

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2024
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 and Lisa Bennett. Guest: Andrew Mckinley, Lisa Raffin, Raegan LaRoche and Ari Jackson.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** No adjustments
3. **New Business: 3-1: Drew McKinley – Fortin Drive Drainage:** Drew owns a home on Fortin Drive and contacted Town Manager, Kurt Schaub, about a drainage issue he has been experiencing. Relevant correspondence and photos were provided to the selectmen. Kurt Schaub pointed out that anything the town can do is limited to within the right of way, and that the town would probably have to obtain a drainage easement if the town were to flow the water anywhere else. The subdivision/road plan at the time Drew's lot was created intends for the water coming down County Road to follow the Fortin Drive ditch, to cross culvert under Fortin Drive, and empty into the wet area adjacent to Drew's lot. After discussion the board stated that they can't fix the culvert or install a new one due to Fortin Drive being a private road, but the board will do a site visit and have the Town Manager get back to Drew. **3A: Motion and second to allow people from Glen Vale to speak, Kurt Youland stepped down from the table and the other four unanimously voted to allow them to speak.** After a long discussion on establishing TIF districts or not, and what the town may receive in revenue, it was decided to either have a workshop on this item or put it on a future agenda.
4. **Old Business- Boofy Quimby Improvements:** Need to set a date to meet at the hall for the purpose of determining the next round of improvements. Board agreed to meet at hall on January 4th at 5:00pm.
5. **Regular Reports: 5-1: Fire/Rescue Department:** Rescue Department had 105 calls in the month of December bringing the yearly calls to 1250. Fire Department had 101 calls for the month of December bringing the yearly calls to 471. Fire Department has many new members to both the volunteer side as well as the per diem staff. December 18th storm coverage started at 9am and Lisa was dispatching, she praised the staff at how well they all did. The Rescue department handed out community baskets that contained basic essential and a gift card to Hannaford, Lisa states it was so touching to see how grateful people were, when you see an 80-year-old man cry it was very touching. On January 13th they will be having their Christmas Party at the Highlands. Blue Ribbon Commission has 31 million Dollars for Maine EMS grants for recruitment and retention wages. Lisa would like the board to think about this because after the grant the town would need to maintain the wages. Lisa will put the numbers together for the next meeting. **5-2: Town Manager: 5-2a: Financial Reports:** The regular Revenue and

Expense reports were provided to the board. All looked on track. **5-2b: December 18th**

Storm: Initial estimate of town costs/damages for the storm amounted to about \$70,000. Much of this was washout repairs along the sides of roads and clearing downed trees. We are still refining our numbers and getting things into the proper format in anticipation of a visit from FEMA/MEMA next week. **5-2c: County Hazard**

Mitigation Plan: The Executive Summary from the most recent Androscoggin County Hazard Mitigation Plan is now in a public comment period. One of the key elements of this process is that only sites identified in this report are eligible for federal mitigation funding such as the funding Turner received for the riverbank stabilization project on Fish Street. School House Hill Road flooding/elevation as well as the Nezinscot River Dam and the need for additional dry hydrants are all included in the plan for Turner. There is a link to the complete draft plan on the county Emergency Management website. **5-2d: Tax Foreclosures:** Turner has no accounts going to foreclosure this year.

5-2e: Planning Board Application: Applications up for review in January by the Planning Board include Tractor Supply, Scott's Recreation-Phase III (new assembly building, environmental improvements), KRY Auto (relocating to corner of Brody Way and Rt 4) and Points North Solar. The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on ordinance amendments on January 17th. Those amendments involve changes required by new state affordable housing legislation, and local solar farm requirements.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda, unanimous vote.
7. **Executive Sessions:** Motion and second to enter Executive Session at 8:19pm, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) – Fire/Rescue Personnel, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit Executive Session at 8:39pm, unanimous vote. Motion, second and unanimous vote to accept the resignation of Lisa Bennett as Fire Chief, with regret, effective February 1, 2024. Note: Chief Bennett is retaining her positions as Rescue Chief and Health Officer. Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) – Legal-Enforcement Action, at 8:45pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 8:57pm.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC