

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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, and Lucien Richard. Guests: There were many residents from County Road.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Androscoggin County Budget as 5-3f.
- 3. New Business: 3-1: Medical Marijuana Retail Store License – Frank Bernyi/Marijuanaville: 3-1a: Review Application:** This application is for the license that had been affiliated with Blazing Jane, located at 1808 Auburn Road. The town's ordinance provides that purchasers of real estate containing a licensed facility have the option of applying for the license before it is opened to a public lottery process. Mr. Bernyi's criminal background check does not reveal anything that would prevent him from being approved. **3-1b: Public Hearing:** Opened up public hearing, no comments, closed public hearing. **3-1c: Action as Warranted:** Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **3-2: Sparkle Parade/Tree Lighting – Allie Angello:** Town Manager, Kurt Schaub, had a conversation with Angela Lee and Allie Angello about possibly combining the events and relocating the parade to Main Street. Allie spoke to the board about possibly having the parade come up Main Street and end at the Town Office for the Tree Lightening. After discussion of concerns of where the floats would park or turn around and where people would park to watch the parade it was suggested that it would be safest to keep the parade on another night and down the regular parade route used for the parade on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. Old Business/Projects: 4-1: County Road Striping – Larry Angello:** Residents from County Road believe that if the road is striped it will keep traffic on its own side of the road and prevent accidents. Town manager pulled an accident report from 2015 to 2025, which showed 40 accidents that were caused from distracted driving, speeding, OUI or deer, none of which striping would help prevent. Town Manager, emailed MDOT and this was their response to him. "Need professional help when it comes to marking passing/no passing zones. If accidents happened due to wrong marking layout, town could be liable." Comments were made about state Local Roads Assistance Program funds and excise tax and what those funds were used for. Town Manager Schaub explained those funds are intended to cover all road maintenance, construction and equipment purchases, and is not dedicated to

specific activities. Travis Landry, a resident on Willard Dr who is a civil engineer, agreed with the board that to stripe a road the town would need some engineering judgment, but that MDOT does have some programs to help fund the costs. Many residents of County Road are afraid to travel the road due to the big trucks using the road and to driver's not staying on their side of the road. Rescue Chief Bennett understands the concerns of the residents but also agrees with the board if the town stripes one road other residents will be requesting to have their roads striped. She also stated that GPS does route a lot of traffic down County Road. Jeff Timberlake spoke in regards to when the town striped Lower Street, and that people now drive faster then before it was striped and if you are going to stripe need to do both yellow lines and the white line which increases the cost, he states be careful what you wish for folks. **4-1b: Action as Warranted:** The board will do some more research and get back to Mr. Angello. **4-2: Marijuana Business License Application – James Bly/Crop Circle Cannabis, LLC:** This application was tabled during the October 20 meeting over questions regarding criminal background. Per the definition within town ordinance, the disqualifying offense would have to have occurred within the past 10 years, his conviction occurred 20 years ago, and his record has been clear since. Motion and second to approve the license, unanimous vote. **4-3: Leavitt Institute:** Meeting scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. **4-4: Boofy Quimby Hall:** Dirigo Engineering has completed their work on plans to upgrade the interior of the Boofy Quimby Hall. Tom Perkins would like to meet with the board at a workshop session to go over the plans, on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm if possible – agreed. **4-5: Transfer Station:** A packet consisting of a progress report from Main-Land and follow-up from DEP was provided to the board for review. DEP is pleased with the project away from the stream and suggested including roofing the compactor area as a Phase II project, pending availability of funds. Motion and second to move forward, unanimous vote.

- 5. Regular Reports:** **5-1: Fire Department:** Department has received the 12 new SCBA units, will begin doing inspections of fire extinguishers in all town-owned buildings on a regular basis. Would like to request lock boxes be installed in town-owned buildings, so if something happens in one of the buildings the department is able to get into the building and does not have to wait for someone with a key. **5-2: Rescue Department:** New protocols have been put in place by Maine EMS and as of November 1<sup>st</sup> all staff need to be fully vaccinated and if the staff is not compliant, they are not able to work. Back parking lot is a little rough, public works with grade it and will look into paving it next year. **5-3: Town Manager:** **5-3a: Financial Statements:** Regular Revenue and Expense reports were provided to the board for review. **5-3b: Town Office Server Replacement:** The office server is due to be

replaced on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, there may be a span of time that afternoon when the network will not be available. **5-3c: Special Town Meeting – Marijuana Licensing Standards:** Proposing a Special Town Meeting to be held before next meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> here at Town Office. Article would be to adopt a resolution that provides the reasons for having the moratorium and lays out the steps to be taken to resolve the issue. Agreed to move forward – Mr. Schaub to write resolution and Warrant for meeting. **5-3d: TAA Building Request:** A request was made by TAA to allow them to build a snack shack in the footprint of a storage shed that was taken down at the Cobb Road Fields. CEO can permit provided new building is no more than 30 percent larger than old and is no closer to river. Permission granted - TAA needs to come to office for permit. **5-3e: Aaron Stanley – Drainage at Bryant Road/Lower Street Intersection:** Aaron proposes that the town reroute the water that presently runs onto his property. This proposal will increase the amount of water running to the neighboring property. The increase would trigger the need for a drainage easement, which could be costly. **5-3f: Androscoggin County Budget Meeting:** Looking at a 13.15% increase.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to approve the consent agenda with the Abatements and Supplements, unanimous vote.
7. **Executive Session – Legal - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (E) – Violations: 7-1: Executive Session:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter session at 8:04pm. Motion, second and unanimous vote to end session at 8:38pm. **7-2: Action as Warranted:** No action taken
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC