

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**October 22, 2018**

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Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Judy Diaz; Tom Goding; Gary McGrane; and Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager.

Guests: Jay Poulin, Darren Pollis, Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Keith Cornelio, Ronda Palmer (Code Officer), Bob Richmond, Alfred Dufour, Ben Hanstein (Daily Bulldog), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Jen St. Pierre, Ben St. Pierre, Richard Harvell, Jane Harvell, Amber Patterson and Mr. Patterson.

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**1. Pledge of Allegiance** – 6 p.m.

**2. Minutes: October 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes as written. Vote: Unanimous

**3. Old Business** – No discussion.

**4. Hunting/Tree Stands on Town Property** – MMA legal states that the town is immune from suit on any all tort claims involving hunting on town property. They do not recommend prohibiting hunting on town property. The town can put a firearms ordinance in place. Currently the town does not have such ordinance but follows state laws. M/M/S Judy/Tom to take no action. Vote: Unanimous. The town will give permission to have tree stands on town property.

**5. Recreation Committee – Updated Improvement Plan & Request for Funding** – The Board reviewed the Plan as proposed. Judy questioned the \$1,000 listed for geotextile fabric that was approved last year but not completed. Shiloh indicated they were able to obtain mill felt from Verso last year. M/M/S Judy/Terry to approve the Plan with the removal of the \$1,000 for geotextile fabric. Suggestion to continue trying to get mill felt from Verso when needed. Vote: Unanimous

**6. Marijuana Regulation** – After December 13<sup>th</sup> towns must opt in to allow medical marijuana sales in the town. If a store front is already operating before December 13<sup>th</sup> there is a loophole and those stores are grandfathered and can continue to operate even if the town does not opt in. Shiloh stated that the Board needed to decide if they wanted to put a moratorium before the voters to cover from the vote to Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and also if they want to put an opt in option to the voters (with or without an ordinance) at the April town meeting. M/M/S Gary/Tom to put the opt in proposal on the ballot in April. At this time without an ordinance. Vote: Unanimous. M/M/S Judy/Tom to not put a moratorium on medical marijuana stores to vote. Vote: Unanimous.

**7. Junkyard Permit Renewals – Belanger’s Vehicle Repair & Salvage** – M/M/S Terry/Tom to approve the permit renewal. Vote: Unanimous. **St. Pierre’s Garage** – M/M/S Tom/Terry to approve the permit renewal. Vote: Unanimous.

**8. North Jay Sewer Project Financing RFPs** – Androscoggin Bank interest rate in bid is 3.41%, Camden National Bank is 3.75% and Franklin Savings Bank has 2 options depending on whether we do our other banking through them. The Bond bank requires that the town apply to get a rate. M/M/S

Gary/Tom to approve Androscoggin Bank and further investigate going through the Bond Bank. Vote: Unanimous. The Select Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> is changed to 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to sign the necessary financing documents.

**9. North Jay Sewer Project Income Survey** – The town does not currently qualify for grant money from passage of a bond issue on the November ballot. Qualification is based on a point system. Jay's median household income is too high. An income survey may lower our median income which would make the town eligible for funds. An independent company must do the survey. Some work can be done in house to save money. The estimate from Maine Rural Water is up to \$30,000. Wright Pierce is already under contract with the town and is willing to include the survey, done by MRW, under their contract. The town could potentially get hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding. Mark expects that the town would at least recoup the \$30,000 but there is no guarantee. M/M/S Judy/Tom to do an income survey not to exceed \$30,000 in costs to be done contingent upon the bond issue passing in November. Vote: 4-1-0 (Gary opposed). Motion passed.

**10. Municipal Building Generator** – The generator did not work during the last power outage. Water had gotten into it. The water has been drained and the town mechanic is working to see if it can possibly be repaired. There is an electrical panel that needs replacing. Shiloh will report back to the Board when more information is available.

**11. Other Business** – Jane Harvell asked what the stance of the town is regarding the CMP corridor. Terry indicated that the Board has been in support of it. She questioned why the town was doing so when 5 other towns have removed support. Terry responded by explaining that it will bring \$400,000 to \$500,000 in tax money to the town per year lowering the tax rate. There was continued discussion regarding pros and cons of the CMP corridor.

**12. Executive Session – Personnel (Employee Compensation):** M/M/S Tim/Judy to go into Executive Session under MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6 for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue (employee compensation). Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. M/M/S Gary/Terry to provide Sewer Superintendent with a \$50/month cell phone stipend to be paid from the communications line. 3-2-0 vote (Tom/Judy opposed)

**Executive Session - Union (All):** M/M/S Tim/Judy to go into Executive Session under MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6 for the purpose of discussing Union (All). Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. M/M/S Judy/Tom to maintain a 24 to 28 hour/week position at the Transfer Station after January 1st. 4-1-0 vote (Gary opposed).

M/M/S - Tim/Tom to adjourn at 7:44. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York