

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2020

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u> Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rick Surette, Selectman Rich Zacher, Laurie Champy, Ed Comeau

• Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept the non-public minutes from October 06, 2020 as drafted and leave sealed indefinitely. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

MOTION: Selectman Surette motioned to accept the minutes from October 06, 2020 as written. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept the minutes from October 23, 2020 as drafted. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept the minutes from November 02, 2020 as drafted. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Old Business: Selectman Surette reported he, the potential contractor to perform the Moose Mtn Rd bridge repair, and the Road Agent will be meeting to ensure the plans are suitable for meeting the requirements as set forth by the state. They are still hoping to move forward with this project this year.

Selectman Surette reported he is supplying a list of advisory road signs to the Road Agent for ordering.

• **Communication Committee:** As mentioned at the previous BOS meeting, communication was received from CC Broadband seeking support from the Selectmen. Selectman Zacher read aloud the exact wording. They are questioning if the Selectmen would support placing a Warrant Article for the Town to vote on to see if the Town would authorize the Selectmen to appoint 2 volunteer representatives from the Town to serve on the Communication District Planning Committee. There is no funding required. The intent is to form By-Laws and get paperwork in place to start the Communication District. Selectman Zacher stated they already have 1 volunteer and would only need one more.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to submit the wording on the Warrant for Town Meeting. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Selectman Zacher will notify Rick Hiland of the Board's decision to add the language to the Warrant.

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• Tax Collector: The Tax Collector provided the Tax Warrant in the amount \$1,116,538.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to approve the Tax Warrant and submit to the Tax Collector for her processing to collect the taxes. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

New Business: The ratio study from Assessing was reviewed. It shows the assessing data collected for sales this year indicates the Town's properties are assessed at 89.2% of fair market value.

A letter from CivicCMS Client, the website hosting company, was received indicating they have sold and are consolidating. A new license and service agreement was provided for acceptance and signature. The Selectmen requested Laurie review the contract.

Brad Williamson suggested relocating the temperature alarm from the inside to the outside of the closet in the Schoolhouse Building. If the door is not left ajar, the alarm is triggered. The Selectmen agree to move forward with this suggestion.

A budget meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, at 6pm. This meeting will be closed for public attendance due to the spike in Covid-19 cases. A Zoom link will be provided for viewing.

The Farmer's Market held in the Town House on Saturday was considered to be a success. The Selectmen discussed a request to allow food trucks at future Farmer's Market events. They agree they need additional information prior to being able to make a decision.

- Road Committee: The Road Committee meeting scheduled for this week has been cancelled.
- Mail/Bills: Selectman Robischeau read the bills into the record.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to pay the bills as read. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

• Heritage Commission: A recommendation was received from the Heritage Commission to appoint Harriet Wilson to a 3yr term, and Marilou MacLean to a 1yr term as Chairperson.

MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to accept the recommendation. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

- Planning Board: The Moose Mountain and Smith gravel pits were inspected and both pits passed inspection.
- **Treasurer:** The Town was awarded \$1,410.96 from a CARES Act Grant Marilou applied for. She will be submitting for additional grant monies.

Selectman Robischeau read aloud a letter received from Marilou, who was unable to be in attendance. The letter referenced the Agents to Expend motion previously made at the BOS meeting on 10/06/2020. The motion made stated, "MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned, as Agents to Expend, to pull out no more than \$90k to cover the paving costs this year. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.".

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Marilou requested the Motion amount be amended to the actual expenditure of \$81,116.64, to be removed from the Road and Bridge Repair Trust Account.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau stated he suggested we make that motion. Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2020, at 6:00pm, in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Champy Administrative Assistant