

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 3, 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 and Lisa Bennett. Guest: Nat & Pete Pilsbury, Beverly Leavitt, Terri Ham, Penny Jaskalen, Sarah Foster, Jenny Maheu, Janice Whitcomb Kilbreth and Penny Sampson.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Legal Matter, Executive Session ad as 7B. Add Boston Cane as 5-3.
- 3. Old Business:**
 - 3-1: North Turner Community Center – Window Project:** The Board dedicated the Town Report to the organizers of the fundraising efforts and presented them with flowers.
 - 3-2: Century Boxes – Historical Association:** Nat Pilsbury presented a list of dates to display the boxes and dates to view the open boxes and their contents. Nat asked the board permission to approve the viewing dates and the open and closing dates, motion and second to approve dates, unanimous vote. The committee asked if the town would help with the cost of the celebration, motion and second to approve \$1,000 from the Bicentennial Fund, unanimous vote. Receipts will be turned in to Town Clerk, Rebecca Allaire. A box will be at the Museum and Town Office to collect items for the new Century Box, the committee will go through items and decide on which will be placed in the box.
 - 3-3: Town Meeting Warrant/Ordinances – Final:** The final Town Meeting Warrant and ordinance amendments were presented to the board. The Warrant is unchanged from the version that was previously reviewed and printed in the Town Report. Motion and second to approve as written, unanimous vote.
- 4. New Business:**
 - 4-1: Quitclaim Deed – Tax Acquired Property:** Deed presented to board for transferring the property at 27 Jordan Lane to Argyle Properties, which was the high bidder. Argyle has not yet completed the purchase, and the deed will not be turned over until that occurs. Per the terms of the sale, they have until April 20 to provide the final payment.
 - 4-2: Projected School Budget Increase – Discussion:** When initially proposed, Turner's portion of the proposed school budget would have risen from \$6.4 million to \$7.5 million or an increase of about 17 percent. Since, then an error was discovered in the Department of Education's calculation of state aid for education, and other reductions were made in MSAD 52 budget process. The projected local share is now up 12.75 percent, to \$7.23 million. Enclosed for the Selectmen are worksheets indicating the adjustments in the state aid calculation, as well as a summary of projected revenues and assessments for the coming year.
 - 4-3: Mowing Bid Draft:** A draft bid was presented to the board for approval. Motion and second to put out to bid as presented, unanimous vote.

- 5. Regular Reports: 5-1: Fire/Rescue Department:** Total calls for rescue for the month of March was 111 bringing the year to date total to 339. Training for April will be Trauma Management. Department has started to use the new credit cards. Waiting for the electrician to hook up the new diesel tank. Fire Suppression/Emergency Response Contract Services presented for board for signature, as previously approved. The board would like to see an increase in the next contract with Hartford. Motion and second to approve the Rescue Fire/Rescue Chief job description as presented, unanimous vote. A number of Buckfield Rescue staffed walked out, which Turner and Buckfield used to be Mutual Aid for each other, but with low staff in Buckfield the mutual aid may not balance out, so Rescue Chief is asking permission to bill for charge for ALS calls for Buckfield, motion and second to authorize Rescue Chief to charge for services provided to Buckfield, unanimous vote. **5-2: Town Manager Report: 5-2a: Financial Statements:** The revenue and expense reports were provided to the board for review. **5-2b: Electronic Message Sign:** Looking at about a month for our electrician to run the power line for the new electronic message sign at the Town Office. When the electrician is ready, Public Works will trench for the line and repair the east entrance into the parking lot. **5-2c: Boofy Quimby Hall Sign:** One of the two posts that supports the sign at the Boofy Quimby Hall broke during the strong wind storm. One of the two posts broke off at the base, and has rotted. Highway crew has stabilized the sign. Will revisit at a later date replacing the sign when do the parking lot. **5-3: Boston Cane:** Have an idea of who the oldest resident is, Kurt Schaub will verify and set up presentation of the cane.
- 6. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda.
- 7. Executive Session – Code Enforcement – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 406)6)(H):**
Executive Session – Legal Matter – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (4):
- 8. Adjournment:**

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM