BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 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. Guests: Anna Pillsbury, Chris Pillsbury, Sandy MacPeek, Anne Swiatocha, Ron Blake, Rodney Harlow, Carolyn Viger and Susan Bizier.
2. **Adjustment to the Agenda:** Add a second Executive Session for Personel as 7-B, unanimous vote.
3. **New Business: 3-1: Rodney Harlow – Junkyard Legal Fees:** Rodney wanted to discuss the payment of legal fees incurred by the town in conjunction with the enforcement effort. Town Manager, Kurt Schaub advised him that the citizens should not have to foot the bill to correct a violation he has been aware of for several years. Kurt also reminded Rodney that the town is trying to work with him in pursuit of a consent agreement that will allow Rodney to keep certain vehicles, with appropriate screening, provided others and specifically identified scrap materials are removed. Rodney that he was initially told the fine and legal fees would not exceed $1,500.00, but at this time it is at $3,500.00, due to legal fees, court fees, and fines. He asked the board if any of the money he paid last year for his brother's fines could be used towards his fees and the board explained that would not be possible cause that was a completely different case and the money he paid, covered the costs his brother had incurred. The board explained that they do not have the power to lessen any of the legal fees but will check with the Town Attorney about a Consent Agreement and if legally can do a payment plan, Rodney said he could probably pay it off in 60 days, if and when a consent agreement is signed. **3-2: Turner Center Sidewalk:** The process of putting together a bid specification for the connecting sidewalk at Turner Center has begun. Kurt Youland and Kurt Schaub visited the site and it appears need to intall 3 catch basins and related drainage to connect the drainage installed by the state, and roughly 317 feet of sidewalk and curbing. Also met up with one of the property owners who very much is in favor of the project. Kurt Schaub has contacted the DOT for some additional specifications to be certain the work conforms to their expectations. Kurt Schaub will set up a meeting with an engineer to discuss design.
4. **Old Business: 4-1: Leavitt Institute:** The heat pump/air conditioning issue has been repaired. Also have a broken rope on the 4th floor flagpole. Kurt Schaub will

contact WD Matthews to see about getting a lift that is high enough to fix the rope and replace the flag. Board would like to hopefully get it fixed by July 4th. **4-2: Boofy Quimby Hall:** A set of preliminary plans was provided to the board. Kurt Schaub will be meeting with Tom Perkins at the hall on the 17th, so they can confirm measurements and the like. **4-3: Transfer Station:** Bradford family does not wish to sell any more of the land acquired by their ancestors roughly 150 years ago and this includes the piece by the Transfer Station that the town tried to acquire. The family did say that they would sign off on whatever we might need to make the project happen, but this would depend on the DEP posture with regard to property lines. Kurt Youland and Kurt Schaub met with Rick Dunton from Main-Land this past week and they will explore the footprint issue with DEP. Rick Dunton will also be coordinating with Kent Harrington to obtain more detail on the ledge issue that may allow or prevent the town from relocating the third compactor to the west side of the existing units away from the Bradford property line. Transfer Station staffing, have received one application and are waiting on one more application to be turned in. **4-4: Public Works:** In Kurt Schaub's absence from the June 2nd meeting he was unaware of the vote taken on the electrical work needed to connect the generator at the Highway Garage. Prior to learning of the vote, he received another quote via email. Unfortuantely the board has already voted and awarded the bid at this time so will not be considering the bid that came in after.

5. **Regular Reports: 5-1: Highway Manager:** Report looks good, no discussion. **5-2: Code Enforcement:** Report accepted, no discussion. **5-2a: New Office Hours:** Ross's schedule will be from 7:30am to 6:00pm on Mondays and Thursdays, if he is needed on other days, he will shorten his regular days to compensate, to maintain a 20-hour work week. Reminder the Rescue Department is hosting a community-wide farewell party for Ross at 11:00am on Saturday, June 21 at the Boofy Quimby Hall. **5-3: Town Manger: 5-3a: June 30- Close at Noon:** Would like to close at noon on June 30th to perform fiscal year end tasks, including the printing of tax liens that have to be filed at the Registry no later than 2:00pm that day. Motion and second to close office at noon on June 30th, unanimous vote. **5-3b: Consent Agreement Hearing:** The Rodney Harlow matter will be settled with an out-of-court Consent Agreement, certain conditions of that agreement may trigger the need for a public hearing. Kurt Schaub will be talking more about this with Jamie Belleau but, if it does, we will plan to hold it in conjunction with one of the July meetings. **5-3c: Office Hours Trial Period Ending:** As previously voted, the trial period for new Town Office hours (Monday through Thursday 7:30am-6:00pm) will conclude at the end of June. As it is, we have had many favorable comments and, to our knowledge, just one negative. The sense we are getting and hearing is that people really appreciate

the additional time to get here at the end of their workday and are fine with giving up Friday access as a tradeoff. Have also heard there may be more complaints if we go back to the former schedule. The request is a vote to make the new schedule permanent. Motion and second to approve the Monday through Thursday 7:30am-6:00pm with Friday's off as the new permanent office schedule, unanimous vote. **5-3d: Planning Board Hearings:** The Planning Board will have hearings during their meeting on Wednesday, June 18th, on two applications from SR1. The first will be for a 30,000+/- square foot building on the west side of Route 4 in North Turner, where they intend to consolidate camper-type sales and service. Once that is done, all tractors, heavy equipment and implements/accessories will be relocated to the east side. The second hearing will be for a plan for them to move their container sales to a newly purchased lot south of their current operations, also on the west side of Route 4. **5-3e: State Road Salt Bid:** Just received word that the salt bid price for the 2025-26 season will be $78.00 per ton, which is a slight reduction from last year's $78.50/ton. The terms require we let them know if we will accept the bid by June 27th. Motion and second to lock in with the state bid @ $78.00 per ton, unanimous vote.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Two abatements for land that was taken be eminent domain by the Maine Department of Transportation in conjunction with the project at the Route4/219 intersection. These transfers were not accomplished by a traditional deed so we were not notified of them. Motion and second to approve the consent agenda with the abatements without the minutes from last meeting, unanimous vote. The minutes from the last meeting need to be admended as the board did not go into an executive session and will vote on the minutes at next meeting.
7. **Executive Session: Personal Matter:** Entered into executive session at 7:10pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to conclude session at 7:36pm.
8. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC