

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
6:30PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Kurt Youland called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Lisa Bennett, and Nathan Guptill. Absent: Angelo Terreri
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Revaluation discussion as 5-8.
3. **Rescue Department Report: 3-1: Regular Monthly Report:** 88 calls for month of August. Ross Gagne attended Life Flight Ground Training. Insurance will cover most of the wind damage done to the communication tower. Have hired 4 new non-medics with good experience and one of them is currently in paramedic school. Lisa will be getting some quotes to have some sheetrock done. Will bring quotes back to board.
4. **Fire Department Report: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report:** For the month of August department had 25 calls, ranging from car accidents to trees and wires down to woods fires. Department held an extrication training demo with some battery powered tools, the tools worked very well. SGT Dan Hansen with Maine State Police came to meeting and went over title 29-A training in regards to personal cars driving to fire calls. Nathan would like to purchase a new trailer to haul the side by side and the sled together. Board asked Nathan to get specs on the trailer he is looking for and to get some pricing. A suggested schedule and comparative examples from other towns was presented to the board to go ahead with the billing company. Motion and second to approve going ahead with the billing company for the fire department billing, unanimous vote.
5. **Town Manager's Report: 5-1: Financial Statements:** The latest statements provided to the Board for review. **5-2: November Election Considerations:** Town Clerk, Rebecca Allaire would like to request closing the Town Office counter operations on November 3rd, as was done for the July primary, due to the number allowed in the building due to COVID restrictions. Motion and second to close the counter on November 3rd, unanimous vote. **5-3: Androscoggin County Correspondence:** A comment in the Town Report on the escalating Androscoggin County tax burden elicited an explanatory letter from the County Administrator, Larry Post. In short final approval of the budget, it is true that the Commissioners have final authority over the budget, (except for their salaries). However in the last four years the Commissioners have approved the budget proposed by the Budget Committee. The relationship with the Budget Committee is excellent and has been jointly trying to ensure that the County provides quality services at a reasonable cost. **5-4: Paving/Construction Update:** The new Tidswell Road culvert was set in the streambed last week, following a greater than anticipated de-watering effort within the project work area. The road is expected to remain closed through the end of next week. Cold mix paving on Fish Street, the north end of Pleasant Pond Road and Bean Street will be put down Tuesday and Wednesday. **5-5: 2020-21 Hartford Fire**

Contract: A draft copy of the Hartford Fire Suppression Services contract for the current year. Motion and second to approve contract, unanimous vote. **5-6: Fiber Internet:**

The Town Office is contact to fiber internet and our routers reprogramed. **5-7:**

Informational Items: Our software vendor is now considering whether or not to offer an option to provide for deferral of federal payroll taxes, and is surveying their municipalities to see if any are planning on taking advantage of this program. It is recommended against by the Town Manager, as the IRS guidance states the program is optional and is a deferral only, not a forgiveness program. Motion and second not to participate, unanimous vote.

6. Consent Agenda: Motion and second to accept consent agenda, unanimous vote.

7. Executive Session – Personnel – pursuant to 1 M.R. S.A 405 (6) (A): Motion and second to enter into executive session at 8:10pm, unanimous vote.

8. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM