

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020
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: Kurt Youland, Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Angelo Terreri, Warren Hood, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett and Nathan Guptill. Guests: Edward DuGay, Katrina Duffin, Ken Fredette, Mark Dion

2. Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion, second and unanimous vote to add County Budget at item 8-8.

3. Medical Marijuana Licenses: 3-1: Review of Applications – Mr. Schaub noted that all six applications are for Caregiver Cultivation Areas that are all located within the building at 57 Conant Road. The individual applicants are Dustin Veinott, Jung Yen Tsai, Jieneng Huang, Edward DuGay, Laurie Crocker Tourtelotte and Devin McNeil. **3-2: Inspection Report** – Mr. Schaub said he inspected the premises on September 24 and found the applicants met or exceeded the standards within the licensing ordinance. The criminal background check revealed no disqualifying drug offences by any of the applicants. **3-3: Public Hearing** – Mr. Youland opened the Public Hearing for comment. Attorney Ken Fredette said his clients, which own the building, appreciated the opportunity to carry on their business in town. There were no other comments. **3-4: Action** - Motion and second to accept approve the license applications, unanimous vote.

4. General Assistance Maximums: 4-1: Review of Maximums – Mr. Terreri asked what changed this year. Mr. Schaub said the changes are increases in the allowable amounts for food and housing. **4-2: Public Hearing** – No public comment offered. **4-3: Action** – Motion, second and unanimous vote to approve the new maximums as presented.

5. Fuel Bid: 5-1: Review of Bids - Bids for heating fuel were received from two vendors – Blanchard’s and Dead River – and were reviewed. **5-2: Action** - Motion, second and unanimous vote to accept the fixed-price bids from Blanchard’s for both No. 2 Heating Fuel and Propane.

6. Rescue Department Report: 6-1: Regular Monthly Report – Chief Lisa Bennett reported the department has responded to 730 calls since January 1. She also indicated her expense report indicates the department is on target, with the exception of the increased expense for Medical Supplies due to late billing from Central Maine Medical Center. She now has a system to track billings. The radio antenna by the golf course has been repaired with no complaints as yet. She asked for input on the department’s traditional Halloween activities. Agreed to carry on, with precautions. Lisa said she now believes upwards of 75 households within the community have been affected by COVID-19. Warren asked if she had heard of problems with people running out of water. Lisa said she has had a few calls, and that people can get water at the station, if needed.

7. Fire Department Report: 7-1: Regular Monthly Report – Chief Nathan Guptill reported 20 calls during September. He said their FEMA grant request for air packs had been rejected,

most likely because the units they selected were too expensive. Plan to reprice and resubmit. Kevin asked how the department's equipment functioned during the recent structure fire on Bean Street. Nathan said it did well other than Engine 7 not being equipped for foam. Chiefs Guptill and Bennett then left the meeting to respond to an emergency call. It was noted the department's equipment needs should be reviewed.

- 8. Town Manager's Report: 8-1: Financial Statements** – September Income and Expense reports were reviewed. **8-2: Revaluation Contract** – The proposed contract with O'Donnell and Associates for the town-wide revaluation project was reviewed. Motion, second and voted four in favor, one abstained (Maheu) to approve the contract. **8-3: Election Grant** – Mr. Schaub reported the town received a \$5,000 grant to support the upcoming election and the additional efforts required as the result of COVID-19. Among the items to be covered will be an ultraviolet system to be added to the Town Office HVAC. **8-4: Proposed State Valuation** – The annual reporting of the town's proposed state valuation from Maine Revenue Services was reviewed. The state valuation is used to determine county tax and local school apportionments, among other things. **8-5: Tidswell Road Project Update** – Mr. Youland reported that the repair work on the Tidswell Road culvert is complete and certified by a structural engineer. The road will be paved within the week, with guardrails to be installed soon after. Also discussed was the cold mix work done by the town crew east of the culvert site, which doesn't meet expectations. Motion, second and unanimous vote to approve up to \$20,000 to have the paving contractor lay hot mix pavement to the problem area, to be coordinated with the paving work at the culvert site. **8-6: November Election Update** – Approximately 1,200 absentee ballots have been sent out, representing 25 percent of registered voters in town. **8-7: Informational Report** – Mr. Schaub distributed the COVID-19 protocol, to be followed in the event an employee believes they may have been exposed and/or is diagnosed with the virus. **8-8: County Budget** – Mr. Nichols, who represents Turner on the County Budget Committee, discussed his concerns with the process by which that committee recommended spending \$100,000 more than was requested by the County Sheriff to purchase scanning equipment for the jail.
- 9. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda, 3 in favor, Maheu and Nichols abstained as they had not attended September 28 Special Meeting.
- 10. Executive Session – Personnel – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) – Code Enforcement Officer:** Motion and second to enter executive session at 8:05pm, unanimous vote. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit executive session at 8:30pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to appoint Ross Gagne as Code Enforcement Officer, and to adjust the salaries of the Town Manager and Rescue Chief commensurate with a redistribution of duties, effective the week of October 11. The appropriate pay order will be presented for signature during the October 19 meeting.
- 11. Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt E. Schaub, Town Manager