

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 5, 2024

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Kurt Youland and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, and Kurt Schaub. Guests: Linda Poland, Rodney Harlow, Tim Harlow, Nick Merry, Lisa Bennett, Dylan Luce.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to add Rodney and Tim Harlow as Agenda Item 3-0.
- 3. New Business: 3-0 - Rodney and Tim Harlow:** Rodney Harlow stated that the mobile home and some of the vehicles have been removed. Kurt Youland asked if that has been verified. Kurt Schaub said he drove by that morning and said the state of the property has improved but there is still material and vehicles there that must be removed. The fine (\$7,900.00) and reimbursement for legal fees (\$1,328.45) are due to be paid by August 16, and the property is to be cleaned up by September 1. Rodney Harlow asked if the fine could be reduced. Mr. Youland said the town received multiple complaints about the property and that multiple attempts were made over the past several years to get it cleaned up, without success. He said the board would discuss the matter and get back to the Harlows. **3-1: Marijuana Business License Application – High Tide Edibles, LLC – Medical Manufacturing** – Application to renew the existing license at 261 Auburn Road. Mr. Schaub reported the facility passed inspection and there were no concerns with the background check. Public Hearing was opened – no comments. Public Hearing was closed. Motion, second, unanimous vote to issue license. **3-2: Marijuana business License Application – High Tide Edibles, LLC – Medical Retail Store** - Application to renew the existing license at 261 Auburn Road. Mr. Schaub reported the facility passed inspection and there were no concerns with the background check. Public Hearing was opened – no comments. Public Hearing was closed. Motion, second, unanimous vote to issue license. **3-3: Bid Award - Roadside Mowing** – One bid was received, from Hood Farm, LLC, in amount of \$8,000.00 plus \$110.00 per hour for additional work that might be requested. Mr. Schaub noted this was the same amount as last year. Motion and second to award bid as submitted. Vote four in favor, one abstained (Mr. Hood). **3-4: Bid Award – Heating Fuel** – A summary of bids received was reviewed. There were four bidders. Motion, second and unanimous vote to accept the Fielding’s fixed price bid for both No. 2 fuel (\$2.7475/gallon) and propane (\$1.5575/gallon). **3-5: Maine Municipal Association – Voting Ballot** – Motion, second and unanimous vote to vote the town’s ballot as proposed.

- 4. Old Business/Projects:**
- 4-1: Boofy Quimby Hall – Bid Specification** – Reviewed draft specification to construct wall and other basic portions of the Boofy Quimby Hall upgrade. Agreed specification needs more detail prior to bid. Mr. Youland suggested putting white metal on interior walls. Also agreed running water needed in Fire Department bay and in food pantry for hand-washing sink. Mr. Schaub to obtain additional detail for review prior to bidding.
 - 4-2: Boofy Quimby Hall – Sign** – Reviewed three samples provided by Mike Spugnardi. Motion, second and unanimous vote to select the bottom of the three options.
 - 4-3: Leavitt Institute Roof – Bid Specification** – Bid specification developed by Randy Langley was reviewed. Motion, second and unanimous vote to solicit bids as specified.
 - 4-4: Transfer Station Upgrade** – Noted that pre-application meeting set with Department of Environmental Protection for August 12. Mr. Youland will attend, along with Mr. Schaub.
 - 4-5: Reports – Old town House/Natural History Club** – Linda Poland reported provided written reports for both buildings. In the town House, there is chimney work that needs to be done. She said the Shafer family and/or King Foundation may be available to assist. As for the Natural History Club, the foundation needs work – it looks as though there are no footers under the cement walls. The structure is still infested with Powder Post Beetles, which is at a level of two on a scale of one to five. It needs to be treated during warmer weather. She suggested having the Historical Museum host a conversation on what to do with the building, so a plan might be developed for its future.
- 5. Regular Reports:**
- 5-1: Fire Department** – Chief Merry reported Engine 2 should be back from Vassalboro on Friday, with its new pump. He said the air bag system for motor vehicle accidents is going into service, and that they have developed a Rapid Intervention Team to be trained and put into service when a firefighter goes down at a scene.
 - 5-2: Rescue Department** – Chief Lisa Bennett reported the department responded to 102 calls in July, bringing the year-to-date total to 725 – a reduction of about 40 from the year prior. She said some of equipment ordered with EMS Stabilization funds was showing up, and that the department had been awarded \$20,000.00 for a second Lucas Device to perform CPR on patients, saving on manpower and backs.
 - 5-3: Town Manager – 5-3a: Financial Reports** – Not much to report until taxes are committed and budgets can be entered into the system.
 - 5-3b: Nezinscot Dam Report** – Latest inspection report received from state. Mr. Maheu said state should be fixing. Mr. Youland said town can manage vegetation issues, and suggested on-site inspection, with an eye toward removing trees and brush. Meeting to be held at 5:00pm on Monday, September 16.
 - 5-3c: New Hire – Highway Department** – Michael Barry has been hired to work primarily in Highway Department, but also to be available for other tasks as needed. He has a Class B

license and seems to be fitting in with the crew. Mr. Youland added that the department would benefit from a hay mulcher, that it would be far more efficient than spreading hay by hand over construction sites. He also said he'd like to arrange a demo for a rotating bucket on the small excavator. **5-3d: Revenue Sharing Projection** – This year's projection is now \$677,904, which is up from \$668,949 projected for last year. Note the actual amount will vary depending on actual sales and income tax receipts in Augusta, and that the town usually budgets a lesser figure, to be conservative.

- 6. Consent Agenda:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to accept the Consent Agenda.
- 7. Executive Session:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session (pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(a)) at 7:54pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 8:54pm.
- 8. Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt E. Schaub
Town Manager