They expect 40-50 participants and it would be tentatively held on May 24th. The training is open to our employees as well. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to allow the Master Logger’s training to take place at the East Jay Gravel Pit. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Livermore Falls Septage Fees & Congressionally Directed Spending – Mark updated the Selectboard on the problem of sludge disposal. They are trying to put a stay on LD 1639. They are also working toward a solution for problems with LD 1911. Even though our PFAS numbers are below detection levels we still have to dispose of sludge as if we had a PFAS problem.

Mark spoke to the Selectboard regarding the sewer project and the secured funding and funding still needed. He told the Board that he, Alex in LF, and Shiloh had worked to submit an application for additional CDS money. The application is for a \$7 million grant. This would be used in place of loan funds for this project.

8. DOT -Beans Corner Intersection Update - Dennis Emidy gave an overview of plans the DOT has for the Beans Corner Intersection. Beans Corner is #1 in the State for T-bone crashes. It has a long history of being a high crash location. It is a 35 mile/hour speed zone, but the speed of drivers on average is much higher. In the past 3 years, there have been 35 crashes at that intersection. The DOT intends to put an all way stop at that intersection this year. Signs will be present to alert drivers to the upcoming changes to the driving pattern. Large signs and other notices will be present once the changes take place. The blinking yellow light will be replaced with a blinking red light. It is the intent of the DOT to propose a roundabout at the Beans Corner intersection in the State plan. If approved, the roundabout would be constructed in about 4 or 5 years. The purpose of these changes is to make the intersection safer and reduce accidents, injuries and expenses. M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to send a letter of support for this project. Vote 4-1-0 (Tom opposed). Tom opposed due to cost of constructing roundabout but okay with all way stop.

9. Other Business – Shiloh updated the Selectboard on the solid waste trailer. The town received \$2,326.30 from the scrap yard. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to put the money into the Public Works Equipment Capital fund. Vote 5-0-0.

Shiloh reminded the Selectboard that in 2014 they did a street light reduction and went around and marked the poles of all the lights that were supposed to come down. CMP did not take them all down at the time, but we were no longer being billed for them. The LED conversion was done. Now they have started taking the lights down. Shiloh has a list of which lights are coming down. She wanted to mention it to the Board in case anyone questions it.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

M/M/S Tim/Tom to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York