

SELECTMEN MEETING
7:00 pm
Tuesday October 6, 2020

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE Michael Carlson, Road Foreman Patrick Wheeler

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

COMMITTEE REPORTS Lacy reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has not met again. They have two meetings scheduled in October. She reported that Nick from KVCOG has left, and Joel Greenwood is going to take over the tail end of the project. Lacy noted that he has many towns he is working with, so she hopes they can finish it up shortly.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mark Robinson says that election work has been the focus of the last two weeks. Many absentee requests and voter registrations have come in. There has been some voter intimidation and political crimes happening regarding political mailers in the town. Mark explained how the state's central voter registration system works to verify a voter's residency. The selectboard inquired about whether vehicle registrations are being required for those from out of state who are registering in Maine because they've decided to make residency here. Mark stated that some new vehicle registrations have been coming in, but those who do not register their vehicles despite living here do eventually end up on the Bureau of Motor Vehicle's investigation list.

Mark has Road Foreman Patrick Wheeler with him to provide an update on the Public Works Department. Jon inquired into whether a Deputy Clerk position has been advertised. Mark has not, but noted that an executive session to discuss personnel issues is scheduled.

Mark stated that he is about ready to pull the annual report all together; he is waiting on just a few more letters. Jon Beekman offered to follow up on those outstanding letters.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

20-65 Local Road Assistance Application

Jon Beekman greeted Pat Wheeler. Mark Robinson explained the Local Road Assistance Application. Pat gave a run down of where the cold patch has been put down. Culvert issues discussed. Gabion baskets on Fayette Corner Rd and Young Rd were discussed, and Pat presented his plans for the Fayette Corner Road remedy. Mark discussed problems with a crushed culvert on the discontinued right of way on Young Road. The culvert needs to be repaired, but research needs to be done on where the responsibility lies.

Mark stated that he brought Pat to answer some questions on the department's budgetary issues and needs. Mark said the 2010 International Truck has been a burden on the town. Pat discussed all of the recent work that has been done on the vehicle, totaling \$55-60,000. Mark stated that it may be time to decide if the town is able to cut its losses and purchase a new vehicle. There is also an electronic diagnostic tool that could be purchased to assist with repairs. It would cost between \$145,000 and \$185,000 to replace the vehicle. The loader needs new tires, they are the original tires, and will be around \$12,000. Three cylinders are leaking, two are on plows and one lifts the body. Pat found Mainly Hydraulics will repair the cylinders. Public Works is looking for a bucket truck and a steamroller. Pat expressed that a pay raise for the crew would be helpful in the ability to retain staff. Tire replacement was further discussed: a debate was had about whether the need constituted an emergency status, or if the Board could approve the tires tonight. The Board reached a consensus that for safety issues this can be considered an emergency approval.

**Motion to direct the town manager to purchase four new tires for the loader
made by __Brian Holman__ seconded by __Lacy Badeau__ vote _3_ in favor _0_ opposed**

Pat stated that the department got a lot of ditching done this summer, and got a few culverts done. He said that having another garage to put equipment in has been helpful and expressed a desire for his crew to get a compensation increase.

**Motion to approve and sign the Maine Local Road Assistance Application as prepared by the Road Commissioner
made by __Lacy Badeau__ seconded by __Brian Holman__ vote _3_ in favor _0_ opposed**

20-66 Maine Municipal Return

**Motion to approve and sign the Maine Municipal Valuation Return as prepared by the Assessing Agent made by
__Lacy Badeau__ seconded by __Brian Holman__ vote _3_ in favor _0_ opposed**

20-67 2020-2021 Tax Certification

**Motion to approve and sign the 2020-2021 Tax Certificate as prepared by the Town Treasurer made by __Lacy
Badeau__ seconded by __Brian Holman__ vote _3_ in favor _0_ opposed**

20-68 Executive Session Title 1 §405

**Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 §405 section 6. Permitted deliberation. A. Employment
Compensation; made by __Lacy Badeau__ seconded by __Brian Holman__ vote _3_ in favor _0_ opposed**

Executive session entered at 8:10pm

Regular session entered at 8:57pm

**Motion to make salary adjustments and pay raises for employees as follows:
town manager, bookkeeper, and code enforcement officer positions – 3% increase
Deputy Clerk in training – raise to \$16 per hour
Road Foreman – raise to \$22.91 per hour
Deputy Foreman – raise to \$19 per hour
Salary adjustments to part time public works employees to \$16 per hour
Motion made by __Lacy Badeau__ seconded by __Brian Holman__ vote _3_ in favor _0_ opposed**

Board of Selectmen Comments

Lacy commented that the roads look good, and the public works crew did a good job cleaning up after the recent storm.

Warrants/Minutes-

**Motion to accept the meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 with the exception of the teleconference and
the term “special” removed from the heading**

Motion made by __Lacy Badeau__ seconded by __Brian Holman__ vote _3_ in favor _0_ opposed

**Motion to approve payroll warrant number 7 and accounts payable warrants number 7, school payroll warrant
number 7, school accounts payable warrant number 7.**

Motion made by Lacy Badeau Seconded by Brian Holman Vote 3 in favor 0 opposed

A discussion occurred as to when to discuss budget priorities with the budget committee. Mark suggested putting them on the agenda for the meeting of October 20, 2020. The Board agreed on this, and also to start the meeting one hour earlier that evening.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to Adjourn by Lacy Badeau seconded by Brian Holman 3 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Exit at 9:05 p.m.