

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

JULY 20, 2020

6:30PM

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Kurt Youland, with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri and Kurt Schaub.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** No adjustments
- 3. Highway Department Report: 3-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Board reviewed monthly report. Kurt Schaub received final figures from Spencer's Paving and paving will begin early August.
- 4. Code Enforcement Officer's Report: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Board reviewed monthly report. Assessor states that from April 2019 – April 2020 about 30 new houses that will be assessed for taxes.
- 5. Town Manager's Report: 5-1: Fern Street Chip Seal:** After the July 6th meeting an email was received from All States Materials indicating that they intend to make good on the deteriorating chip seal put down on Fern Street last year. Board has asked Kurt Schaub to stay on top of this. **5-2: Tidswell Road Project Update:** The new culvert to be used in the Martin Stream crossing on Tidswell Road is now on site. Construction is due to begin around August 1st, depending on water level in the stream. When construction starts the road will be closed to through traffic. **5-3: Roadside Mowing:** Draft bid form for the roadside mowing was provided to the Board for review. Only change in the scope of work from last year is the removal of the annual landfill mowing. Motion and second to request for bids as presented, unanimous vote. **5-4: Town Report:** The Town Report is scheduled for mailing this week with the agreed upon sticker affixed to the cover. **5-5: Fire Department Billing:** Fire Chief Nathan Guptill and Kurt Schaub met with representatives of a company that performs billing services on behalf of fire departments, principally in the area or motor vehicle accidents that require vehicles and manpower for traffic control. Board asked that the Fire Chief do some homework as to what can and can't be billed and to discuss when the department really needs to be present and if services not needed to leave the scene. Discussion on the driving practices of some of the people on the department and the Board felt that a training with the Sheriff's department would be a good idea. Motion and second to have a training with the Sheriff's Department, with Kevin Nichols present as well, to review Emergency Vehicle Operations, unanimous vote. Board also requested that members who attend the training sign off that they attended the training as well to keep in their personal files. **5-6: Fire Department Pay Order:** Pay order covering Fire Department stipends for fiscal 2020-2021 was given to Board for review. Motion and second to approve pay order as presented, unanimous vote. **5-7: Solar Farm Tax Status:** Assessor Denis Berube has been contacted by one of the companies that has

received Planning Board approval for a solar farm. The company is now inquiring about how the town intends to treat them from a tax standpoint, particularly as they have an agreement to provide utility credits to a utility customer. The reference to the agreement ties into a new law in which a tax exemption is granted. Denis is looking into this for an anticipated presentation to the Board. **5-8: Informational Report:** Bid notices have been issued and advertised for the tax-acquired properties at 200 Buckfield Road and 684 Lower Street in anticipation of an award during the August 3rd meeting. **FYI:** TAA fall sports will be starting soon, sign ups have gone out.

- 6. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda, unanimous vote.
- 7. Executive Session – Personnel – Town Manager pursuant to 1 M. R. S. A. 405 (6) (A):** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:38pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 8:15pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to review town fees during August 3 meeting, unanimous vote.
- 8. Adjournment:** Motion and second to adjourn at 8:15pm, unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM