

## **SELECTMEN MEETING**

7:00 pm

Tuesday November 17, 2020

**ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN** Jon Beekman, Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Nathaniel Sparling, Toby Pond

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE** Michael Carlson, Brent St. Clair, Diane Polky, James Wright

**PLEDGE** Stated

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Lacy reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has no new comments. The next meeting is December 8 to go over land use. Lacy explained that they have been working on this for about a year and is due to be wrapping up. Kirstie Ludwig has been a huge help with the process.

Jon Beekman stated that they also have a Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, created last year when the transfer station in Livermore Falls closed and the town joined with Readfield and Wayne to use the transfer station in Readfield. This has worked well, and the public has given the Board a lot of positive feedback. The Board receives a report from Eco-Maine regarding recycling, detailing how much contamination is in the recycling. So far, the three towns have done well, there has only been one month that was a little higher than others. Thin plastic, like bags and plastic wrap, are always the biggest contaminants.

The Road Committee has vacancies, the Capital Investment Plan committee needs to begin again, the Friends of Starling Hall will need a liaison, and there is also a multi-town cooperative group regarding broadband access in the area.

Jon Beekman told the new selectmen about trainings offered by Maine Municipal Association for newly elected officials, mentioning that it is a helpful overview.

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Mark Robinson welcomed new Board members Nathaniel Sparling and Toby Pond. Last time the Board met was the night before the election. The town owes a great deal of gratitude to Kirstie Ludwig again, who acted as Warden, for her help with ensuring a seamless election day and evening. Fayette had an excellent turn out. Mark suspects to see larger turnouts in the future.

Fayette is seeing new people moving into town. Day to day business has slowed down a bit at the town office, but CEO Brenda Medcoff is extremely busy. She is flooded with land interest inquiries, land development, and new houses being built.

Aside from the Code Officer and Elections, the office has quieted down a lot. This is a thing to be cautious about, as that means the collection rate will also decrease.

There is still an investigation into the hate crime that occurred in the cemetery.

The stream crossing grant application was submitted by the deadline, so the town will be waiting to hear the results of the application. The request is for \$125,000.00 and will be used in the Jackman Mills Crossing and the outlet at Tilton Pond.

**OLD BUSINESS** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **20-74 Board of Selectmen Chair and Vice Chair Nominations**

**Jon Beekman nominated Lacy Badeau as Chair of the Board – Brian Holman seconded – 4 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstain  
Lacy Badeau nominated Brian Holman as Vice Chair of the Board – Jon Beekman seconded – All in favor**

### **20-75 Richmond Mills Culvert**

**Motion to approve Status of the Richmond Mills culvert project and the first pay requisition from the contractor CH Stevenson made by Jon Beekman\_ seconded by Toby Pond\_ vote \_5\_\_in favor \_0\_ opposed**

#### **Discussion:**

Lacy reported that she was there today, and that there is still an excavator on site. It is estimated that it is about 85% complete. Originally the project was supposed to be completed by Labor Day. The repair is important in Fayette in regard to school bus travel.

Jon Beekman stated that we have been notified by the town's engineer that we are going to run over budget. At the moment there is a \$2500 difference in what was approved and what will be due. Motion to authorize Mark to use the \$2500 contingency fund to keep the engineering bill current with Mainland. The circumstances of the delayed construction makes sense as to why this bill will end up being higher than bid as well. **Motion made by Jon Beekman seconded by Nathaniel Sparling vote 5 in favor 0 opposed**

### **20-76 Town of Wayne Shared Position**

Mark explained to the new board members that there has been a search for a new Deputy Clerk for the town, and recently he was contacted by the Wayne Town Manager about cost-sharing their Deputy Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector who is trained and is currently their motor vehicle agent. Wayne's manager, Aaron Chrostowsky, is looking to retain his employee, but can only offer part time hours.

Jon Beekman stated he was opposed and is looking to hire a full-time deputy. He thinks that Mark needs to be able to have a little more time in the town manager position, and less time behind the counter. SOMEONE asked Mark if he thought that the part time hours would be enough. Mark stated that the appeal is that they do not need to be trained, and states that with the election over, he sees work slowing down dramatically. He is concerned that the full-time position could eventually be at risk if it stays slow. Brian asked if there has been any luck advertising for the position, and Mark said he has not advertised. Lacy said that she recognizes that there will be a slow-down of collections, and questions if we need the full-time hours at this very moment. Brian did say that the salary was recently raised, which should entice new hires. Mark said that personnel details can be discussed in executive session.

### **20-77 Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption**

**Motion to approve an excise tax exemption for all resident motor vehicle registrations whom are 100% disabled as the result of their military service pursuant to Title 29-A Sec. 523 made by Toby seconded by Jon vote 5 in favor 0 opposed**

The board was introduced to members of the budget committee, Brent and Jim were in present in public attendance. Jim broke down the role of the budget committee and welcomed the new members.

### **20-78 Executive Session Title 1 §405**

**Following that the BOS will enter executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405. (Section 6 items A&E)  
Motion made by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman vote 5 in favor 0 opposed**

**Executive session entered at 7:36 pm**

**6. Permitted deliberation. Deliberations on only the following matters may be conducted during an executive session:**

**A. Discussion or consideration of the employment, appointment, assignment, duties, promotion, demotion, compensation, evaluation, disciplining, resignation or dismissal of an individual or group of public officials, appointees**

or employees of the body or agency or the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints against a person or persons subject to the following conditions:

E. Consultations between a body or agency and its attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of the body or agency, pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers and matters where the duties of the public body's or agency's counsel to the attorney's client pursuant to the code of professional responsibility clearly conflict with this subchapter or where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the State, municipality or other public agency or person at a substantial disadvantage; [PL 2009, c. 240, §2 (AMD).]

made by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ vote \_\_\_ in favor \_\_\_ opposed

Regular session entered at 8:52pm with no action taken

#### **Board of Selectmen Comments**

No comments from the Board. Mark asked the board to think about which method they would like used to be contacted by members of the public, and to email him their response. The board agreed that Mark is going to get some more information about creating one board of selectmen email.

#### **Warrants/Minutes-**

**Motion to approve town accounts payable warrant 10 and payroll warrants 10 and 10-1 and school payroll warrant 10 and school accounts payable warrant 10 made by Brian Holman seconded by Jon Beekman vote 5 in favor 0 opposed**

Lacy brought up the holiday meal and gift for the full and part time employees and mentioned that they should have discussion regarding what they want to plan for the holidays.

Lacy also asked that the sills in the grange be filled in, and Jon stated that plans were already in place to have it taken care of by the end of the week.

**ADJOURNMENT Motion to Adjourn by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman 5 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain**

Exit at 9:08 p.m.