

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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, Nathan Guptill, Leland Searles. Guests Present: Turner Timberland ATV Club members Brian Blanchard, Todd Gaucher and Matthew Jordan
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Fire Chief Nathan Guptill asked if the Selectmen would consider a request for his department to purchase a new Thermal Imaging Camera. Motion, second, unanimous vote to add as item 4-3.
3. **ATV Club: 3-1: Signs** - ATV Club President Brian Blanchard asked about affixing trail signs to existing town signposts on Back Cove Drive and Cobb Road. Agreed they would provide appropriate traffic control information. Motion, second and unanimous vote to allow the ATV Club to mount trail marker signs on existing town sign posts on the two roads. **3-2: Use of County Road** – Mr. Blanchard said a property owner has rescinded permission for ATVs to use a critical trail through the old Richardson gravel pit off County Road. They have attempted to work with other property owners without success. He requested permission to use Lone Pine Road and a portion of County Road (between Lone Pine and Sandy Bottom roads) instead. Motion, second and unanimous vote to permit the requested use on a one-year trial basis, and on the condition that the roads are well marked by the club. Complaints are to be monitored.
4. **Highway Department: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report** – Reviewed and accepted. **4-2: Paving Bids – Revised** – Mr. Schaub reported that pricing has been received from one of the two bidders on the revised scope of work. Agreed not to make a final decision until both have submitted pricing. **4-3: Fire Department Thermal Imaging Camera** – Chief Nathan Guptill reported the department’s 20+ year old camera is no longer functional. He presented two quotes for replacement, to come from his current equipment budget. Motion, second and unanimous vote to approve the lower of the two bids (Bergeron - \$7,025.00).
5. **Code Enforcement Officer’s Report** – The regular monthly report was reviewed.
6. **Town Manager’s Report: 6-1: Financial Statements** – The most recent revenue and expense reports were reviewed. **6-2: Tidswell Road Box Culvert** – Final pricing on this was provided by two manufacturers, Contech and Lane. Contech’s price was \$82,939, and Lane submitted a quote for \$82,400. Motion, second and unanimous vote to purchase box culvert from Lane. Mr. Youland said that, as the contractor for the project, he is willing to pass along the savings to the town if bond requirement is removed. He said bonding is typically reserved for projects of substantially larger scope and duration, and it was likely the engineer included that provision in the bid package as

a matter of course as opposed to any specific requirement. Mr. Schaub agreed, and said that in other projects of this nature, the town has simply withheld payment until a project is complete to the engineer's satisfaction. Motion/second/vote of four in favor, one abstained (Mr. Youland) to remove bonding requirement. **6-3: Comprehensive Plan** – Notification has been received from Augusta indicating the town's recently drafted plan is consistent with the Maine's Growth Management Act, which means the Comprehensive Planning Committee's work is complete. The plan now needs a Town Meeting vote to become final. Selectmen expressed gratitude to the Committee for a job well done. **6-4: Planning Board** – The board has now conducted its first Zoom meeting and will hold another one on May 27 to get caught up on projects that are in the pipeline. **6-5: July 3 Fireworks** – Mr. Maheu announced the event has now been cancelled. **6-6: COVID-19** – Mr. Schaub reported that towns may now commit FY 2021 property taxes based on their FY 2020 approved budgets, which means taxes may be committed within the usual time frame. The current plan is to ultimately present a new recommendation to the voters that maintains the same budget for the year beginning July 1, 2020. He also said that, beginning June 1, groups of up to 50 will be permitted to meet, provided social distancing guidelines are maintained. He said he has made an initial contact with MSAD 52 about the possibility of having a Town Meeting using multiple rooms with interactive audio/visual feeds, as Town Meeting generally attracts between 100 and 150 residents, at least at the start. Discussion continued on how to proceed. Motion, second and unanimous vote to have Mr. Schaub obtain additional information on the range of permissible options. **6-7: Budget Revisions** – Mr. Schaub said he is working on a revised budget, which reallocates some to more appropriately reflect the coming year's objectives. **6-8: Swimming Lessons** – One of the purchasers of the GAR Hall, Jenny Randolph, indicated she'd like to offer swimming lessons at the Town Beach this summer. As her offer and Selectmen interest were expressed prior to COVID-19, she asked if it's still ok to do that. Mr. Schaub was asked to let her know it would be fine to offer, provided it is clear the town is in no way connected as it is a private venture. **6-9: Transfer Station – Refrigerant Fee** – The disposal cost of refrigerants has increased and the town's contractor will begin charging \$15.00 per unit for removal. Motion, second and unanimous vote to increase disposal charge to \$15.00 for items containing refrigerants.

7. **Consent Agenda** – Motion, second, unanimous vote to approve Consent Agenda.
8. **Adjourn** – Motion, second, unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt E. Schaub
Town Manager