

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**  
**6:30PM**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Kurt Youland and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett, Nick Merry and Kent Harrington.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. 2022-23 Fuel Bid: 3-1: Review Bids:** Received two bids: **Blanchard's Cash Fuel:** Fixed Oil \$3.7190, Variable Oil \$3.7200, Fixed Propane \$1.8300 and Variable Propane \$1.4750. **Dead River:** Fixed Oil \$3.7090, Variable Oil \$3.8290, Fixed Propane \$1.8700 and Variable Propane \$1.8600. **3-2: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to award bid to Blanchard for Variable Oil and Variable Propane, unanimous vote.
- 4. Androscoggin County Commissioner Sally Christner:** Postponed to next meeting.
- 5. Public Safety Reports: 5-1: Rescue Department Monthly Report:** Total calls for month of September were 123 bringing year to date calls to 935 up 172 calls from last year. Will be having a Cold Water Drowning training. Mike Spugnardi had been working on a sign for the Boofy Quimby Hall before the last chief left, board asked Lisa to get a price on the sign. Motion and second to approve up to \$600 for the new sign, unanimous vote. **5-2: Fire Department Monthly Report:** Total calls for month of September were 39 bringing the year to date calls to 265 up 65 calls from last year. 3 members of the department will start their FF1 & 2 class in October. Department has been in the schools participating in fire drills. Working with the snowmobile and ATV clubs to zone out the Riverlands area so it's easier to locate anyone in trouble. On October 15<sup>th</sup> will be having an Open House at Boofy Quimby from 10am-2pm.
- 6. Town Manager's Report: 6-1: Financial Statements:** Most recent revenue and expense reports provided to the Board for review. **6-2: 2023 State Valuation:** The most recent preliminary 2023 State Valuation from Maine Revenue Services was provided for review. The first page is nearly 19 percent increase in Turner's State Valuation. Some of this is new value picked up as part of the revaluation, but a large part of it appears to come out of the property sales study. **6-3: Planning Board Update:** The planning board will begin review of applications for a machine shop, a self-storage facility, a 3-lot subdivision at the airport, three new solar projects as well as a pre-application presentation for Aroma Joe's. **6-4: Route4/117 Traffic Signal:** Representatives from DOT discussed their rationale for proposing a traffic signal at the Rout4/117 intersection. Among concerns expressed by Turner representatives were whether heavy trucks coming down the hill would have time and distance enough to stop, and the difficulty they would have getting up over the hill from a dead stop. Suggestions were for them to consider a circle/rotary, and to install the signal at Weston Road first to see if this

intersection benefits from gaps in southbound traffic, much like northbound traffic gets broken up by the signal at Hannaford. There was no indication that DOT would change their minds. The board asked Kurt Schaub to do some research on what the town's next step would be to try and stop this from happening. **6-5: Boston Tea Party Participate Event:** On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> representatives from the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum will be at the Centerville Cemetery to place a marker at the grave of Joseph Ludden who, at age 20 in 1773, was a participant in the historic event. The event will begin at 11am. **6-6: Informational Report:** Kent Harrington would like to request adding another full time employee to the Highway Department. The reason it would free Kent up to do more maintenance on the fleet, would save some in the temporary salaries, but would add Flex benefits, vacation/sick time benefits, all of which Kurt Schaub says would be doable. Board asked Kent to see if the person he had in mind would be able to wait until December 1<sup>st</sup> to be hired and then the board will revisit and make a decision.

7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve consent agenda, unanimous vote.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM