

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 5, 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, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub and Lisa Bennett: Guest: Terri Suminski, David Varney, Jeff Gondeck, Sam Roy, Arnie Roy, Nancy Barry, Eben Shaw, Jan Cutter, Gerard Ellis, Rebecca Leavitt, Dan Jordan, Troy Jordan, Sheila Richardson, Dan Lauze, Tammy Fereshetian, Jim Talbot, Jennifer Talbot, Katrina Guignard, James Kilduff, Kathleen Kilduff, Beatrice Graham, Bill Bullard and Jim Place.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. Commercial Solar Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance – Extension: 3-1: Review of Ordinance/Extension Requirements:** This Moratorium Ordinance was adopted at Town Meeting on April 15, 2023, but was retroactive to December 22, 2022. As moratorium ordinances are effective for 180 days at a time, this one will expire on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. The board has reviewed the ordinance and legal advice on moratorium ordinances from Maine Municipal Association which includes extensions. The Selectmen have the authority to extend the moratorium for an additional 180 days, following notice and hearing. **3-2: Public Hearing:** Motion and second to open Public Hearing, unanimous vote. Dan Lauze spoke and stated that he felt the Zoning Ordinance amendments specific to commercial solar farms were well written and that the planning board put a lot into this ordinance to help have rules in place to follow, and feels that the board should not extend the moratorium. During the planning board public hearings on the amendments only three people showed up and Kurt Youland was the only one who spoke. Nancy Berry spoke and she felt that it was voted down at town meeting due to the fact that citizens didn't know what they were actually voting on. Kurt Youland asked how many of the guests read the amendments before Town Meeting and only three people raised their hands. Bill Bullard who is the chair of the planning board asked the selectmen not to renew the moratorium, he states it is easier to pull solar panels down, and bring back to open land verses house lots. Beatrice Graham concerned about the panels contaminating the water, the projects to have to go through Maine DEP. She also feels the approved projects were just snuck in. The board stated that the projects went through the proper channels, they went through the planning board and that is why the ordinance was created to have more appropriate guidelines to follow. Another question was how do operators plan to dispose of the solar panels when the time comes, Bill Bullard stated that disposal is bonded through the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Katrina Guignard stated that there is no place to dispose of them in the United States right now, so she questions were the engineers are contracted with. Sheila Richardson stated that she looked on the

residents faces at the Town Meeting after voting the ordinance down and feels that people were not really sure what had happened, and she wants to know how we make this better. Board suggest not extending the moratorium and bringing back to voters in a Special Town Meeting. Arnie Roy felt the planning board worked hard on the ordinance and feels that maybe looking at zoning adjustments may help to resolve the issues and supports the board's opinion not to extend the moratorium. Steve Maheu states that there is a lot of arguing going on over projects that probably won't even happen. Motion and second to close Public Hearing, unanimous vote, public hearing closed at 7:23pm. **3-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to extend the moratorium for 180 days from June 2, 2023. 2 in favor, 3 opposed, moratorium not extended.

- 4. Old Business: 4-1: Farmers Market Update:** Jim Talbot stated currently have 10 vendors and 4 more confirmed to join at a later date. Madison McLean is doing a great job heading up the market. Kurt Schaub will get keys to the History Building to Jim Talbot. **4-2: Century Boxes – Historical Association:** Nothing to report. **4-3: Electronic Sign:** Originally the Electronic Sign was awarded to the lowest bid which at the time was Spugnardi Signs, but he contacted the Town Manager stating that his bid was not correct and it came in higher than the initial low bidder, which was Northern Signs so the contract has been awarded to Northern Signs.
- 5. New Business: 5-1: Planning Board Appointment:** Received three applications: Jeff Gondeck, Brent Fanjoy and Kelly Lacroix. Had a motion and second for Jeff Gondeck, 2 in favor 3 opposed. Also had a motion and second for Brent Fanjoy, 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Brent Fanjoy will fill the open seat on the planning board. **5-2:** Received an application for a pole permit on Wilson Hill Rd, motion and second to approve the pole permit, unanimous vote. **5-3: Ross Gagne – EMS Merit Award:** Ross Gagne will be receiving an EMS Merit Award from Maine EMS at 1:00 on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Boofy Quimby Memorial Center. Congratulations Ross 😊 **5-4: June 30<sup>th</sup> Office Closing:** June 30<sup>th</sup> is the final day of the fiscal year and we typically close early to provide time to close the books. Motion and second to close office at noon, unanimous vote. **5-5: July 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Rescheduling and Office Hours:** July 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first Monday of the month, but that evening also is the fireworks celebration. Also many municipalities are closed on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, or closing at noon with staff using their own time for pay. Motion and second to have Selectmen meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, unanimous vote. Motion and second to close the office on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm, unanimous vote.
- 6. Regular Reports: 6-1: Fire/Rescue Department – Regular Monthly Reports:** Rescue calls for the month of May were 105 bringing the yearly total to 539 calls. June training will be code drills for both Fire and Rescue. Monthly calls for the month of May for Fire were 32 calls bringing the yearly total to 184 calls. The Fire Dept. just took in the second comby tool. All trucks are now equipped with battery operated tools for extrication. The Fire Dept. has taken on more members and more people are applying. The Fire 1 & 2 class is almost finished and then the department will have 3 more qualified members.

Will be doing an in house basic fire class starting in September, when that is finished the Dept. will be about 98% certified as interior Firefighters, which is unheard of. **6-2: Town Manager: 6-2a: Financial Statements:** The monthly income and expense statements were provided to the board for review. **6-2b: Road Salt:** The price received under the Department of Transportation Salt Bid is \$80.08 per ton for 2023-24 season. The price is down from \$81.83 in 2022-23, but still significantly more than \$53.78 in 2021-22. The town has until June 8<sup>th</sup> to accept or reject the bid price. Motion and second to approve the bid price of \$80.08 per ton, unanimous vote. **6-2c: May 1 Storm/Disaster Declaration/Turner Damages:** On Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Kurt Schaub met with representatives from the County, State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies regarding Turner's damages from the May 1<sup>st</sup> rainstorm. As advised by County, all forms were completed for each damage site, with costs estimated to restore each site to its pre-storm state. The team that visited seemed impressed with the package of forms and photos they had received. The group inspected Orchard Way, which was the worst damage location. While the package Kurt Schaub prepared includes the cost of replacing the pond drainage structure as it previously existed. Kurt Schaub discussed the structure with the mitigation specialist, who will be able to assist with funding for installing something that will be more dependable and less problematic. The team's focus was in verifying damages throughout the county so they can be certain the threshold has been achieved for disaster declaration, which must be made for the region and state in order for the town to receive funding for local damages, which were estimated at \$60,268.33.

7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve consent agenda, unanimous vote.
8. **Executive Session – Legal – Orchard Way – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (E):** Motion and second to enter into Executive Session at 8:15pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit Executive Session at 8:50pm, unanimous vote.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion and second to adjourn at 8:50pm, unanimous vote.

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