

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

June 23,2020

Attendance: Administrative Assistant to the Select Board, Jenna Domer; Chair Ryan Fowler; Selectmen C. Wayne Miller and Selectmen Ron Shorey (arrived at 6:15pm).

Ryan called for the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Ryan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 16, 2020 as written, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved (2-0).

Visitors: Frank Howell, FSBC Committee member and Sweden resident; David Frum, Budget Committee member; William Graham, PB member; Laura Chadbourne, PB Secretary; Ardelle Foss, Appeals Board member and Dan McQueen, Sweden resident.

Frank was present to offer the Magic Lantern in Bridgton as a venue to hold the Annual Town Meeting. Social distancing maps and guidelines were submitted to Jenna and forwarded to the BOS before the meeting for review. The BOS thanked him for the information and for the generous offer for consideration.

David Frum inquired as to when a date for the meeting would be announced. Ryan made a motion to schedule and hold the Annual Town Meeting on the petitioned Warrant before August 10, 2020, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved (2-0).

Ardelle Foss stated she had used Rapid Renewal and she was happy to have it in Town.

Laura Chadbourne stated there was a birch tree on Lovell Road that was hanging over the roadway.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

ACO- no report

Administrative Assistant to the Select Board- Jenna informed the BOS after speaking with JE O'Donnell and Associates that tax commitment will now take place on August 19, 2020 due to the petition to hold a Town Meeting.

Jenna stated the vent hood cleaning at the TMH was scheduled for July 7, 2020.

The mandated TRIO web software upgrade was nearly ready for launch. The original quote was signed in 2018 and the Town is first in line for the upgrade. The BOS will need to determine if they would like hosting for the software at an additional cost. By signing the quote 2 years prior to release the Town has saved over \$1,000.00 in upgrade fees. Ryan stated this would have to wait until after Town Meeting to have approved funding.

A proposed ordinance by Dan Davis, Oxford County resident and taxpayer was reviewed by the BOS. The ordinance is entitled as "Local Food and Community Self Governance Ordinance of 2020". Neighboring towns such as Brownfield and Sebago have adopted this ordinance. The BOS tabled the discussion.

Jenna has submitted an application for funds from the CARES act under the Keep ME Healthy Program. She is awaiting approval of the funds to assist the Town with PPE associated with COVID-19.

The BOS meeting on July 14, 2020 was discussed to reschedule due to Election Day at the Town Office. Staff are assisting with traffic flow to enable social distancing and safe practices. The BOS stated it would be best to reschedule before July 14, 2020.

Jenna has contacted many possible venues to hold the Annual Town Meeting including, Fryeburg Academy, Bridgton Academy, Lake Region High School, the MSAD 72 Superintendents office and all have stated they were not able to offer space for the meeting. Magic Lantern has submitted social distancing plans for review and Meg from Lovell Recreation stated the rec field could be utilized pro bono. A call to True Value Hardware for pricing on tents was received as well to be considered.

The petitioned Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed, and Jenna stated the Warrant would need to be updated with the time and venue. She also made note that article 35 concerning tax interest was incorrect. The Maine State Treasurers office contacted her with their error stating the highest rate that could be charged to the taxpayer was 8% not 9% that was quoted to her in January 2020. This will be noted at Town Meeting for all attendees to vote on.

CEO- no report

Clerk- Jenna submitted appointments for signatures by the BOS on behalf of Town Clerk Patricia Porter. Ryan made a motion to appoint Cheryl Bedan as Election Clerk, Patricia Patnaude as Warden, Alberta Ridlon as Warden and Arthur Dunlap as E-911 Addressing Officer, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved (2-0).

Fire Chief- no report

Road Commissioner- Ryan asked for the AA to contact Troy Morse to notify him of a washout on Hardscrabble Road at the Bridgton Town Line.

Tax Collector/Treasurer- Ryan made a motion to sign the Warrant dated June 23, 2020, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved (2-0).

Old Business- Ryan will reach out to Troy Morse regarding quotes for road repairs on Keyes Pond Road.

New Business- none

Communications and Correspondence- none

Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 6:20pm, Wayne 2nd the motion and it was approved (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Domer
Administrative Assistant to the Select Board