**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM and IN PERSON

Tuesday, July 26th, 2022

**ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN** Michael Carlson, Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Jon Beekman

**PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDANCE** Jessica Leighton (CEO), Brent St.Clair, George Boff, Chris Lynch (Representative for Matrix), George Boff, Theodore Marshall, Wesley Bowen, Richard Polsinello, Dan, Mark Jarrell

**PLEDGE** Stated

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wesley- hole on the road on Knox Hill that has been there all summer - Mark said they’ll get to it before winter

**CEO REPORT**

* CEO Jessica Leighton spoke to discuss changes to the Land Use Ordinance that the Planning Board has been looking at.
  + August 15th- a few changes made- a solar ordinance for solar farms with guidelines
  + August 23- BOS next meeting- these changes will need to be approved
  + Putting them on a referendum ballot for the November election
  + First public hearing- September 19
  + Jon- could we get the proposed changes asap to expedite the process and have time to go over them with enough time before August 23rd meeting (Jess will get them to the BOS within two weeks of meeting- August 9)
* LD 2003 got passed and a couple others- Affordable Housing- some changes coming having to change the ordinance to reflect an accessory dwelling unit on every lot regardless of if it is allowed currently or not (email from MMA summing it up)
  + Won’t go in effect until July 2023
  + Lacy- have they decided how many per lot are allowed?
  + Jess- it’s not definite as of now - she reads it that one accessory dwelling unit as long as it meets septic requirements where a single-family dwelling unit it (a municipality is required to allow up to 4 dwellings per lot- up to 2 with an existing lot, so would only be an additional 1)

**Old Business**

**22-56 KENNEBEC COUNTY EMERGENCY PLAN**

* Mark- Some of the things in the plan will need amendment due to already completed projects
* Theodore Marshall in person presenting and answering questions
* Motion to sign Kennebec County Emergency Plan by Jon, seconded by Mike
* Vote: 4-0
* Jon: FEMA has awarded Fayette $25,000 to install a generator at Starling Hall

**Matrix Broadband**

Chris Lynch presented the letter of support he wrote, asking to be signed by the BOS

Motion to authorize Town Manager to sign the letter of support endorsing the draft letter and any needed amendments by Jon, seconded by Mike

Discussion: would like to send out a survey/poll to gauge interest

Asking for a kiosk in Town Office for residents to show support

Vote: 4-0

**SELECTMEN REPORTS**

Mike- year in review at Solid Waste meeting- showed a profit in the last year; discussing user fees in the future; discussion about rotating the meetings amongst participating towns; town picnic poorly attended mostly due to heat; made between $200-300

Brian- FOSH meeting lots of talk about the safety and security of having a system put in- $135 every 3 months at his company

Jon- wrong in my analysis of what’s required from us for Freedom of Access- required to do it every time we are re-elected- zoom webinar August 21st from 2-4:30 paid by town

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Relatively quiet two weeks

Events in Mt.Vernon lay heavily on our town- thoughts and support go to the people of Mt.Vernon

Public Works department all got covid, now have a full crew back

Significant washouts from recent rainstorms (Sandy River Road)

Assessors scheduled hearings for end of August

**New Business**

**22-55 TOWN EQUIPMENT SALE**

Suggested dates and language advised by Mary Denison

Wesley Bowen- no long term on street parking or storage?

* **Should read no long term on street parking or long term on street storage in Fayette**

Jon- what are they worth for scrap? Look at difference of what we get as a bid vs. scrap

Lacy- where is this going to be posted? On the website, facebook, and email

**22-76 CEMETERY CONVEYANCE**

Row 6 Lot G&H out of Fayette Cemetery Pool

Motion from Mike, seconded by Jon

Vote: 4-0

Signed by BOS

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Needs to get out to public and need to understand what it means, why we have it, requirements - plan how to communicate

Public hearing for land use ordinance changes- communicate here to explain why november election is being used for this and Starling Hall and use it as a time to explain and take questions about comprehensive plan

Jon- put together a list as a cover sheet and make it available with info we want to communicate ; we have a comprehensive plan so we can be eligible for grants ; we decide our destiny instead of others

Mark- ratification requirement to be dealt with in November

Motion to have referendum ballot question in November

Mark- LD 209 doesn’t go into effect until April 2023- discussed requirements, reimbursement, eligibility, confusion

**22-78 WARRANTS**

Motion to approve payroll warrants #2 by Jon, seconded by Mike

Discussion: would like the warrants earlier than at the meeting- in the packet or by email

Vote: 4-0

**22-79 MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes for July 12 by Brian, seconded by Mike

Discussion: both fines were reversed from June 28th meeting

Vote: 4-0

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMENTS**

Lacy- large number of deer- watch out

**TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS**

Readfield's petition wording for public hearing and warrant requirements

Need to get petition signed to get expressed interest if an organization is looking for donations or funding from town

Have a press release from Neighbors Driving Neighbors- need more Fayette involvement

Event to celebrate Oak Hill conservation area on August 18th at 5 pm

MMA voting ballot for nominees for this round on executive committee

* Jon makes a motion to vote affirmatively for all 4, seconded by Mike
* Vote: 4-0

Problem existing on fellows farm roads north and south and some sandy river- significant telephone outage existing since Saturday- poor response from Consolidated Communications

**ADJOURN**

Adjourn at 8:27

Motion by Brian, seconded by Mike