

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2023
6:30PM

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm Angelo Terreri and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett, and Nick Merry. Absent: Kurt Youland. Guests: Jeff Timberlake, Sally Christner, Jeff Gondeck and Dan Lauze.
- 2. Adjustment to the Agenda:** None
- 3. New Business: 3-1: Sally Christner – Androscoggin County Commission:** Sally explained having a full time Patrol Officer on Route 4 would cost approximately \$60,000 in wages, and \$2,000 in uniforms. Jeff Timberlake would like to see more State Police presence on Route 4, considering this is a state road. Had a meeting las week and the State Police have agreed to have more of a presence on Route 4. The guest, Dan Lauze asked what kind of data has been used to feel the need for more police presence, and to justify paying for services. States town needs to be fiscally responsible to residents and be able to prove to the residents why the town feels this necessary. Chief Lisa Bennett does get a report from Androscoggin Count Sheriff’s department with all this data. At this time no action was taken. **3-2: Transfer Station Swap Shop:** Discussion of should the town have a swap shop, some feel there are other ways to donate stuff, and that it seems to cause a lot of issues for Transfer Station staff, others feel that the town residents really appreciate having the swap shop. Motion and second to close the swap shop, 2 in favor 2 opposed, motion died due to tie. The board asked Pam Sullivan to attend the next meeting.
- 4. Old Business: 4-1: Engine 91 Pump Repairs: Lisa Bennett/Nick Merry:** The pump in Engine 91 is shot. Lisa has obtained an estimate for rebuilding it. Reliance Equipment estimate to rebuild would be \$11,000 - \$13,000. Northeast Emergency Apparatus’s estimate came in at \$9,500 - \$13,500. Motion and second to get Engine 91 pump repair at Reliance, unanimous vote. Lisa Bennett also wanted to know about replacing the sign at BQMC. Motion and second to replace the sign not to exceed \$1500 in AARP Funds, unanimous vote. **4-2: Century Boxes/Veterans Fund:** Randy Langley has the copper that is to incorporate into this year’s Century Box. Kurt Schaub also discussed with Randy that we need to come up with a means of opening the current boxes in a way that won’t damage the contents or pose a fire hazard. During the October 2nd meeting there was a consensus to use the Veteran’s Fund to support the Leavitt Institute but there was no vote taken. Motion and second to use \$50,000 to seed the next 100-year investment, with the balance to benefit the Leavitt Institute Building, unanimous vote.
- 5. Regular Reports: 5-1: Highway Manager: 5-1a: Regular Monthly Report:** Board looked over report, no discussion. **5-1b: Paving Schedule:** There was a motion and second to hold payment for paving as it feels like the town is being taken advantage of and that

other companies do not submit bids as they feel Spencer would be awarded the bid anyways. 2 in favor, 2 opposed so motion died due to tie. **5-2: Code Enforcement:** Board reviewed report, no discussion all looked good. **5-3: Town Manager:** **5-3a: November 6th Meeting:** The November 6th meeting will be held at the Fire/Rescue Station as the office meeting room will be set up for Elections. **5-3b: Logging Bid Form – Pit Right of Way:** A draft proposal for the logging work to be done at the Highway Garage/Gravel Pit property. Motion and second to send out the bid as presented, unanimous vote. **5-3c: Leavitt Institute – Maintenance & Repairs:** Several active areas of mold have been identified at the Leavitt Institute, some of which is the result of a leaky rood and leaking pipes. The pipe repairs will be completed in the next few days, and there are several areas of the roof that will be patched to get us through the winter. Once the mold is eradicated, we can work on restoring the affected areas. If funding is approved, the plan is to put a new roof on the building next spring/summer, after which other repairs can be made. **5-3d: Tri Town Selectmen Meeting:** The meeting is scheduled for November 14th here at Turner Town Office.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote.
7. **Executive Session: Personnel – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A):** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 8:20pm, unanimous vote. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit executive session at 8:52pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to commence enforcement action on Blake Road.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:55pm.

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