

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 7, 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: Kurt Youland, Kevin Nichols, Angelo Terreri, Steve Maheu, Warren Hood, Kurt Schaub, and Lisa Bennett. Guests: Natalie and Pete Pilsbury, Jeff Gondeck, Jenn Maheu, Sarah Edith Foster, Dan Fitzsimons, Rob Quick, Boy Scout Troop 187 members.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Motion and second to change item 5-1 (Boofy Quimby Parking Lot Bid) to 2-a, unanimous vote. **2-a: Boofy Quimby Parking Lot Bid** – Mr. Youland presented a revised specification for rebuilding the parking lot at the Boofy Quimby Hall. He presented a design based on standard parking space and aisle dimensions to maximize the amount of “organized” parking so the town isn’t paving more area than is actually needed. He also said that it’s vital that the existing pavement plus about six inches of old base material, which is mostly sand, be removed and replaced with six inches of good, Type A gravel, and 2.5 inches of new pavement. The lot should be finished with a two percent pitch to the southwest corner, to put runoff into an existing ditch that goes under Route 219. Other adjustments include pre-fab concrete stairs with bollards at the corners, and an option to do a surface overlay at the front of the building, between the new pavement and Route 219. Motion and second to accept the design revision, unanimous vote.
- 3. Marijuana Business License Application: 3-a: Review of Renewal Application** – Application by JJP Consulting/45 North Cannabis was reviewed. **3-b: Public Hearing** – There was no public comment. **3-c: Action as Warranted** – Motion, second and unanimous vote to approve the renewal application for 45 North Cannabis.
- 4. Bid Award – Roadside Mowing: 4-1: Bid Review** – Mr. Schaub reported there was one bid, from Hood Farm, LLC, in the amount of \$8,000, and an hourly rate of \$110.00 for any work to be done outside of the list provided, which is the same as last year’s bid. **4-2: Action as Warranted** – Motion, second and unanimous vote to award the bid to Hood Farm, LLC, at terms specified.
- 5. Old Business: 5-2: Confirming Vote – Compact Excavator** – Mr. Hood explained that, at the July 17 meeting, a vote was taken to allow up to \$125,000 for purchase of a compact excavator. The only machine that would be available prior to September, however, was the Komatsu, which was initially bid at \$129,344. When presented with the \$125,000 maximum purchase price, the dealer said the best they could do would be \$125,500. Motion, second and four votes in favor of spending the additional \$500, with one (Mr. Maheu) opposed. **5-3: Century Boxes** – Nat Pilsbury reported the students that attended the July 17 meeting went on to Rinck Advertising and designed a logo, developed a news release and set up a promotional timeline for the various Century Box events. They plan to send a flyer to all homes in Turner. Mr. Schaub said they could use the town’s permit to reduce mailing

charges. They plan to utilize several students as “Ambassadors” for the event. A sample of the event logo was presented. Motion, second and unanimously agreed to approve the logo. **5-4: Leavitt Track Congratulations Letter** – Motion, second and unanimous vote to send as drafted.

- 6. Regular Reports: 6-1: Fire/Rescue** – Chief Lisa Bennett reported on call volumes for both departments. She said August Rescue training would be on the new Narcan Leave Behind program, which will become mandatory in December. The cost of the Narcan will not come from the department’s operating budget, and people who need it will also receive information on where to find help for addictions. In Turner, she said they respond to three to four calls each month for overdoses. She also said there would be a CPR refresher course in August. As for Fire, she said the volunteer roster is now maxed out at 30 and they cannot accept more volunteers at this time as there is no gear for them. She said they’ve been doing impromptu Friday afternoon trainings, which have been very successful. She said they had a request to install a dry hydrant at Bear Pond. The response was a hydrant could, provided the Bear Pond Association or another source paid for it. Lisa also asked about selling the 20-year old extrication tools currently sitting at South Station. Motion, second unanimous vote to sell the old tools and put the proceeds in the department’s Safety Equipment account. **6-2: Town Manager: 6-2a: Financial Report** – The latest revenue and expense reports were reviewed. Mr. Schaub said budgets would be added at tax commitment. **6-2b: August 24 Office of Cannabis Policy Roundtable** – A roundtable lunch will be held at the Town Office on August 24, hosted by the Maine Office of Cannabis Policy. The lunch is open to municipalities in the area and was requested by the OCP. **6-2c: FY 2023 Overdrafts** – Mr. Schaub said he and Fire/Rescue Chief Bennett had not yet gotten together to review FY 2023 expenditures. He anticipates they will meet to develop a plan to manage the overdrafts, within the Contingency limit, prior to the August 21 meeting. **6-2d: FY 2024 Tax Commitment Timeline** – O’Donnell is finishing their annual field work and plan to have final figures in the computer system prior to the August 21 meeting. **6-2e: Other** – Motion, second, unanimous vote to request a speed limit study on Kennebec Trail/Abenaki Way. Residents concerned over vehicle speed since roads repaved. FY 2024 Local Road Assistance Program funding will be \$100,420.00, up from \$87,080.00 in FY 2023.
- 7. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve Consent Agenda. Noted that Abatement was for mobile home on rented land. The assessed owners defaulted on the mobile home and it was sold, making the tax bill uncollectable. Unanimous vote to approve Consent Agenda, including Abatement.
- 8. Executive Session:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter Executive Session at 7:33pm to review a legal matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(e). Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 7:45pm.
- 9. Adjourn:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:45pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Kurt E. Schaub, Town Manager