

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2021
7:05PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Kurt Youland, with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, and Kurt Schaub. Guest: Griffin Brosseau
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add 2022 State Valuation as item 5-9.
3. **Highway Manager's Report: 3-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Board reviewed report, no discussion. **3-2: New Western Star:** The new chassis will arrive at O'Connor during the week of August 23rd and will be sent directly to Viking Cives for installation of the plow equipment and the dump body that was taken off the old Sterling chassis. The dump body will be painted following mounting at Viking. **3-3: Lower Street Paving:** Spencer Group is scheduled to tackle Turner's projects during the week of August 23rd. Discussion whether the board would like to utilize the towns ARPA funds to complete paving on Lower Street this year, it is presently scheduled for a heavy shim this year with finish paving next year. Motion and second to just complete the heavy shim as planned this year, unanimous vote.
4. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Board reviewed report, no discussion. Ross received his Shore land Zoning Certificate.
5. **Town Manager's Report: 5-1: Revaluation/2022 Tax Commitment:** Assessors from O'Donnell and Associates met with approximately 35 taxpayers, during the week of August 2nd. Some accounts were adjusted as a result. Their schedule calls for values to be set prior to end of the month, which sets the stage for Tax Commitment during the September 7th Board of Selectmen meeting. **5-2: Staff Vacancy/Recruitment:** August 16th, is the application deadline for our office vacancy. Becky and Kurt Schaub will be reviewing applications and setting up interviews. **5-3: Woodlot Sale Closing/BQMC Improvements:** The closing for the town woodlot is now complete and the BQMC Reserve Fund balance is now \$245,531.50. based on the conversation held prior to last week's Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing, the board would like to tackle the following:
 - a. Roof Replacement – Remove existing roofing, install sheathing and new metal roofing with ice and water shield at edges and valleys. Also need to see about adding insulation in attic area.
 - b. Siding – New metal siding, side and rear access doors.Board would like to have Kurt Schaub have a contractor look at the building to give some insight on how to write up the bid. **5-4: Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting Follow-Up:** Kurt Schaub provided the board with an email from Sally Christner for review, no action taken. **5-5: Planning Board:** The Planning Board will hold a public hearing August 18th on an application for a medical marijuana retail store to be located at 41 Auburn Road, which is the triangular piece of property at the intersection of Route 4 and Conant Road.

The applicant, Vincent Giambona, has already been approved for a storefront at his facility further down the road which he will abandon (storefront only) if this application is successful. **5-6: Proposed Signal – Route 4 & Weston Road:** Kurt Schaub contacted the Maine Department of Transportation with the concern that installing an additional signal might inadvertently shift responsibility to the town to maintain a section of Route 4. The answer is that it would not change the responsibility that DOT will maintain all of Route 4 in Turner, as always. They did ask if the Town would be willing to shoulder the power bill for the signal, at this time the boards response is no. **5-7: Pole Permit:** To be located near the end of Conant Road, motion and second to approve, unanimous. **5-8: Informational Report:** Mr. Schaub reported Code Officer Ross Gagne earned his Shoreland Zoning certification, which triggers a wage adjustment. Motion and second to increase Mr. Gagne’s wage by 50 cents. Pay order to be signed September 7. **5-9: 2022 State Valuation/Report of Assessment Review:** Report provided from Maine Revenue Services based on August 2020 Tax Commitment and 2019-2020 sales data. Shows, among other things, that property assessments dipped to 67 percent of sale prices.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented, unanimous vote.
7. **Executive Session – Personnel – Office Staff Vacancy (1MRSA 405 (6)(A):** Did not have session
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire