

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 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, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett, and Nick Merry. Guest: Alyssa Angel and Glenvale Solar.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Gilbert Right of Way add 6-2H
3. **Medical Marijuana Retail Store License Renewals: 3-1: Matterhorn Apothecary:** Board reviewed application, Ross inspected the site. Opened Public Hearing, no comments from the public, closed Public Hearing. Motion and second to approve license pending the signage is brought to compliance, 4 in favor, Terry removed from this item and abstained from voting. **3-2: Blazing Jane:** Board reviewed application, Ross inspected the site, all was good. Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote.
4. **Old Business: 4-1: Glenvale Solar – TIF/Credit Enhancement:** Kurt Youland removed himself from this item. Glenvale provided more handouts explaining the TIF/Credit Enhancement, after presenting the new information, the board had no questions or comments and plan on discussing this with our Assessor and Planner to get their opinion on this matter.
5. **New Business: 5-1: AFSCME Council 93 – Collective Bargaining Representatives:** Received a written request to open the collective bargaining process. Need to designate two representatives from the Board of Selectmen. Motion and second to designate Steve Maheu and Warren Hood, unanimous vote.
6. **Regular Reports: 6-1: Fire/Rescue Department:** Fire Department responded to 35 calls in the month of January. Currently have one member who just started the Firefighter 1&2 class which will last about a year. Crew has been working hard this past month cleaning out all the stations. ASO would like to supply the department with a boat to use, the department would be responsible for housing the boat. The board would like to see a written agreement addressing insurance, maintenance, etc. before having discussions. Rescue had a total of 102 calls in the month of January. Rescue budget is on track. Maine EMS Stabilization Program was discussed, Turner would get \$42,187.60 which could be used for payroll, capital accounts or bonuses for employees. If used for payroll the Town would need to commit to the salary for two years. Lisa will get a better outline of how this program would work and will discuss at next meeting. **6-2: Town Manager: 6-2a: Financial Reports:** The Revenue and Expense reports were provided to the board for review. **6-2b: December 18th storm:** The December 18th Rain/Windstorm was declared a disaster; hence work will now begin to compile and submit the final claims for reimbursement. **6-2c: Town Report Bid:** A draft bid solicitation for printing this year's Town Report will be sent out upon the board's approval. Motion and second

to send out bid, unanimous vote. **6-2d: DOT Work Program:** Board provided pages relevant to Turner from the most recent Department of Transportation Work Program. The 2024 projects listed include installation of traffic signals at both the Route 117 and Weston Road intersections with Route 4, the reconstruction of the Route 219 and Route 4 intersection, and replacement of the Nezinscot River bridge on Turner Center Road, among others. **6-2e: FY 2025 Budget Review:** The Budget Committee has its final meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. They have reserved February 8th and 13th for a joint meeting. The board hold a budget workshop on February 12 in anticipation of meeting with the Budget Committee on February 13th at 6pm. **6-2f: Municipal Election:** Completed nomination papers for municipal offices were due on Monday, February 5th. There were five candidates for two terms on the School Board, two for two seats on the Board of Selectmen, and no papers taken out for the Budget Committee. **6-2g: Property Tax Stabilization:** Turner's claim for tax revenue lost because of the State's Property Tax Stabilization program is roughly \$100,000. That amount is to be made up by the state. Last week, the town received just under \$56,000 from the state. The state did not have enough funds set aside to cover the entire obligation created by this program. Supplemental legislation to fund the balance has been introduced. **6-2h: Gilbert Right of Way:** Board reviewed and motion and second to accept the plan to be pinned, unanimous vote.

7. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote.
8. **Executive Sessions:** a: **Personnel – pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) – Fire/Rescue**
b: **Legal – pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (E) – Enforcement Action:** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:55pm. Mr. Nichols could not stay, vote 4-0 on motion. Motion, second and unanimous vote by remaining four Selectmen to exit executive session at 9:15pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to act on Fire Chief appointment when all members can vote. Motion, second and unanimous vote to pursue completion of sale of Jordan Lane foreclosed property, and to provide a fixed deadline for execution of consent agreement in Nickerson matter.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC