

September 23, 2024
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

Guests: Trinity Smith (Mt. Blue TV/Daily Bulldog), Joseph Sage (Police Chief), Ronda Palmer (Town Clerk), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Mike Booker (Fire Chief), Robert Berry, April Benedix, Dale York, Tanya DeMillo, Shari Ouellette, Marcia McAllister, Lynn York, Ed Walsh, Ashlie Veilleux, Heidi Sage, Christopher Veilleux, Don Osier

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

2. Special Town Meeting – Transfer of Undesignated Funds to Police Department – Ronda opened the Town Meeting. M/M/S Terry/Tom to nominate Bob Berry to moderate. Motion carried. M/M/S Terry/Tom to cease nominations. Motion carried. Ronda swore in Bob as moderator. Bob asked if there were any questions or discussion for the warrant article to transfer \$63,000 from the Undesignated Fund balance to the Police Department. There was no discussion. M/M/S Tim/Terry to accept the transfer of \$63,000 from undesignated funds to the Police department. Vote – Motion carried. Article passes. Town meeting closed.

3. Public Hearing on Warrant Article for November 5th Town Meeting – Ronda opened the public hearing. Ronda read the warrant for changes to the marijuana ordinance aloud. Residents asked questions and discussed the language and possible impacts based on the change. Terry closed the hearing.

4. Public Hearing – Planning Board Appointments – Jamie Carden-Leventhal and Michael Fournier – Ronda opened the public hearing. No questions or comments. Terry closed the public hearing. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to reappoint Jamie Carden-Leventhal and Michael Fournier to the Planning Board with terms to expire 9/2029. Vote 5-0-0

5. Minutes – September 9, 2024 – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

6. Old Business – No discussion

7. October Meeting Schedule – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to change the Selectboard meetings for October to the first and third Mondays at 6:00 instead of the second and fourth Mondays. Vote 5-0-0. October 7th and 21st are the new dates.

8. Notice of Public Hearing – Planning Board Appointment – Christopher Townsend – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to post a Notice of Public Hearing for the Planning Board appointment of Christopher Townsend. Vote 5-0-0

9. Notice of Public Hearing – General Assistance Appendices Update – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to post the Notice of Public Hearing for the annual General Assistance Appendices updates. Vote 5-0-0

10. Request of Letter of Support for Mission at the Eastward – The housing repair program is seeking funding from Maine Housing. M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a letter of support for Mission at the Eastward. Vote 5-0-0

11. RSU 73 School Board Appointment – Bob Staples has resigned from the Schoolboard. The municipal officers need to select a new member to serve until the next annual municipal election. The Selectboard can determine how to fill the position. Shiloh told the Selectboard that people have called expressing interest in the position but the town has not put out anything to the public yet asking for applications. Lee Ann went back over the results from the last town election and stated that Danielle Brotherton had received the next highest votes after the other elected School board members. Lee Ann would like to offer the position to her. There were questions and comments from attending residents disagreeing with that approach. Some did not think this was a fair way to do it. Other suggestions were to pick a name from a hat or take applications and ask questions. Shari said that one of the members of the Selectboard should not vote because he campaigned against her. He said that he campaigned for someone else but not necessarily to oppose her. He agreed to abstain from voting. Some also thought that the other suggestions were not the best way to pick someone. The position is only to be filled by this person until the next election at which time someone will be voted in to fill the remainder of the term. Nomination papers will be available before the election for anyone who wants to run. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to appoint Danielle Brotherton to the RSU 73 Schoolboard with a term to expire in April 2025. Vote 3-1-1 (Tim opposed, Gary abstained).

12. Sewer Abatement – M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to approve a sewer abatement for Richard Moreau of 10 Belleview Drive in the amount of \$225.00 for the 2024-2025 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

13. Livermore Falls Sewer Update and Joint Reserve Account Request – Plant Water Supply – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve up to \$5,000 from the joint reserve account to change the Livermore Falls WWTF’s plant water supply line that goes to the 4 main flow pumps to a town water supply line and to install a town water hose bib. Vote 5-0-0. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve up to \$4,000 form the joint reserve account for a Southside pump station manhole precast riser section contingent upon Livermore Falls approval. Vote 5-0-0

14. Other Business – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve signing the contract for revaluation services with John E. O’Donnell and Associates, Inc. Vote 5-0-0

15. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.D. – Union (PD) - M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.D. Union (PD). Vote 5-0-0.

Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session.

M/M/S - Tim/Tom to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York