

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

April 11, 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: Trinity Smith (Mt. Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Richard Caton (PD Chief), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Charlie Woodworth (Greater Franklin)

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

2. Minutes – March 28, 2022 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2022 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Old Business – An addition on the Highway garage was discussed as part of the ARPA projects at the last meeting. Board members visited the garage over the past week. Gary recommends putting a metal roof on. The Board will discuss further under item #7 on the agenda - ARPA Funds.

4. Greater Franklin Update – Charlie Woodworth gave an update to the Selectboard on work they have been doing. Their new title is Greater Franklin Economic and Community Development. They began broadband work in the county about 5 years ago. 13 towns, approximately 11,000 addresses, will have fiber to the home network. At this time none of that is in Jay since most of the area has access to Spectrum. Charlie told the Selectboard that by helping neighboring towns, it reduces our county taxes. Other projects proposed are addressing the region's childcare dilemma, attainable housing, arts & culture, and a revolving loan fund. Charlie asked the Selectboard for their support by the town requesting the county commissioners invest in Greater Franklin.

5. Livermore Falls Sewer Treatment Plant – Joint Reserve Account – Main Flow Pump #4 - Mark spoke to the Selectboard about replacing an AC pump with one from Xylem Water Solutions which was quoted as \$21,839.08 but that quote has expired. The old pump would be removed, and the new pump installed by Brackett Mechanical for a budget price of \$6,500. M/M/S Terry/Tom to approve up to \$31,500 from the joint reserve account to replace the AC pump pending Livermore Falls Board approval at their April 19, 2022 meeting. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Public Works Truck – John was unable to attend the meeting but gave the Selectboard a written summary of why he is requesting a new Western Star Truck. O'Connor thinks they can get an SF4700 in the fourth quarter of this year or first quarter of next year. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve trading the 2009 International with O'Connor Motor for a WS SF4700. The purchase price is approximately \$146,000 less trade and changes that may be necessary due to the availability of parts. The money will come from capital funds Vote 5-0-0.

7. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds – Shiloh updated the Selectboard on funds used so far. The HVAC units are ordered. Optimal Energy is paid. Phones for the Town office and P.D. are coming next week. The new boiler for Fire Station 1 has been ordered. They are working on getting the new overhead doors.

Terry thinks we should get a design for the Highway Building addition. The board agrees that a metal roof is the way to go. The generator and boiler there are very old and should be replaced. The generator should be outside the building. The Selectboard wants John to get a price for someone to design the addition.

Shiloh told the Selectboard that \$144,320 has been committed from the ARPA funds so far. Shiloh and Jill are doing an ARPA webinar on April 13th.

8. Appointment of Ballot Clerks – The Democratic Party has requested two additional election clerks be appointed for two-year terms. M/M/S Gary/Tom to appoint Jayne Costa and Pamela McAllister as election clerks. Vote 5-0-0.

9. AVCOG – Election of Officers – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to vote for the AVCOG officers running unopposed. Vote 4-0-1 (Gary abstained).

10. Warrant for RSU 73 Budget Validation Referendum – M/M/S Gary/Tom to counter sign the RSU 73 Budget Validation Referendum and Notice of Election. Vote 5-0-0. Gary thanked Shiloh for her work on filing for Sudden and Severe saving approximately \$1.6 million on the school budget.

11. Other Business – Gary said he had received a complaint about pallets being stacked two by two on the sidewalk at 22 Church Street. People are unable to use the new sidewalk because it is blocked. Also, there is an RV there that may be full of trash. Richard said that he would go over and take a look.

Shiloh graduated from the ICL training that she has been attending for the last 8 months. She told the board that there were 22 participants and they were an incredible group of people. They met in Hallowell plus one Outward Bound weekend. They went to Madison, Merrill Auditorium, Greater Portland COG, Brunswick Landing, etc. She thanked the Selectboard for allowing her to participate in the Institute for Civic Leadership.

The Recreation Committee is looking for help. The group is getting smaller and volunteers are needed. Shiloh has put this on Facebook. The next Rec meeting is May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Terry announced the upcoming dates of interest.

12. 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 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.D. Negotiations (All). Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. M/M/S – Lee Ann/Tom to authorize Shiloh to negotiate a sidebar agreement with the PD Union regarding the SRO position. Vote 5-0-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York