

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
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, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett and Nathan Guptill. Guest: Travis Stearns
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Western Maine Line Pole Permit add as 8-8, County Budget Vacancy add as 8-9, and Comprehensive Plan add as 8-10.
- 3. General Assistance Maximums – 2021-22: 3-1: Review Rates/Maximums:** New rates from Maine Department of Health and Human Services to be used for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 reviewed. **3-2: Public Hearing:** Public Hearing opened, no comments from the public. Public hearing closed. **3-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to accept rates as presented, unanimous vote.
- 4. Natural History Club Building Bid:** No bids received.
- 5. Fiscal 2022 Tax Commitment: 5-1: Revenue Budget/Use of Fund Balance:** There is a revenue budget for MSAD 52, this is because the school board voted to turn \$300,000 of their additional state aid for education over to the towns. Turner's share comes to \$145,890. Utilizing \$200,000 of current fund balance to reduce the commitment will leave the fund balance at \$2.1 million. **5-2: Rate Scenarios:** Three rate scenarios presented to the board. Motion and second to approve 11.40 mil rate with and overlay in the amount of \$212,361.66, unanimous vote.
- 6. Rescue Report:** Total calls for the month of August were 86 bringing the year to date calls to 667. Will be doing CPR training this month. By October 30th all rescue staff will need to be vaccinated, have already lost two staff due to the mandate. Chief Bennett asked the board permission to bring on some unlicensed staff into the department that are in training currently. Motion and second to approve bringing on unlicensed staff, unanimous vote.
- 7. Fire Department Report:** For the month of August the department had 17 calls bringing the year to date total to 112 calls. The department held a car fire training in August.
- 8. Town Manager's Report: 8-1: Pay Order 22-7:** Order follows up on action taken at last meeting relative to the Code Enforcement Officer, as well as the new hire at the Town Office, the budget impact is neutral – within limits. Motion and second to approve Pay Order 22-7, unanimous vote. **8-2: Eagle Scout Project:** Eagle Scout Candidate Gavin Holbrook is in the planning stages on improvements to the Old French Cemetery on Wilson Hill Road. The plans are to repair the fence, redo the sign, and clean the headstones where appropriate. A few trees will be removed and the site will be cleaned up. **8-3: BQMC Improvements:** Kurt Schaub met with Kelvin Youland and he has agreed to help with specifications for the bid to reside and re-roof the BQMC. **8-4: Planning**

Board Appointments/Schedule: There are two vacancies on the Planning Board and two individuals have expressed an interest in serving. The individual's sheets were provided to the Board. Motion and second to appoint Eben Shaw, unanimous vote.

8-5: ARPA Funds: Over the past three weeks, the state has had towns complete a series of steps to get these funds will go into a Special Revenue account which will function much the same as a reserve account to be drawn down as the bills for approved projects are paid.

8-6: Transfer Station: On Saturday, August 28, the Transfer Station's bulky waste containers filled to capacity several hours prior to closing. There is some speculation that some residents bring in materials for out of town friends, we are planning a sticker checkpoint for the very near future and stricter regulations on bulky waste.

8-7: Informational Report: Nothing to report. **8-8: Western Maine Pole Line Permit:** Motion and second to approve pole on Potato Road, unanimous.

8-9: County Budget Vacancy: Board asked to think about people that may be interested and will revisit.

8-10: Comprehensive Planning Board: The board would like to invite the Comprehensive Planning Board to their next meeting to discuss where we go from here after comprehensive plan voted down.

9. Consent Agenda: Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM