

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Monday, November 4, 2024**  
**6:00pm – Fire/Rescue Central Station**

- 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, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, and Lisa Bennett. Guest: Ken Gilbert.
- 2. Adjustments:** None
- 3. New Business: 3-1 – Eagle Scout Project:** Candidate not present. **3-2 – Leavitt Institute Boiler Replacement:** Local contractor Ken Gilbert was present to discuss his proposal for replacement of the boiler system at the Leavitt Institute. Of the proposals received, his was the lowest. Mr. Gilbert said he could probably trim a little more off the bid given that the town is exempt from sales tax and if the Highway crew can assist with removal of the current boiler. Mr. Youland said he wanted to know more about the boiler brand – IBC. Mr. Gilbert said he started using IBC because of their trouble-free reputation and experience. He said he stopped using Bosch/Buderus when obtaining repair parts became an issue. He said he’s installed approximately 20 IBCs with good results, and the units and parts are available locally through The Granite Group. Mr. Youland asked how long the project would take. Mr. Gilbert said it would be about a week, and that the building would not be without heat for all of that time. Funding was discussed. It was generally agreed to utilize Contingency. Also discussed was whether it made more sense to wait until the existing boiler ceases to operate versus replacing it now. Motion and second to move forward now with the Gilbert Plumbing and Heating proposal, and authorize up to \$42,000 to be appropriated from Contingency to fund the project, including an underground propane storage tank. Unanimous vote.
- 4. Old Business/Projects: 4-1 – Leavitt Institute Roof:** No changes yet, no final bill until railing adjustments are made. **4-2: Boofy Quimby Hall:** Security cameras will be installed this week, floor polishing proposal accepted, awaiting scheduling. **4-3: Transfer Station:** Waiting to meet with abutting property owner’s representative.
- 5. Regular Reports: 5-1 – Fire Department:** Chief Nicholas Merry’s report was reviewed. Noted that tanker issue on hold pending receipt of new estimate from Murray. **5-2 – Rescue Department:** Chief Lisa Bennett reported there were 92 calls for October bringing the year to date total to 1,013, which is down 53 calls for the year. On the budgetary side, both revenues and expenditures are up. The Other Contractual expense line is significantly over budget because the three-year overall

service agreement with Stryker Sales, which covers monitors, power cots and automated CPR devices, renewed this year and went up quite a bit. She also reported concern that Maine EMS now requires providers to have a flu shot and, if they do not, a masking protocol is to be implemented and followed for the duration of the flu season. Chief Bennett expressed concern that this could be another contributor to staffing shortages within smaller departments, given that Maine EMS is dominated by larger hospital-based services. It was suggested the smaller services organize and present a large, united front to Maine EMS on this and other concerns. **5-3 – Town Manager: 5-3a – Financial Statements:** Statements through the end of October were reviewed. **5-3b – Betty Road Letter:** A letter regarding development concerns along Betty Road was reviewed. Motion, second and unanimous vote to send the letter. Kurt Schaub noted there was information in it applicable to other private roads. **5-3c – Highway Department News:** The department's recent hire gave his notice. Search efforts are underway to locate a replacement.

- 6. Consent Agenda:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to approve the Consent Agenda.
- 7. Executive Session – Legal:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter Executive Session at 7:12pm to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to review legal issues. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 7:55pm.
- 8. Adjournment –** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kurt E. Schaub  
Town Manager