

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2023
6:30PM

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order by Kurt Youland at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett and Pam Sullivan. Guest: Jayden Levesque, Jordan Allen, Camden Pack, Arnie Roy, Ken Gilbert, Katrina Guignard, Linda Small, Kendra Carvo, and Jenny Maheu.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add BQMC as 7-2d.
- 3. Bid Award – Gravel Pit Logging Project: 3-1: Review Bids:** Received three bids: Kelley: \$4,720, Luce: \$9,090.00, and Twitchell who only gave unit prices did not give totals. **3-2: Discussion:** Reviewed the bids, Kelly does not have a chipper, and the board felt that Twitchell's bid was not complete. **3-3:** Motion and second to award the bid to Luce, unanimous vote.
- 4. Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal – Upstate Gardens: 4-1: Review Application:** Reviewed the application, the background checks are clear, and CEO Ross Gagne inspected the property. **4-2: Public Hearing:** Opened Public Hearing, no discussion, closed Public Hearing. **4-3: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve the license, unanimous vote.
- 5. New Business: 5-1: Transfer Station – Swap Shop Complaints:** Concerns of traffic flow being backed up due to residents at the Swap Shop, employees being harassed, and accused of throwing "good" stuff away, also concerns of safety during inclement weather. Although residents do like having the Swap Shop at this point it is becoming an increasingly problematic. Motion and second to close the Swap Shop for the winter and will revisit in Spring, 4 in favor of closing it and 1 opposed. The Transfer will be closed on Saturday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. **5-2: Request for Consideration of Solar Farm Tax Increment Finance District:** Town Manager, Kurt Schaub, received a request from Glenvale Solar to see if the town might consider the creation of a Tax Increment Finance District for the 190-acre project they have been approved to develop off Ledgeview Drive. Basically, a TIF allows a municipality to "capture" a portion of the new tax revenue that is generated from a large project and dedicate those funds to economic development projects in a defined area. "Request died due to lack of motion. **5-3: Androscoggin Sheriff's Department – Calls for Service:** As a follow up to the discussion with Sally Christner and Jeff Timberlake about local law enforcement, we received a spreadsheet that summarizes calls to the Sheriff's Department on a town-by-town basis.
- 6. Old Business: 6-1: Century Boxes/Community Celebration:** The 1923 and 1973 century boxes will be opened during a community event to be held from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on Sunday, November 12th at the Leavitt Area High School. The contents will be

displayed in the History Museum for a week, after which they will be re-sealed in their respective boxes and new submissions will be put in the box now under construction by Randy Langley. **6-2: Paving and Construction:** Completed roads, Brookfield Est, Aspen Way, White Birch, Dump Road, Holbrook Road. Blake Road and Merrill Mills should be completed on Tuesday. Discussion of whether or not to pave Conant Road, motion and second to pave Conant Road if weather permits, 4 in favor, 1 opposed. **6-3: Tri-Town Selectmen Dinner:** The dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00pm and invited are Turner, Leeds, and Greene selectmen and managers, as well as Sally Christner, Jeff Timberlake, Josh Morris and Carrie Meed. Subjects for the agenda will include law enforcement along state corridor roads, (Routes 4 and 202), waste disposal/hauling, and what to anticipate with the upcoming school budget.

- 7. Regular Reports:**
 - 7-1: Fire/Rescue Department:** Engine 91 Pump being fixed. Fire department Jr Program is growing, Camden Pack has been putting this program together very nicely. Rescue assisted in the Mass Shootings in Lewiston on October 25th. Chief Bennett has been conducting debriefings.
 - 7-2a: Financial Reports:** Board reviewed reports, no discussions.
 - 7-2b: Push to Talk Cellular – Highway:** US Cellular provided equipment to test the functionality of Push to Talk in Turner. Had a unit parked in the gully at the intersection of Orchard Way and North Parish Road, and the other unit at the Highway Garage. Communication was crystal clear. With the successful test, will continue with the program for all Highway trucks. Kurt Schaub will look into the possibility of completely hands free.
 - 7-2c: Electronic Sign:** The new conduit from the power pole to the sign location is in place. The wire and connection to our electrical panel will be done in about two weeks. Mike Spugnardi is also due shortly with the replacement of the general Town Office sign, which will allow the electronic sign to be mounted higher off the ground, below the general sign.
 - 7-2d: BQ Hall Steps:** The new pre-cast steps for the Boofy Quimby Hall are due to be installed on November 6th. Need to replace broken tables there and remove the broken ones in the back room.
 - 7-2e: General Assistance Audit:** Had our first on-site audit of our General Assistance program with satisfactory results.
 - 7-2f: Highway Equipment Repairs/Replacement:** Kent Harrington reported the Kenworth needs a new turbo unit and that the department's pressure washer quite literally blew up its top. Presently have an estimate for the Kenworth, which is in the ballpark of \$11,000. Kent is trying to get other quotes, as well as quotes for a new pressure washer. Motion and second to authorize to spend up to \$11,700 to fix Kenworth, but to see if can get it fixed for less, unanimous vote.
- 8. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda with the abatements and supplements, minus the October 16th meeting minutes, unanimous vote.
- 9. Executive Session: Legal pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (E) Counsel Update – Foreclosure, Zoning Violation:** Motion and second to enter Executive Session at 8:10pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit Executive Session at 8:45pm, unanimous vote.

10. Adjournment: Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:45pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca m Allaire, LCC**