**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM and IN PERSON

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDANCE** Brent St.Clair, George Boff, Michael Carlson, Spencer Frandsen (TextMyGov representative)

**PLEDGE** Stated

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  No report.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT** Last Select Meeting of the fiscal year

* Closed 4th of July
* June 30th last day of fiscal year
  + Final audit complete for July 12th

**22-56 KENNEBEC COUNTY EMERGENCY PLAN**

Wait until July 12th meeting for more information

Mark will send out link again to members

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**22-59 TEXT MY GOV**

Spencer Frandsen gave a presentation about Text My Gov about how it works, with a demonstration

* Creates automatic responses for any questions, and sets reminders of events or issues to be sent out to residents who subscribe (free)
* $3,000 annually, $1,500 set up fee for the first year
  + 2 year contract

**22-60 MEETING TIME LIMIT**

Amend Administrative Ordinance if wanted

* Could set a time limit i.e. at 9pm, motion to either continue or end meeting
* Could set time limits for each article/discussion differing depending on issue

Will try setting time limits for next meeting

**22-61 ELECTION/TOWN MEETING**

Turnout successful for both

* Expected low turn-out for primary election
* Communication and reminders likely contributed to better turn-out
* 104 absentees
* 449 total voters
* Biggest crowd yet for annual town meeting
  + Likely due to subject matter and week night availability

Discussed the passage of capping Starling Hall funding to $5,000 (Secret Ballot Article 3) and passage of Town Meeting Article passing $8,000 petition to install security system and movement of $500,000 article fundraising to match grant to November election

* Incorrect, lack of sufficient public notice in time of public hearing
* Mary Denison recommends both Town Warrant Starling Hall questions be dealt with in November (citizen approval for security system cannot stand legally)
* Adequate public notice: 7 days before public hearing (4 days were given in this case)

Jon is concerned that Town Meeting vote shouldn’t stand due to similar circumstances with school articles

Lacy suggests addressing deadlines and procedures for referendum/ Town Meeting votes in Administrative Ordinances

Brent recognized School Board did poor job with approving articles in time

* Mentioned his referendum secret ballot question (Article 3) was presented 60 days in advance

**22-62**

Motion by Jon, seconded by Nathaniel

Vote: 5-0

**22-63 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Brian, seconded by Toby

Discussion: fix Lacy’s name in Tuesday, May 31, Brian mentioned he asked Nancy on Tuesday, May 3rd to go back ten years for more information and has not heard back yet

Vote: 3-0-2

Sparling and Beekman abstained due to lack of attendance at all meetings

**22-64 SELECTMEN COMMENTS**

Toby- Katie Yates left grant-writing company; liked mirror on Maple Lane, noticed red speed limit signs are up

Brian- Secret ballot question 3 passed, what effect does the cap have? (maintenance definition?)- Brent says a secret ballot can be overturned by another secret ballot; discussion around a possible cheaper security system

Lacy- asked members to consider which committees they would like to be a part of or leave; suggests getting a better handle and idea of what’s going on with Starling Hall

Jon- would like to see a presentation from road committee; suggests the link to GeoMaps be on the website

**SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES**

Motion by Jon to approve, seconded by Toby

Discussion: discussed whether appropriate communication and notification was sent via certified mail which was confirmed as assessing agent issued this supplement of $500 following direct communication via mail previously; Toby suggested waiting to confirm if they received the notifications of the upcoming fine

Vote: 4-0-1 to approve

Holman abstained

**MOVE TO 22-65 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Toby, seconded by Jon

Vote: 5-0

Ended at 8:35

8:50 OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to approve Red Zone letter of support by Sparling, seconded by Jon

Discussion: Jumpstart Pilot Program- RedZone has asked BOS to sign a letter supporting their asking for a grant to provide free internet to the town, not exclusive to competition

Vote: 5-0

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Jon, seconded by Nathaniel

Vote: 5-0