

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
AUGUST 2, 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: Elaine Burkham and Everett Rice.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add: Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting as 8-7, Merger of L/A 911 and Androscoggin Dispatch as 8-8, Natural History Club Building Bid as 8-9, replace adjournment with Executive Session – Town Office Staff pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405-6A.\
- 3. Medical Marijuana License Application – Everett Rice: 3-1 Review Application:** This is an initial license application for a Cultivation Facility that was initially approved by the Department of Health and Human Services. CEO Ross Gagne inspected and all was good. **3-2: Public Hearing:** Opened Public Hearing, no comments from the public, hearing closed. **3-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote.
- 4. Roadside Mowing Bid:** 4-1: Review Bids: Received one bid from Hood Farm LLC in the amount of \$7,500 and \$90 per hour for additional work. **4-2: Action as Warranted:** Warren Hood abstained from this article. Motion and second to accept the bid from Hood Farm LLC, 4 in favor, 1 abstained.
- 5. Elaine Burkham – Willard Drive: 5-1: Road Status/Interest in Unbuilt Portion:** Elaine Burkham submitted a written request concerning her desire to purchase the property along a section of Willard Drive that was never constructed as well as being at tonight's meeting to discuss the purchase with the board. **5-2: Action as Warranted:** In order for Elaine purchase the land it would first have to be approved at a Town Meeting for the Town to be able to sell the property and then would have to go out to bid. Board agreed to add this as a Warrant Article for the April Town Meeting.
- 6. Rescue Department Report:** Total calls for July were 96 with year to date calls at 565. Will be doing a pediatric training this month. Unit 1 is all approved from insurance to get fixed after hitting a deer. Chief, Lisa Bennett wanted to remind the board that she would like to request a new generator for the station when town receives COVID Relief Funding.
- 7. Fire Department Report:** For the month of July department had 11 calls putting total to 95 for the year. New per diem are doing a great job, the station looks great, and they have been helping out tremendously. Trucks have been inspected and pump tested.
- 8. Town Manager's Report: 8-1: Financial Statements:** Statements provided to the board for review. **8-2: Quitclaim Deed:** Kurt Youland abstained from this article. Draft deed for the transfer of the town woodlot to Turner Investment Properties. Motion and second to accept Quitclaim Deed, 4 in favor 1 abstained. **8-3: Warrant – August 16**

Special Town Meeting: Draft Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to consider adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Also to be considered is the article to re designate the remaining Comprehensive Plan funds to fund professional service expenses to draft ordinance amendments, consistent with the plan. Motion and second to approve Warrant as presented, unanimous. **8-4: Maine DOT Safety Improvements – Route 4 & Weston Road:** Like the intersection at Route 117 and Route 219, the Weston Road intersection with Route 4 is a top candidate for safety improvements. The department is proposing to add a traffic signal, in addition to other signage and roadway markings. Board asked Town Manager to look into what the Town’s Liability would be. **8-5: Revaluation:** O’Donnell and Associates has mailed notices of new values to all taxpayers. The completed list of new values is available on the town’s website. Taxpayer meetings will be held on August 3, 4, and 5th. The final estimated tax rate used in the notices is 11.8 mils. **8-6: Informational Report:** Highway Department Manager Leland Searles advises that it appears the dump body from the old pit truck will most likely fit on the back of the black Sterling, which has a much stronger engine. **8-7: Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting:** Have received confirmation that all Greene and Leeds Selectmen, as well as three members of MSAD 52 board will be in attendance. The meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 11th. **8-8: Merger of L/A 911 and Androscoggin Dispatch:** Sally Christner sent an email as an FYI and to let the board know if they have any questions or explanations they would like addressed please forward them to her. **8-9: Natural History Club Building Bid:** Draft Bid Notice presented to the Board. Motion and second to put out to bid with the removal date being changed to January 1, 2022, unanimous vote.

9. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept Consent Agenda, unanimous vote.
10. **Executive Session – Town Office Staff pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405 (6) (A):** Motion and second to enter into Executive Session at 7:50pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit Executive Session at 8:03pm, unanimous vote. No action taken.
11. **Adjournment:** Motion and second to Adjourn at 8:03pm, unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM