

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 28, 2022

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

Guests: Abby Cramer (Mt. Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Justin Merrill, Cindy Bennett, Esther OBrien Nolan, Steve Gettle, Richard Caton (Police Chief), Eric Mattson (Maine Community Solar)

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

2. Minutes – February 14, 2022 – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tim to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2022 Selectboard meeting. Vote 4-0-0. (Gary absent)

3. Old Business – No discussion.

4. Police Cruiser – M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve Richard bidding on a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Hybrid from the Town of Van Buren. Vote 4-0-0. If the bid is not successful Richard will have other purchase options for the Board to consider.

5. Timber Harvest – Steve Gettle updated the Selectboard on the status of the timber harvest on the gravel pit lot. 80 acres have been cut so far. The wettest and worst has already been done. The pine market is going up and there is a lot of pine left. The market is strong.

Steve estimates that it will cost \$1400 to paint the lines on the Tower lot behind the High School. The boundary lines are already flagged. He anticipates putting the Tower lot out to bid this summer. M/M/S Tim/Tom to mark the Tower lot lines. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Community Solar – Eric Mattson gave a presentation on community solar options through Maine Community Solar for the Selectboard to consider. He estimated a yearly savings for the town of \$3,673. A minimum 10 year contract is mandatory with a 1 year opt out.

7. Tax/Sewer Foreclosures – Shiloh had provided the Board with information indicating that after the foreclosure date, the Board has traditionally allowed owners to pay ALL years (taxes and sewer) in full within 30 days in order to redeem the property from foreclosure. M/M/S Tim/Tom to continue as in the past. Vote 5-0-0.

8. Other Business - Terry announced upcoming meetings and dates of interest.

9. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.D. Union Negotiations (All) - M/M/S Tim/Tom to go into executive session under MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss. D. Union Negotiations (All). Vote 5-0-0 Terry declared out.

M/M/S Tim/Lee Ann to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York