

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 19, 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, and Kurt Schaub. Guest: Jeff Gondeck, Natalie and Pete Pilsbury, Madison Maclean, Jim and Jennifer Talbot and Dan Lauze.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** No adjustments
- 3. Old Business:**
  - 3-1: Century Boxes/Historical Society:** The boxes will be displayed on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Nat Pilsbury is looking for someone to bring the boxes from the office and then to return them. Kevin Nichols has offered to bring them from the office to the Green and to return them to the office after the festivities, Kevin will also be putting up the Flags along the Parade route. Issiah Davis a History Teacher at Leavitt has offered to do some marketing of the opening and closing of the boxes. His class will be visiting the History Room on July 17<sup>th</sup> and then come to the office to view the boxes as well.
  - 3-2: Farmer's Market:** The question has arisen concerning operation of the market during the July 4 festivities. Jim Talbot and Madison Maclean would like to discuss this possibility. The board feels that if the market was allowed to operate during the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities that in the future other for profit groups would request to also be part of the festivities on the Green which have historically been for non-profit organizations. Jim Talbot stated that when the Turner Arts was around it would sell its art during the festivities. Dan Lauze states that he respects the Farmer's Market and enjoys going to it but feels that it would interfere with the Parade and Festival on the Green. Also stated that some of the discusses at Town Meeting from the residents was that they wanted to preserve the land so that it could be used for parking during on July 4<sup>th</sup> and that if the Farmer's Market was in operation that day it would go against the towns people wishes. Jennifer Talbot stated that the Festival on the Green was started by the Turner Library and anyone wishing to have a spot on the Green must go through them. The question was asked to Jennifer if traditionally and for profit vendors were allowed to have a spot on the Green and she stated no. The board suggested maybe opening at 11:00am, the Market felt that if they were not able to open during the festivities that it would not make sense to open at all. After lengthy discussion the board were all in agreement that it would not be a good idea to have the Farmer's Market operating during the Parade and Festival on the Green. Kevin Nichols called the question after over a half hour discussion. Motion and second to open the Farmer's Market during the normal scheduled operating hours, 3 in favor of motion, Angelo Terreri and Steve Maheu did not vote, due to their involvement with the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities.
  - 3-3: Transfer Station Improvements:** The plan for the Transfer Station improvements has been turned over to Kent Harrington. The objective is for him and the crew to perform as many of the

individual tasks as they can, and hire out what they can't. **3-4: Planning Board – Solar Standards:** The allowance of the Solar Moratorium to expire June 20<sup>th</sup> was presented to the Planning Board during the June 7<sup>th</sup> workshop. The sense at this time is to see if the same commercial solar farm standards that were rejected at this year's town meeting could be brought forth again next April, retroactive to the expiration of the moratorium. There were no residents at the Planning Board meeting.

- 4. New Business:**
  - 4-1: July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks:** Steve states he will have Sheriff Deputies on the premises due to the issues that occurred last year. At Town Meeting it was voted on for the Town to approve up to \$7,500 for the Fireworks, Steve stated only needs \$3,500. Motion and second to approve the \$3,500, 4 in favor, Steve did not vote.
  - 4-2: ATV Access – Cobb Road:** Kevin Nichols reports he has received complaints over ATV usage along Cobb Road and Back Cove, but no residents were present tonight so no discussion or action taken.
  - 4-3: Fiscal Year 2024 Pay Orders:** Motion and second to approve pay orders as presented, unanimous vote.
- 5. Regular Reports:**
  - 5-1: Highway Manager:** Report provided to the board for review.
  - 5-2: Code Enforcement Officer:** Report provided to the board for review, only question was the size of the storage shed on Lower Street, board wanted to make sure it was being taxed correctly.
  - 5-3: Town Manager:**
    - 5-3a:** Mid-month statements provided, still have transactions left to post, some of which will not be known until the end of the month or shortly thereafter. The contingency will be more than sufficient to cover departmental overdrafts. Overlay will finish the year at just under \$174,000, which means that total actual expenses will be significantly less than budget. On the revenue side still need to post June's Rescue Revenue and Revenue Sharing and book the remaining Homestead Reimbursement as a receivable. The impact of those three transactions are that the Use of Fund Balance will be close to zero. O'Donnell is planning to have assessing updates completed around early August, so we can start working with next year's tax rate.
    - 5-3b: FEMA:** Have received written confirmation that the town's claim for \$60,268.00 for the damages caused by the May 1<sup>st</sup> storm is complete.
    - 5-3c: Reminders:** Ross Gagne will be receiving a Maine EMA Service Award at 1:00pm on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Town Office will close at noon on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> so staff can complete fiscal year-end work. The office will also close at 2:00pm on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and all day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Selectmen meeting normally scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be held at 6:30pm on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - 5-3d: Flaggers:** Kurt Schaub reached out to Bonney and At Work to see about Flagger availability. Bonney responded, At Work did not. Bonney indicates they will need advance scheduling in order to provide staff, and we may need to provide some training – it will depend on who is available on the days needed. The cost will be \$28.80/hour for each worker we use. The board suggested having Kurt Schaub look into getting prices on portable stop lights, feel they would pay for themselves in time and would be more cost effective than hiring flaggers.
    - 5-3e: Town Managers Vacation:** Kurt Schaub would like to request the

week of July 23<sup>rd</sup> off and October 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Motion and second to approve vacation request, unanimous vote.

6. **Consent Agenda:** One abatement for a mobile home purchased in Hillview Estates in 2021. The town was not aware of the change and billed the prior owner, the new owner will pay this year's taxes and this abatement covers the Homestead Exemption that should have followed her from her previous home. Motion and second to approve the abatement, unanimous vote. Motion and second to approve consent agenda, unanimous vote to approve consent agenda.
7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, CCM