

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021
6:35PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Kurt Youland, with the Pledge of Allegiance being said.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Transfer Station as item 6-13.
3. **2021-22 Fuel Bid: 3-1: Review Bids:** Received two bids:
 - Blanchard's Cash Fuel:** \$2.2590 for Fixed Oil, \$2.5700 for Variable Oil, \$1.3500 for Fixed Propane and \$2,0260 for Variable Propane.
 - Dead River:** \$2,8190 for Fixed Oil, \$2,7060 for Variable Oil, \$2,2850 for Fixed Propane, and \$2,2800 for Variable Propane. **3-2: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to award the bid to Blanchard's for the Fixed Oil and Propane, unanimous vote.
4. **Rescue Department Report:** For the month of September had 103 calls, total calls for the year to date is 763, up 34 calls from last year. Will be holding a training on Transportation of Children.
5. **Fire Department Report:** Department had 20 calls in the month of September bringing the total calls to 132 year to date.
6. **Town Manager's Report: 6-1: Financial Statements:** Board reviewed statements. **6-2: 2022 State Valuation:** Board provided the official notification of Turner's state valuation. The results of the town-wide revaluation will kick in at this time next year. As the current notice indicates, the board can either accept it (do nothing), or appeal the current value by November 15th. The state valuation is used to apportion county taxes and the MSAD 52 local share. The county uses current values for their split, while the school district uses a three year average. **6-3: Egg Farm:** The egg farm continues to scale back its operation, Kurt Schaub has reached out to their management in Connecticut and should hear next week when they might have the appropriate people in Turner to meet with the board to discuss what the future might hold for the farm. **6-4: Majestic Heights Subdivision Setback Issue:** CEO Ross Gagne recently processed a building permit application for a new home within the Majestic Heights subdivision. On the form, the applicant indicated compliance with Turner's Zoning Ordinance setback requirements. In the case of Majestic Heights, however, the subdivision plan contains "building envelopes" on each lot, and listed in the Planning Board's conditions of approval are that nothing may be built outside of the specified envelope on any lot. The side setback generally used on the "envelopes" is 40 feet. The new home approved by Ross, now under construction, is setback 35 feet – 5 feet outside the building envelope. We have now been asked to provide a letter indicating the town will take no action in this particular matter – for the benefit of the mortgage lender. Motion and second to approve providing the letter, unanimous vote. **6-5: ARPA Funds:** Kurt Schaub sat through a Maine Municipal Association Convention session on use of ARPA funds and

have little new to offer in terms of clearly permissible uses. **6-6: Lower Street Paving:** A vote will be needed on whether to complete paving on Lower Street – to the point where it widens out at the High School – at an estimated cost of \$171,597, using either ARPA funds, or if later considered an unacceptable use, transfer the expense to the FY 2023 Paving and Construction account. Motion and second to approve completing paving on Lower Street, 4 in favor 1 opposed. **6-7: New Western Star Truck:** The new truck was delivered to Viking Cives on Wednesday. Viking took it into their shop immediately to begin work. **6-8: Leavitt Institute Building:** Had a smoke detector go bad at the Institute which revealed an access concern by the Fire Department and a review of access, alarm and monitoring protocols have been updated. **6-9: Planning Board:** The Planning Board has no pending applications so it will not meet during the month of October. **6-10: Town House/Historical Society:** The hazardous trees at the Town House have been removed, along with some of the unsightly landscaping and other scrub trees, and work is set to begin to prepare the pad for the Historical Society to erect a structure to shelter the historic replicas from the 1986 Bicentennial Parade. **6-11: BQMC Improvements/Repairs:** Have located an individual who is both qualified and available to take care of missing nails and other problems causing leaks in the building. Work is progressing. Kurt Schaub has had an additional meeting with Kelvin Youland about bid specs for roofing and siding. **6-12: Informational Report:** Nothing to report. **6-13: Transfer Station:** Maintenance needs to be down on the equipment, the drains are clogged under the containers. Board asked Kurt Schaub to see if the Highway Department could unclog the drains.

7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote.
8. **Executive Session – Personnel – Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A) – Emergency Services:** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:14pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 7:50pm, unanimous vote. Motion, second to increase Rescue Department wages by 7 percent, unanimous vote. Noted that adjustment is to prevent attrition to other departments that have increased wages for emergency medical services. Mr. Schaub is to research use of ARPA funds for this purpose.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion, second, unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M Allaire, CCM