

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2021

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Brian Smith at 5:46 PM at request of audience. Done with the understanding if more people arrived for the 6:00 meeting, they would have to be brought up to date and no motions until after 6:00 PM. (There were no other arrivals)

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to accept minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

(4C moved here)

3. Adjustments to Agenda: Bob Mercer having to leave early, requested Broadband discussion be heard early. Robert Arseneau on behalf of Planning Board, advised that due to health issues, Sam Sprague has resigned from the Planning Board. Robert advised Sam has been a valuable asset to the board and a great resource to him personally. **Brian Smith seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept Sam's resignation with regret, thanks and best wishes.**

Bob Mercer also requested to make public comment before leaving. He advised of conversation with Rick Heller wherein Rick voiced his concern over the potential solar project said to be built next to his property. Various Planning and Select Board members stated nothing official has been received by the Office to support Mr. Heller's concern.

4. Old Business:

A. Window Bids: Selectmen were advised of one remaining vendor who responded to their previous questions, Bangor Abatement. However, due to issues expected to be resolved in August, it was thought best to table this action until later. **Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to table the matter. All in favor, motion carried.**

B. ME200 / Workday: Clerk explained workday has been set for August 14th from 8-12 and all residents are encouraged to attend. At that time, the group will attend to the brush and debris left by harvesters in the rear acreage. Those with ATV's and trailers were encouraged to bring them. Hot dog lunch is planned for noon.

C. Broadband: (see above)

D. Gray's Beach Road – Maintenance: Jeff advised that Gray's Beach Road is not a Town Road, but a series of ROW's providing the Town's only access to the Kennebec River. Due to the expense of repair over the past few years, Jeff is recommending the Town seek legal advice before any further investment is made to the road. **Brian Smith**

seconded motion of Jeff Davis to submit deeds to our attorney for her consideration. All in favor, motion carried.

5. New Business:

A. Appointments: Brian Smith read the list of appointments, with corrections as necessary. With a PB vacancy, Karl Kurz suggested PB have input on the candidate selected. Mike Hinerman suggested the PB attend the August meeting for their input. **Brian Smith solicited Matt Little for the Shellfish Committee vacancy and motioned same. Jeff Davis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept ballot clerk list of appointments. All in favor, motion carried.** Robert Arseneau stated his concern regarding the scheduling conflicts that may arise with the CEO.

B. Clam License authorization: Brian Smith explained to the audience the process for approving a residential clam license and suggested the process would be streamlined by giving authority to Clerk / Deputy to approve. **Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith authorizing the Clerk / Deputy to approve clam licenses. All in favor, motion carried.**

C. Maintenance/ Plowing of Pettegrow Pt. Rd.: Issue was raised at Town Meeting if the Town planned to plow the additional portion of the road now Town owned. **After some discussion, Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to keep plowing as previously done. All in favor, motion carried. Town will not be plowing that section of road.**

6. Public Comments:

Karl Kurz inquired what will be done with the Pettegrow property. Jeff explained that there are plenty of ideas, but nothing has been decided. Karl also inquired about the sale of Town-owned property. Board members explained the procedure. Mr. Kurz stated he understood the procedure but wanted to ensure a situation like the old town dump did not arise again. The Board assured Mr. Kurz that would not happen under the current administration. Mr. Kurz further added his concern to the installation of concrete planks as voted in the previous Special Town Meeting. He is concerned that they will limit access to his property.

7. Selectmen's Report: **Brian Smith** advised of emergency meeting of MTS board due to Mark Wright having sold his business to Casella Waste Mgt. Meeting will be held August 10th. The concern of all Selectmen was whether or not Casella will honor the contracts recently signed by Mark Wright. **Jeff Davis** explained DOT's plan to reclassify a portion of Port Rd. In so doing, the Town will lose appx. \$6500 in State Aid. We also have heard nothing from the State on a new plowing contract. Clerk was instructed to contact Pete

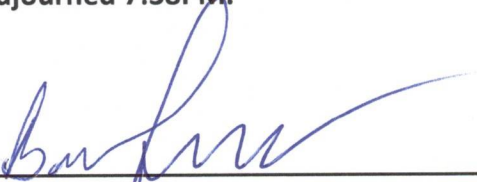
Coughlin advising the Town requests a contract by Sept. 1. Jeff suggested Susan Collins office may be able to assist with the road reclassification and with the Town having not yet received COVID (ARPA) funds from the State. **Mike Hinerman** advised he attempted to speak with Pete Sprague regarding his leaving the Town's employment, but Pete stated he didn't want to talk about it. The Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, thank Pete for his years of service and wish him well in future endeavors.

8. Clerk's Report: Vertical Bridge conference call scheduled for 5:00 PM 9/27.

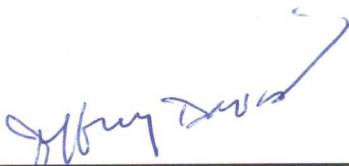
9. Tax Collector's Report: Reminder notices sent for 2020 taxes.

10: Executive Session: Pursuant to 1. M.R.S.A. §405(6) (c) Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to enter Executive Session at 6:54 PM. All in favor, motion carried. 7:33 PM Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to exit Executive Session. 07:36 Jeff Davis seconded motion of Mike Hinerman to accept with regret, the resignation of Peter Sprague and wish him the very best.

11. Adjourn: Jeff Davis seconded motion of Brian Smith to adjourn. All in favor meeting adjourned 7:38PM.



Brian Smith



Jeffrey Davis



Michael Hinerman



Marcia Hayward / Clerk