

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 27, 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 (Fire Chief), Donna Perry (Sun Journal)

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

2. Minutes – June 13, 2022 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 Board of Assessors and Selectboard meetings. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Old Business – M/M/S Terry/Tom to vote for Gary McGrane and Ethna Thompson on the MMA Legislative Policy Committee ballot. Vote 4-0-1 (Gary abstained).

Terry, on behalf of the Selectboard, thanked Maine Conservation Corps and Maine Trails Coalition for their Ugly Duckling Trail work.

4. Truck Bid Opening – The Town received 2 sealed bids and one email. The 2 sealed bids were considered. Michael Davis bid \$4000. Andy Dupuis bid \$1,166. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to accept the bid from Michael Davis for \$4000 for the 2 Ford trucks with the funds being returned to the Fire Department account. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Terry/Tom to allow Mike to purchase turn out gear, over expending the equipment line but recognizing that the overall budget will not be over expended. Vote 5-0-0.

5. Tri-Town 4th of July Committee Parade Request – M/M/S Gary/Tom to give \$300 to the 4th of July Committee from the Recreation fund. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Recreation Committee – Updated Improvement Plan & Request for Funding – M/M/S Lee Ann/Gary to accept the updated Trail and Open Space Improvement Plan and Request for Funding submitted by the Recreation Committee. Vote 5-0-0.

7. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Update – Shiloh informed the Selectboard that the town has received the second payment of ARPA funds in the amount of \$244,414.56. Mark Holt had also questioned whether the Board would prefer to pay for the lawn mower, previously approved under ARPA funds, through the regular operating budget instead. The Board did not.

8. Other Business – Gary asked that the Selectboard consider allocating \$2,000 from ARPA funds for each full-time employee for retaining those employees during the COVID pandemic. He was told the Selectboard voted this down at a prior meeting.

Mike told the Selectboard that Jim Shink resigned as Assistant Fire Chief. Mike would like to eliminate this position and use the stipend funds for an on-call person to work with the per diem person when he is not in town. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to use the Assistant Fire Chief stipend funds for an on-call person. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed).

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

M/M/S Tim/Tom to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York