

SELECTMEN MEETING

7:00 pm

Tuesday September 22, 2020

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Jon Beekman, Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE Kirstie Ludwig, Joseph Young, Raymond Braithwood, Michael Carlson

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

COMMITTEE REPORTS Kirstie Ludwig provided an update on the Comp Plan and gave the dates of two upcoming meetings: October 13 and October 27. Both meetings will be on land use.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mark Robinson stated the Public Works Department has completed the distribution of all of the coal-mix paving. Work is completed on Bamford Hill Road and saved what was leftover to fill pot holes on Sandy River Road. The ditching work will continue, Fayette Ridge Rd will start soon. So far no significant equipment issues except with the 2010 International truck which has been an ongoing issue. Bill should be seen from engine work done on the next warrant. Board discussed bringing up replacing the truck at a later time.

There was a report that a town employee was applying asphalt to their own personal driveway, Mark stated that he has investigated the source of the employee's asphalt and it did not come from the town.

Mark mentioned that we may need to have some more local referendum questions on the November 3rd election ballot. For the time being the school cannot bring anything to the ballot due to requirements around the State of Maine's declared State of Emergency. The school committee is seeking an exemption from this requirement, due to Fayette not holding a town meeting due to Covid-19. If an exemption is granted, the town could hold a special town meeting in conjunction with a selectboard meeting.

Tax bills should have been received in residents' mails last week.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

20-61 Friends of Starling Hall: One representative of Starling Hall providing an update. Mark stated that he jumped the gun on the agenda and has one resident Joseph Young. Mr. Young made a statement advocating for a new town hall to be built on the site of Starling Hall. He stated that the current office is not suited for coronavirus precautions or for having any sort of meeting space.

20-62 Cemetery Conveyance

Motion to approve a cemetery conveyance to William and Marsh Swift Row G Lot 7 made by Lacy Badeau seconded by Brian Holman vote 3 in favor 0 opposed

20-63 Maine Municipal Bond Bank Resolution

Motion to approve and sign the Maine Municipal Bond Bank Resolution as prepared by Bond Counsel made by Lacy Badeau seconded by Brian Holman vote 3 in favor 0 opposed

Mark mentioned that former Town Manager, Louise Simmons, passed away and suggested mailing a card on behalf of the Select Board

20-64 Executive Session Title 1 §405

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 §405

6. Permitted deliberation. C. Discussion or consideration of the condition, if premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the Town; made by Brian Holman seconded by Jon Beekman vote 2 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstain

Board re-entered session at 8pm with no action taken.

Board of Selectmen Comments Lacy Badeau inquired if we could do a candidate's night on behalf of those running for Select Board. Jon suggested asking Friends of Starling Hall to sponsor this, or to help set it up. The board discussed it needing to be an online event or an outdoor event.

Lacy inquired into the town's progress with making decisions about internet service to the town office. Mark stated that he has not, but has spoken to Ian Silverman, a senior accounting executive for Consolidated Communications. He reviewed an expiring contract and determined that the total amount of renewing a phone contract for six lines and upgrading to fiber optics would end up costing less than they are paying currently. The board agreed with going forward.

Lacy inquired into filling the janitorial/maintenance position with the school, and Mark stated that Melody is going to take cleaning the entire facility until the replacement is found. Lacy expressed concern with the lack of licensing requirements needed to perform the job in the job posting.

Brian noted that he took a look at the Bamford Hill road work and thought it worked great. He also noted that the pay for the Public Works Department is low. Lacy noted that minimum wage is going up another dollar in January. Mark noted that a personnel executive session should be entered for anything to be discussed any further. Mark mentioned budgetary concerns, and also mentioned bringing in the Public Works Director to go over upcoming projects and concern. Jon asked Mark to compile a list of job positions and pay.

Warrants/Minutes-

Motion to approve payroll warrant number 6 and accounts payable warrants number 6, 6-1 Association made by Lacy Badeau Seconded by Jon Beekman Vote 3 in favor 0 opposed

Contingent upon a second school board member signing, school warrant number 6, school accounts payable warrant number 6. The board will vote when remaining school board member signs the warrant.

Exit at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to Adjourn by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman 3 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain