

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 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, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett, Steve Michaud, Camden Pack. Absent: Warren Hood. Guest: Residents, Larry Angelo Sr, Albert Landry , and Jeff Gondeck. From the Maine State Police Patrick Pescitelli , Gregory Roy and Jason Wing.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** No adjustments but Steve Maheu wanted to thank the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department and Kevin Nichols for all the help with traffic control.
3. **New Business: 3-1: Liquor License Renewal – Terry & Maxines:** Routine renewal, there have been no complaints, therefore there is no requirements to hold a public hearing. Motion and second to approve Terry & Maxines renewal license, unanimous vote. **3-2: Maine State Police Bomb Squad Request:** Received a call about two weeks ago that the State Police had confiscated certain explosive materials which they wanted to detonate at a location closer than Augusta. Gravel pits generally meet the safety requirements for such activity, and they requested use of our pit which, in the spirit of cooperation, we authorized for one-time use. They would like to use it more frequently. Would like to use the pit as a disposal spot on a regular basis usual 3-4 times a year, with 1-2 trainings a year. The town would be notified when the pit would be used. Motion and second to approve the request for the Maine State Police Bomb Squad request to use the Town Pit, unanimous vote.
4. **Old Business/Projects: 4-1: Leavitt Institute:** Dede Caldwell was able to secure a lift and assist Steve and Jenn Maheu in getting the flagpole rope replaced at the Institute. A new flag is now on the building. **4-2: Boofy Quimby Hall:** Nothing new to report. **4-3: Transfer Station:** Test pits will be coordinated with Kent Harrington following Public Works shutdown week. Main-Land contract reviewed, which was not approved when initially proposed, pending work on the hopes of acquiring some additional land for our reconfiguration. Motion and second to sign the contract, unanimous vote. **4-4: Public Works Building:** Nothing new to report **4-5: North Parish Road Sidewalk:** Kurt Youland and Kurt Schaub met at the sidewalk site with DOT Regional Engineer Tony Beaulieu. Tony understands we would prefer to do the project without the added cost of engineering and agreed with the concept of adding three basins to the existing drainage., then constructing the sidewalk and

associated curbing. The DOT will provide the basin structures and pipes for the project, and the town will handle the installation work. Agreed this will be a 2026 project. Tony also provided right-of-way drawings for the site, from which Kurt will develop a project sketch for DOT review.

- 5. Regular Reports:**
- 5-1: Fire Department:** Engine 1 and Tank 4 have both been scheduled for repairs this month. Engine 1 will be getting a new air primer and Tank 4 will be getting the pump replaced. July training will be vehicle extraction. Lt. Allen and Pvt. Bellefleur have both completed their Firefighter 1 & 2 Academy and State testing. The department now has 8 members who are pro-board certified firefighters. The department was awarded \$48,000 by the Stephen and Tabitha King foundation to go towards the new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
- 5-2: Rescue Department:** Chief Bennett wanted to thank everyone for reaching out to her while she was out and to the department for keeping things running. She will be posting for Deputy Chief position. Ross's Rescue retirement party went well, had a good turn out and may or may not have a few tears shed. EMS Appreciation Dinner went well, Lisa wanted to thank all those that came by. Chip Richardson received the Employee of the Year. Made around \$2400 at the fireworks fundraiser, again a big thank you to all that donated items and purchased food from the department.
- 5-3: Town Manager:**
- 5-3a: Fiscal 2025 Financial Statements:** On the revenue side, Administration, Excise Tax, Revenue Sharing, Fire and Rescue all greatly exceeded budget expectations. On the expense side, had a few departments land in the red. The department deficits exceed available contingency by roughly \$17,000, however the town's Fund Balance is still holding at a very strong \$3.3 million.
- 5-3b: County Road-Striping Request:** Larry Angello and Albert Landry were here to discuss all the Tractor Trailers traveling County Road, and the speed that people are traveling. They believe if the road was striped it would help with traffic staying on their side of the road, would also like to see about limiting the tractor trailer traffic on the road. The town does not have authorization to stripe the road, needs to have a state engineer, and Kurt Schaub will reach out to his contact to get more information on this. Will also look into putting up the flashing speed sign on the road as well.
- 5-3c: Speed Limit Study Request – Bear Pond Road:** Kurt Schaub received an email from several residents of Big Bear Lane, requesting that the town ask the DOT to again conduct a speed limit study on Bear Pond Road. The last study, done around 2018, suggested that a higher speed limit was warranted, but the department opted to make no changes at the time. Kurt Schaub will follow up on this.
- 5-3d: Draft – Culvert Bid:** A draft bid was presented for review for purchase of culverts this year, this is the inventory Kent needs for road construction and for routine maintenance. Motion and second to send the bid out, unanimous

vote. **5-3e: Draft- Heating Fuel Bid:** A draft bid was presented for review for heating fuel for the coming season. Motion and second to send the bid out, unanimous vote. **5-3f: Planning Board Vacancy: After** many years of dedicated service, Planning Board member Ed Morris has decided to step down. Motion and second to have Kurt Schaub to advertise for a replacement volunteer. **5-3g: Little Wilson Pond Boat Launch:** Just learned the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has acquired the former Lavoie property on Little Wilson Pond for use as a carry-in, carry-out boat launch. Hope to have additional information soon about more specific plans, including parking and other details. **5-3h: Code Enforcement Case – Update:** The attorneys should have the final Rodney Harlow Consent Agreement drafted any day now. Once it is done, the Town's Attorney will advise on notification requirements for the required hearing, which hopefully we can get scheduled.

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

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M Allaire, LCC