

SPECIAL SELECTMEN TELECONFERENCE MEETING

7:00 pm

Tuesday June 2, 2020

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Jon Beekman, Joe Young, Nancy Cronin, Lacy Badeau, Berndt Graf
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE- Taylor Crosby, Eric LaBelle of Mainland Development

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mark Robinson reviewed the activity at the Public Works Office. Mark stated that culverts were replaced on a number of roads and the sweeper broke down. Since March 12, \$1.2 million was made in deposits. The sweep account sits at a approximately \$1.5 million as of May 29. Mark stated that he had a conversation with the Auditor, and stated that audits of the current year start the first week in August.

OLD BUSINESS

20-26 RICHMOND MILL CULVERT STATUS

Eric informed the Board of Selectmen whether the State of Maine would be responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the Richmond Mills Culvert. Eric stated that due to the size, the State would inspect the culvert but would not be responsible for it. Eric and the Board of Selectmen discussed the different options regarding the culvert. Nancy raised questions about the ledge. Joe inquired whether it was possible to open Richmond Mills road to light traffic without risk to the Town. Motion to place the cost of design on the warrant and decide at the next Town Meeting. Motion passed 4-1. Lacy voted against motion.

20-28 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING/LOCAL AND STATE ELECTION STATUS

Jon stated that the Board of Selectmen are at a holding pattern regarding decisions about the Town Meeting and Elections. Mark suggested that the Board of Selectmen wait until there is more guidance from the Governor before making decisions about the Town Meeting. Mark stated that if election decisions are left up to the Town Clerks then he would advocate an electronic platform for registered voters to support candidates. Lacy stated that the Board of Selectmen should not plan on having a traditional Town Meeting. Mark restated that the Town should rest on last year's town meeting approvals and only deal with new expenditures by referendum secret ballot if the election is held on July 14, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

20-34 TAX FORECLOSURE SALE STATUS JUNE 16th, 2020

Mark stated that June 16th is the selected date for the Tax Sale for the property on the Sandy River road. Mark stated that two bids have been recieved and he expects there to be more. Mark stated the opening will be on June 16th.

20-35 ADA TRAIL COMPLETION

Mark stated that approximately 3 years ago the Town of Fayette was a recipient of a \$50,000 donation from the Friends of Western Maine Mountains. This donation was intended to serve the public opportunity for access to woodlands. Mark stated that the network of trails are completed and ADA accessible. Mark stated that there is an accounts payable warrant item to pay the firm that was hired to do this work. The firm did it for the full amount of the grant and contributed \$10,000 more in work. Mark stated that the KLT would like to convene a trail opening and at a minimum would like to invite the Board of Selectmen.

20-36 ROAD SURFACE MAINTENANCE PLAN STATUS

Mark stated that Road Maintenance and the Paving Contractors are wondering when they will receive an RFP from Fayette to make cold mix asphalt. The Board of Selectmen discussed whether a plan to fix the roads rather than just paving over them was viable. The Board of Selectmen discussed funding for each option. Joe shared pictures of the roads. Berndt made the motion to authorize spending last years budget. Joe seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

20-37 BUILDING INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Jon proposed creating a planning committee to build a new Town Office. Jon proposed building a Town Office near Starling Hall to utilize the resources that are already there. The Board of Selectmen discussed whether it was an appropriate time to think about building a Town Office. Lacy and Nancy suggested waiting for a comprehensive plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Lacy seconded by Nancy Cronin vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.