

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 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), Richard Caton (PD Chief), Mike Booker (FD Chief), John Johnson (PW Director), Cindy Bennett

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

2. Minutes – March 14, 2022 – M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2022 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Old Business – John unposted Chickadee Avenue for the work being done on the solar array. Nexamp committed to giving the town up to \$15,000 to repave the road after construction.

The town normally locks in fuel prices with RSU 73. We are currently paying \$2.02/gal. for diesel under the contract we locked last year. Winthrop Fuel is currently \$3.23/gal. John estimated that we could wait until Sept. to decide since we will likely have enough fuel until then. Lee Ann and Tim indicated that they thought we might be better off locking in soon. Tom suggested waiting and Gary suggested leaving the decision to Shiloh and John. Shiloh will talk to the Superintendent to see what they want to do and decide whether to lock in now or wait until later to see if prices go down.

Terry thanked Lisa Bryant for the work she did on the photo for the Town Report cover.

4. Appoint Ballot Clerks – M/M/S Tim /Tom to appoint the ballot clerks on the list submitted by the Town Clerk. Vote 4-0-1 (Lee Ann abstained)

5. Police Department Cruiser – The Town's bid for the Van Buren cruiser lost by \$1. Richard had 3 quotes for cruisers for the Selectboard to consider. Quirk quoted a gas one for \$40,172 or a hybrid for \$42,820 possibly available in June. Bailey Brothers quoted a gas one for \$43,908 and orders are 30+ weeks out. Farmington Ford has a gas one on the lot for \$40,406.40 and offered \$8,000 and \$1,000 for the trade ins. Richard estimated \$6-7,000 to outfit the new cruiser. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to purchase the new cruiser from Farmington Ford. Vote 5-0-0.

6. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds – The Board reviewed the document that Shiloh had provided last meeting with ideas for ARPA projects and made the following motions: M/M/S Tim/Tom to replace the HVAC system in the Town Office/Police Department using approximately \$40,000 from the ARPA funds. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed). M/M/S Terry/Tom to approve approximately \$5,500 for Optimal Energy for consulting on HVAC project from the ARPA funds. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed). M/M/S Tim/Tom to replace the phone system at the Town office and Police Department for approximately \$16,000 to come from ARPA funds. Vote 5-0-0. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to purchase 4 body worn cameras (\$730 each) and 2 tasers (\$1,300 each) for the Police Department for approximately \$5,520 from ARPA funds. Vote 5-0-0. M/M/S Tim/Tom to replace the boiler in Fire Station 1 for approximately \$22,000 from ARPA funds. Vote 5-0-0. M/M/S

Terry/Lee Ann to replace 2 overhead doors in Fire Station 2 and 4 overhead doors in Station 1 for approximately \$37,000 from the ARPA funds. Vote 5-0-0. The Selectboard will discuss the Highway Garage at the next meeting after they have had a chance to look it over and think about the changes needed there. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve replacing the lighting at the Chisholm Square Monument for an estimated \$7,500 from ARPA funds. Vote 5-0-0. M/M/S Tim/Tom to not allow non-profit organizations to apply for funds from the town's ARPA funds. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed).

7. Community Solar – Shiloh gave an update to the Selectboard. Livermore Falls, Wilton and Livermore Falls Water agreed to pursue this jointly. Maine Power Options have agreed to help facilitate the process and get rates on a Net Energy Billing contract.

8. Other Business – Gary congratulated Shiloh on being nominated Vice President of AVCOG.

Terry announced the upcoming meetings and dates of interest.

10. 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 Lee Ann/Tim to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York