

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

6:00PM

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, Kurt Schaub, Deana Pierce, Julie Vye and Nicholas Merry. Guests: John Maloney, Amanda Adamen, Peter Adamen, and Cindy Tibbetts.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Peter Adamen as 3-5.
3. **New Business: 3-1: Medical Marijuana License Transfers – Curate Cannabis to William Cunningham – Retail Store and Cultivation Area:** Darren Villani, the operator of Curate Cannabis, located at 11 Conant Road, has decided to exit the business and turn his operations over to William Cunningham. Turner’s Marijuana Ordinance provides a 90-day window during which a marijuana business license may be transferred if the business is sold. **3-1a: Review Application: Application** is good, but Ross, the code officer, has not yet inspected. **3-1b: Public Hearing:** **Opened** Public Hearing, no comments from the public, closed Public Hearing. **3-1c: Action as Warranted: Motion** and second to approve license transfer, pending Ross inspection, unanimous vote. **3-2: John Maloney – Zoning Survey for Egg Farm Property: 3-2a: Review Survey Form:** A survey form developed by John Maloney to be used to solicit public input on the notion of if and when to pursue zoning changes for the egg farm property. Cindy Tibbetts had brought this up as she would like to see the town come together and decide if towns’ people would like to see zoning changes done or wait until a potential buyer approaches the town for zoning changes. After discussion it was decided to remove the survey section and put out the informational piece along with information regarding a Public Hearing at Town Meeting and then revisit sometime after Town Meeting. **3-3: Town Office – Four Day Work Week: 3-3a: Discussion:** Town Office staff have inquired about transitioning the office to a Monday-Thursday schedule with Friday’s off. The objective would be to maintain service hours and spread them over four days instead of five. There has been a trend in this direction at many municipal and even city offices around the state – probably more have gone this route than not – as a non-monetary way of attracting and retaining staff while continuing to serve the public. After discussions about hours, the pros and the cons there was a motion and second to approve the Monday-Thursday office schedule with hours from 7:30am-6:00pm, with the office being closed on Friday’s for a 60 day trial period starting on May 5, 2025, 4 in favor 1

opposed. **3-4: Discussion – Fund Balance:** Board had a discussion on the balance of the fund balance. **3-5: Peter Adamen Set Back Corner:** Back corner of garage is slightly off from the setback requirements but is not causing any issues. Motion and second to grant a letter of no action, unanimous vote.

- 4. Old Business – Projects:**
 - 4-1: Leavitt Institute:** KY Construction did more work on the entryway repairs, including taping and trim. Plan to meet in the next few weeks to look at other problem areas in the building.
 - 4-2: Transfer Station:** Nothing new to report.
 - 4-3: Boofy Quimby Hall:** Three proposals for design/engineering work for the remaining interior work to be done at the hall. Before awarding the bid, the board would like to meet with Michael Petrovick and Dirigo to have discussions and get some clarification on the bid details.
- 5. Regular Reports:**
 - 5-1: Highway Manager –** Report all looks good.
 - 5-2: Code Enforcement Officer: Report** all looks good.
 - 5-3: Fire Department: Department** responded to 32 calls for the month of February, bringing the total to 79 for the year. Two members have started the Fire Fighter 1 & 2 class. Motion and second fund the \$20,000 pump replacement through the equipment reserve, unanimous vote. Chief Merry states that the Fire Hydrant at Bear Pond will be fixed this week and that all other hydrants will be checked as well.
 - 5-4: Town Manager:**
 - 5-4a: FEMA-December 2023 Storm:** Have begun the process with FEMA to be reimbursed for the administrative expenses associated with filing the various claims for damage reimbursement from the December 2023 wind/rainstorm. Have received most of the cleanup/repair expenses on town roads, have completed the claim process for the Harlow Family Cemetery.
 - 5-4b: Town Report:** Town report has been sent to the printer, it should be ready for mailing around Thursday March 27th. Kurt Schaub will reach out when it has an exact date so the board may arrange for a presentation to the family of the individual to whom this year's report is dedicated.
 - 5-4c: Town Meeting Warrant:** A copy of the warrant as published in the Town Report was provided to the board. Unless another article is needed, this version may be signed for posting with other Town Meeting materials.
- 6. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve consent agenda, unanimous vote.
- 7. Executive Session - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A) – Personnel – Performance Review:** Motion and second to enter into executive session with Fire Chief at 7:50pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 8:45pm, unanimous vote.
- 8. Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC