

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2023**  
**6:30PM**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Kurt Youland and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett and Nick Merry. Guest: Janet and Roger White.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. Little Wilson Pond Road Signs – Janet White:** **3-1: Discussion:** Janet is concerned that the public is crossing private property to access the pond, there is no way to access the pond without crossing private property so she would like permission to post signs advising that there is no public access to Little Wilson Pond. **3-2: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to allow Little Wilson Pond Association permission to post signage stating no public access to Little Wilson Pond, unanimous vote.
- 4. Liquor License Renewal – Highland Grille:** **4-1: Review Application:** Application was reviewed have not had any complaints. **4-2: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve renewal liquor license, unanimous vote.
- 5. Public Safety Reports:** **5-1: Rescue Department Monthly Report:** There were 129 calls for the month of January, up 145 year to date from last year. Finishing up BLS training in February. The new lights in the rescue bays are wonderful, much brighter. Department was awarded a Forestry Grant in the amount of \$2,773. Lisa had spoken to the School Superintendent about their price for diesel, Lisa would like to look into possibly having a tank installed so that town can get a contracted price which would be cheaper than purchasing from local businesses, no action taken at this time. Department received a \$20,000 donation from Bill & Phyllis Hobbs, which will be used for purchasing a Lucas Device. **5-2: Fire Department Monthly Report:** Department responded to 42 calls in the month of January. Started BLS training hope to be completed in March. Engine 92 is fully back in service. LT Caron was promoted to Captain, and Lucien Richard to LT.
- 6. Town Manager's Reports:** **6-1: Financial Statements:** Most current reports provided to the board for review. **6-2: Town Report Bid:** Draft bid solicitation was provided for review for the Town Report. Motion and second to put out to bid as presented, unanimous vote. **6-3: Town Report Dedication:** This should be decided fairly soon, some suggestions were discussed, but it's a secret 😊 **6-4: Transfer Station Container Repairs:** Provided to the board a proposal from RJR Welding & Fabrication to complete repairs on two of the large roll-off containers. In September, 2021, a total of \$17,000 was approved to repair all three. Work was completed on one, at a cost of \$9,100, before that welder went to work elsewhere. RJR can complete the work for \$8,785, which brings the total repair cost to \$17,885. Funds would come from the Solid Waste Reserve, which presently has a balance of just under \$25,000. Motion and second to

approve the extra funds to complete repairs, unanimous vote. Board will go visit the transfer station on Wednesday for a walk thru to see what can be done to update and improve the transfer station. **6-5: MSAD 52 – Terms of Directors:** Town Clerk, Becky Allaire was asked why Turner’s school board members start their new terms immediately upon election instead of having the term run concurrent with their fiscal year, which is what other towns do. The issue is the potential to put people into office in the middle of the district budget process, which could leave them at a disadvantage. Kurt Schaub spoke about this with Betsy Bullard, and she agreed it can be extremely awkward for new directors. The way to change this is to include an article on the Town Meeting warrant to adjust the term to match the fiscal year instead of the default Town Meeting to Town Meeting. This would not affect other elective positions and would take effect next year as the vote to change the term must take place at least 90 days prior to voting for the affected offices. If agreed Kurt Schaub will draft a warrant article for this year’s Town Meeting, making the change effective 2024. Motion and second to have Kurt Schaub draft warrant article, unanimous vote. **6-6: Excavator Quotes:** Highway Manager Kent Harrington has obtained quotes for several excavators that he believes will work well for the department. Criteria is that the machine should be large enough to do most of the work needed efficiently, but small enough to take up only one lane of the road when ditching. Current excavator is too large for basic ditching and would be housed at the Transfer Station where it does an outstanding job piling up metal, so it would not have to be moved there each time it is needed. There is \$100,000 of the town’s ARPA funds dedicated for this purchase and the balance would come from the Highway Capital Account. Board would like to table this and discuss during the budget process. **6-7: Maine DOT Work Plan:** Kurt Schaub provided to the board Turner’s pages from the latest Maine DOT 3-year work plan. Board have asked Kurt Schaub to call Maine DOT to see if bridge by end of Lower Street can be slated now instead of 2025.

7. **Consent Agenda:** One abatement for land on Jordan Lane where the late John Jordan’s home stood. The assessment contains value for a well and septic that no longer exist. The abatement will eliminate that value. Motion and second to approve the abatement, unanimous vote. Motion and second to approve consent agenda, unanimous vote.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM**