

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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, Lisa Bennett, Kent Harrington, Nicholas Merry. Guest: Tom Perkins, Don Lebel, Kim Lebel, Lucien Richard, Mike Nemi, Dick Nemi, Noreen Nemi, Hunter Marshall, Steve Michaud, Camden Pack, Austin Culleton, Cameron Lebel, Michael Petrovick, David Bergeron, Danielle Bergeron and Frank Swan.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add a quick claim deed as 5-3k.
3. **New Business: 3-1: Highway Department Rust Treatment: Kent** has come across a new rust treatment product he would like to try on the Highway Department trucks. The cost would be \$2,438, and the advantage to this product is that it actually dries, verses Fluid Flim which remains tacky to the touch and makes other tasks more difficult. Motion and second to purchase the wax kit, unanimous vote.  
**3-2: Boofy Quimby Hall- Design Firm Interviews: Contacted** representatives from both Dirigo Architectural and Michael Petrovick Architects, to discuss their proposals in more detail and answer any questions. Both have done similar projects. Both answered questions from the board, and the board would like to discuss both bids and will have Town Manager get back to both parties with their decision. **3-3: Correspondence -MSAD 52 Superintendent Cari Mead –** Town Manager provided copies of emails he had received from Cari Mead. The first concerns progress on the district budget and the second asks whether the town would be interested in taking responsibility for maintaining the flashing signal at the crosswalk by the District Office. The board does not feel it should be the Town of Turners responsibility to maintain the signal as it is a State Road and it is a district school not just Turner so at this time the board has asked Town Manager to respond to Superintendent Cari Mead to inform her that the Town of Turner is not interested in taking responsibility for the flashing signal.
4. **Old Business/Projects: 4-1: Leavitt Institute:** Nothing new to report other than annual elevator and lift inspections will be done this week. **4-2: Boofy Quimby Hall:** Discussed in 3-2. **4-3: Transfer Station:** There is some doubt that the Bradfords have firmly agreed to sell land to the town, though their family board meeting is coming up in May and there could be an agreement at that gathering. Will proceed with the vote at Town Meeting, so we would have that step done

if/when they agree to sell. **4-4: Public Works Well** – Nothing new just waiting for the frost to go so that the line can be put in. **4-5: Sidewalk:** This is the sidewalk that the town is obligated to complete at the corner of Turner Center Road and North Parish Road. It looks as though there will be sufficient funds available in the Paving and Construction budget, provided the budget is approved. Motion and second to put out to bid, 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained.

- 5. Regular Reports:**
- 5-1: Fire Department:** Chief Merry put together 10-year replacement list. Tanker replacement and Engine 1 replacement in 2025. Utility truck/Chief's vehicle in 2026. Replace 2-4 sets of gear in 2027. Engine 1 replacement with a pumper tanker. Replacement of one of the trucks purchased in 2025 in the year 2035. In the last 5 years the Fire Department budget has increased by 260%, and that does not include the Equipment Reserve budget. No action was taken.
  - 5-2: Rescue Department:** Department has a new employee; Jennifer Grant is an EMT. Chief Bennett is working on applying for another grant. Cam Lebel went to Edward Little and met with the EMT program.
  - 5-3: Town Manager:**
  - 5-3a: Financial Statements:** Monthly Revenue and Expense reports were provided to the board for review.
  - 5-3b: Maine DOT Projects:** List of projects planned by the Maine DOT for Town of Turner was provided to the board for review.
  - 5-3c: Maine DOT Public Meeting:** DOT has planned to discuss planned safety improvements for Route 4, between Blanchard Road in Auburn and Livermore. The meeting will be held here at 5:00pm on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5-3d: Double Pole Locations:** In many locations around town, utility poles have been upgraded with taller/newer installations, but not all utilities have been transferred – leaving double poles which are unsightly and can block motorists' views at intersections and the like. Town Manager shared an email he sent to our pole contact at First Light, he also included the Agenda for an online meeting he plans to attend in which it appears this phenomenon will be addressed.
  - 5-3e: Bryant Road Culvert Request:** Resident Aaron Stanley sent an email concerning water that drains onto his property, which was built on Lower Street opposite the end of Bryant Road. His home was constructed relatively recently, while the drainage on Lower Street has been in place for many years. No action was taken.
  - 5-3f: Paving Bid Draft:** A draft bid was provided to the board for review, motion and second to send bid out as presented, unanimous vote.
  - 5-3g: Grounds maintenance bid:** A draft bid was provided to the board for review, motion and second to put out to bid as presented, unanimous vote.
  - 5-3h: Human Resources Policy Revision:** An updated version of the Town's Human Resources Policy that includes a new section on Social Media, Personal Blogs and Websites. That section begins on page 22. Motion and second to approve the amendments, unanimous vote.
  - 5-3i: Memo from MMA – Peoples Veto of State**

**Budget:** Maine Municipal Association advises that a Peoples Veto process of the recently enacted state budget is now underway. If successful, we are told it could lead to, among other things, funding disruptions to both municipalities and school districts. **5-3j: Town Meeting – April 12:** Town Meeting will get underway on Friday, April 11. Polls will be open at the Town Office from 1:00pm to 7:00pm for the municipal election. On Saturday, April 12, the open Town Meeting will get underway at 9:30am in the Leavitt Area High School Cafeteria. **5-3k: Quitclaim Deed:** An old lien was not discharged when the lien was paid off so needed to make a quitclaim deed to release the lien.

**6. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda, unanimous vote.

**7. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC