

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

JULY 17, 2023

6:30PM

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Angelo Terreri and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Kevin Nichols, Angelo Terreri, Warren Hood, Kurt Schaub and Kent Harrington. Absent: Steve Maheu and Kurt Youland. Guest: Abby Terreri, Jeff Gondeck and Kendra Caruso.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Tree on Lower Street add as 5-2A. Letter to High School as 5-4. Add an Executive Session for Personnel Matter after consent agenda.
3. **Bid Award – Compact Excavator: 3-1: Review Bids:** Board reviewed the bids: Bobcat bid: \$117,001.81; Komatsu bid: \$129,344.00 and Takeuchi bid: \$121,800.00. Kent Harrington, Highway Manager likes the Komatsu or the Takeuchi. **3-2: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to spend up to \$125,000, unanimous vote.
4. **Old Business: 4-1: Century Boxes/Historical Society:** A group of Leavitt Area High School students who, with their teacher Isaiah Davis, will be developing promotional materials and strategies to get the word out on the opening of the Century Boxes and the collection of items to be placed in this year's box. The group visited the office on the 17th to see the boxes. Abby Terreri was one of those students and she shared that in 1923 a curse was put on the boxes and if they were not opened when and how instructed that the curse would consist of weakness, and unfaithfulness.
5. **New Business: 5-1: Mass Gathering:** A 3-day concert event has been announced for the former airport property, over Labor Day weekend. None of Turner's ordinances address this type of activity, but the organizer was advised that the Maine Department of Health and Human Services has specific requirements for events that exceed 2,000 in attendance for 12 or more hours, including the obtaining of a permit, sanitation, and emergency services. After some discussion the Board has asked Town Manager, Kurt Schaub to ask the Planning Board if they could put together something that may address mass gatherings. **5-2: Road Commission – Projects:** A list of projects that was reviewed during the May 15th meeting was provided to the board, along with Spencer's estimate. There is approximately \$530,000 available in Paving and Construction, which will also have to cover items such as culverts, gravel and any other contractors that might be hired to work on the roads. Kent Harrington stated the crew is behind due to having to deal with all the rain and washouts. The board asked Kent to write up a game plan of what roads and in what order he feels should be priority and bring back to the board. The board asked Kurt Schaub to find someone to remove the tree at the BQMC so the highway crew don't have to remove it. **5-2A: Tree on Lower Street:** There is a big dead tree on Lower Street that needs to be removed, the board has asked Kurt Schaub to contact CMP. **5-3: Oaths of Office:** Town Clerk Becky Allaire has prepared annual appointment/oath of office forms for approval and signatures. **5-4: Letter to High**

School: Board asked Kurt Schaub to draft a letter of congratulations to the Track & Field Team.

- 6. Regular Reports:**
 - 6-1: Highway Manager:** Board reviewed report, all looked good.
 - 6-2: Code Enforcement Officer:** Board reviewed report, all looked good.
 - 6-3a: Boofy Quimby Parking Lot:** A draft specification for repaving the BQMC parking lot was presented to the board. Motion and second to approve bid specification with changing the compacted lift to 2.0" min. instead of 3.0", unanimous vote.
 - 6-3b: Leavitt Institute Wheelchair Lift:** The wheelchair lift at the Leavitt Institute is back up and running, and should stay that way for at least the foreseeable future.
 - 6-3c: Planning Board:** The Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, June 19th to consider two applications. The first is a new Jordan Equipment dealership to be built on the southwest corner of the intersection of Route 4 and Pit Road. The second will be a new lot at the Points North subdivision. Access will be from Route 4 as the lot is located south of and does not abut Points North Drive. No further word has been heard from Tractor Supply. They reported during their last meeting with the Planning Board that the DOT was requiring them to build a turning lane on Route 4, the cost of which had the potential of killing the project.
- 7. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda, unanimous vote.
- 8. Executive Session:** Motion and second to enter Executive Session at 7:20pm, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(a) – Personnel. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 7:30pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to utilize Sick Bank as requested.
- 9. Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:30pm.

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