

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
6:30PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Kurt Youland called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, and Kurt Schaub. Guest: John O'Donnell
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add County Budget as 6-8.
3. **John O'Donnell – Revaluation Presentation/Discussion:** The work plan/timeline for the upcoming Revaluation was presented to the board. John explained that if residents ask staff to enter house they would be willing to do so, but do not plan on entering homes unless asked. A letter of explanation gets sent to law enforcement with a list of employee's and their vehicle makes and models in case someone calls law enforcement. After some discussion there was a motion and second to have projected completed by September 1st with a tax commitment of September 15th, unanimous vote.
4. **Highway Department Report: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Report provided to the board for review. **4-2: Construction Update:** All paving work for this year is now complete. Livermore has nearly completed the promised improvements at their end of Bean Street, including road widening, drainage and a larger turnaround. Their portion of the road will be paved in the spring 2021. As for Tidswell road, understanding that the road will be reopened to traffic around September 25th. **4-3: Fern Street:** A resident called wondering about the holes that did not get treated during All States repairs. Manager, Kurt Schaub will get photos and send to Ron Simbari.
5. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** Monthly report provided to the board for review.
6. **Town Manager's Report: 6-1: Local Roads Assistance Program:** Annual certification form and notification of amount of state road assistance was received this past week. This year's aid has been set at \$81,464.00, which is a reduction from last year. Funds are expected on or about December 1st. **6-2: Annual Water Testing:** Dick Thibodeu contacted Kurt Schaub this week about the water testing program on town ponds. He said only one pond (Pleasant Pond) was tested this year as the agency's boat could be launched there and the testing conducted, using just one person. The other ponds required a second person to assist and they would not put two staff people in that close proximity due to COVID. The end result, other than that the testing will not be done this year, will be a bill that is \$1,925 less than anticipated. **6-3: Heating Fuel Bid Draft:** Draft bid provided to the board. Motion and second to send bid out as presented, unanimous vote. **6-4: Social Service and Reserve Account Contributions:** Impact of this year's Town Meeting delay is the question of these annual expenses. Town Manager suggestion is not to fund the reserve accounts until the final allocations are approved, and to fund only those Social Service agencies that have amounts equal to last year's appropriations, and match this year's recommendations by both the Budget Committee

and Selectmen. Motion and second to pay agencies that have a Selectmen and Budget Committee recommendation totaling \$14,350, unanimous vote. **6-5: Rescue – Late Invoices:** Rescue Chief, Lisa Bennett this week received four invoices from Central Maine Medical that total \$4,934.00, all of which were for supplies ordered and delivered in the 2020 Fiscal Year. Motion and second to put these charges in as an expense in this year's budget, unanimous vote. **6-6: Planning Board:** The Planning Board has been asked to consider working with a licensed medical marijuana retailer on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to permit adult-use, recreational marijuana activities in Turner. The establishment is CannaRx, which has retained Skelton, Taintor and Abbott to draft revisions. The Planning Board will begin considering the proposal during its workshop session on October 7th. **6-7: Informational Report:** Edna Twitchell has retired from her custodial duties at the Town Office. Edna has been cleaning for the town since 1990. Her replacement is Lexie Benson. **6-8: County Budget:** Kevin Nichols wanted to let board know that he feels the Commissioners did a good job with the budget this year.

7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda, 4 in favor Angelo Terreri abstained.
8. **Executive Session – Personnel – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A) – Town Manager:** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:25pm, unanimous vote. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit executive session at 7:45pm.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM