

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 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: Rachel Pack, Susan Thone, Benjy Thone, Don Robbins, Julie Jordan, Lianne Bedard and Ken Gilbert.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Christmas Parade, Rachel Pack add as 4-4.
- 3. Marijuana Business License – High Tide Edibles – Adult Use Manufacturing: 3-1: Review of Application:** Susan Thone would like to add Adult-Use manufacturing to the current High Tide Edibles Medical marijuana manufacturing location. The ordinance has been reviewed with the planner and the State Office of Cannabis Policy, and all agree that both uses can take place in the same location, provided both are licensed. The applicant and facility meet the standard of Town’s ordinance. **3-2: Public Hearing:** Opened public hearing, no comments from public, hearing closed. **3-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote.
- 4. New Business: 4-1: Status of foreclosed property on Jordan Lane:** The initial high bidder has walked away. Moved on to the second high bidder who declined. Kurt Schaub, Town Manager met with the third high bidder and he is presently evaluating the purchase, and will advise prior to September 15th if he intends to move forward. **4-2: Donald Robbins – Jordan Lane Easement:** Code Officer and Town Manager were approached by Donald Robbins about the right to pass over the foreclosed property on Jordan Lane. Explained to Don that the town’s only authorization in a tax foreclosure (unless otherwise granted by a vote at Town Meeting) is to sell, by Quitclaim Deed, whatever interest it acquired as the result of the foreclosure. Don went on to say that he feels the Town did not do its job with offering the owner of the foreclosed property, with poverty abatement information and that it should also be posted in the Town Office. Chair, Kurt Youland told Don that more research needs to be done in reference to the Jordan Lane Easement and that the board would have an answer for him at the next Selectmen’s meeting. **4-3: Ken Gilbert – Right of Way on Gravel Pit Property:** Authorization to grant this right of way was approved by the voters at April’s Town Meeting. Board will walk the property on Monday, September 11th to see how the Town will proceed with the Right of Way. **4-4: Christmas Parade:** Rachel Pack would like to have a Christmas Parade again this year but would like to combine it with the Christmas Tree Lighting. The parade will be held on December 2nd and will include a tree lighting ceremony, more details to come.
- 5. Old Business: 5-1: Boofy Quimby Parking Lot:** Dennis Spencer is on board with repaving the Boofy Quimby parking lot by the end of September, and has been advised

to coordinate activities with the town to keep disruptions to a minimum. Got two quotes for new steps: one is for \$2,870.00 from Superior Concrete and the second one is for \$3,800.00 from Step Guys. Motion and second to approve the bid from Superior Concrete for \$2,870.00, 4 in favor 1 opposed. **5-2: Century Boxes:** The latest flyer was presented for the Century Box events coming up in November. The committee would like to set up a table during Elections on November 7th, motion and second to allow the committee to set up a table, unanimous vote in favor. The committee would also like collection point for items to be considered for the newest box, motion and second to have the Town Office as a collection point, unanimous vote in favor. **5-3: Marijuana Store Licenses:** Two licenses are available, one may be either adult use or medical, and the other must be medical.

- 6. Regular Reports: 6-1: Fire/Rescue Department – Regular Monthly Reports: Rescue:** Total calls for the month of August was 116 bringing total calls for the year to 881. Training for September will be car seat safety. The department will also be getting a new device to assist in holding a newborn on a stretcher. The department will be getting an Extractor to clean turn out gear. Will be holding an Open House on October 14th from 10:00am to 1:00pm at BQMC. **Fire:** Department responded to 28 calls in the month of August bringing the total for the year to 280 calls. This month the crew built two props on for training and one for the open house and all materials were donated by Hammond Lumber. Basic Fire School starts September 12th and will end in November.
- 6-2: Town Manager: 6-2a: Financial Reports:** Most recent financial reports provided to the board for review. **6-2b: New Website:** The town's new website (turnermaine.com) went live last week. The town will need to upgrade our Microsoft Office software before we can transition our email to the town domain, which is in the works. **6-2c: Property Taxes:** Tax bills were mailed, the final breakdown for property tax collections is as follows: Town – 7.52%; County- 9.25%; School – 83.23%.
- 7. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote in favor.
- 8. Executive Session – Legal – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (E):** Motion and second to enter into Executive Session at 7:35pm, unanimous vote. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 7:48pm.
- 9. Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC