

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020
6:30 P.M.

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Kurt Youland, with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett, Nathan Guptill, Dennis Spencer
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda** – Mr. Terreri requested a discussion on Recreation Fields. Unanimously agreed to add as item 7-6.
- 3. Paving Bid** – Mr. Schaub reported two bids were received – Spencer Paving and St. Laurent. St. Laurent bid \$74.45 per ton of material (in place) for the specified hot mix projects, with no bid for cold mix, and Spencer bid \$77.80 per ton for hot mix and \$69.60 for the cold mix work. The best price total for all projects amounts to more than \$535,000. Mr. Schaub provided a projection of upcoming Paving and Construction work, including the town’s share of the Tidswell Road bridge project. He estimates the balance available for paving is roughly \$335,000. Mr. Schaub is to provide a reduced project list to both paving companies to see if they will maintain their prices for less work. He also will nail down a final price for the Tidswell Road box culvert.
- 4. Rescue Department Report** – Rescue Chief Lisa Bennett reported 57 calls for April which is significantly down. She said call the department responds to an average of 80 to 100 calls monthly. She is concerned that the public is waiting until symptoms are exceptionally severe before seeking medical attention. Year-to-date calls are 326, which is ahead of last year (298). She reported her budget is tight, as the department is already over on fuel mainly because the new ambulance uses regular gasoline instead of diesel. Group training is still on hold because of COVID-19, but individual online BLS training is up to date, and department will soon begin Zoom training through Atlantic Partners, at no charge. She reported the department received \$5,926.25 in federal CARES Act funding to offset added expenses from COVID-19. Unanimously agreed to apply funds to offset expenses, as opposed to posting it as departmental revenue. Additional funding may be provided.
- 5. Fire Department Report** – Fire Chief Nathan Guptill reported 41 calls for April, including 22 during the April 23 storm. Monthly meetings are still on hold but regular truck checks are taking place so all vehicles are ready to go as needed. He said residents may now obtain burn permits online - free - through a service called Warden’s Report.
- 6. COVID-19 - 6-1: Reopening Plan** – Governor Mills’ plan to restart Maine’s economy was reviewed. **6-2: MMA Letter to Governor** – This letter that outlines specific municipal concerns, particularly on the subject of town meetings and elections, also was reviewed. **6-3: Town Office Reopening** – Agreed there are no precautionary differences between present day and June 1 to reopen the Town Office. Motion, second and unanimous vote to reopen Town Office on May 11. Sanitary and occupancy precautions will be utilized.

6-4: Town Beach Opening – Motion, second and unanimous vote to open Town Beach per ordinance, which is the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend. Attendants and rules will both encourage social distancing, but it will be up to users to adhere to guidelines. Passes go on sale May 15. **6-5: July 3-4 Activities** – Selectman Steve Maheu reported July 4 parade and Festival on the Green organizers have cancelled those events for this year. **6-6: July 14 Referendum Election** – Referendum votes (state and MSAD 52) to take place that day. **6-7: Town Meeting** – No action at this time. **6-8: Other Considerations** – Mr. Terreri noted that Turner Athletic Association is not holding any organized recreation activities at this time.

- 7. Town Manager's Report** – **7-1: Tidswell Road Project** – Noted a lower price had been found from a different manufacturer for the box culvert to be installed. Motion, second and unanimous vote to purchase alternative at \$13,000 savings. **7-2: Highway Cutting Edges** – Mr. Schaub reported sufficient funds remain in Winter Roads budget to purchase all of the cutting edges needed for next winter. Motion, second and unanimous vote to authorize the purchase. **7-3: Solar Farm Building Permit Fee** – Mr. Maheu asked that this vote be reconsidered. Mr. Schaub reported on the handful of towns that reported on their fees. All were higher than the \$100 per acre voted during the April 6 meeting. Motion and second to make no change to fee. Four in favor, one opposed. **7-4: Planning Board** – Reported that a Zoom meeting was scheduled for May 13 to keep Planning Board applications moving. **7-5: Informational Report** – No items. **7-6: Recreation Fields** – Mr. Terreri reported the TAA fields on North Parish Road were being used without permission and that, to preserve the fields, they would be posted.
- 8. Consent Agenda:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to approve Consent Agenda.
- 9. Executive Session:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss negotiations with Union. Motion, second and unanimous decision to exit Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. No action taken.
- 10. Adjourn:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt E. Schaub