



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes of October 23, 2014

Chairman Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Present were: Selectmen Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Heather Fowler, Bernie Johnson, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, and Town Attorney Daniel Pileggi

Gary moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(e) in order to consult with the town attorney. Heather 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0 (Mason not yet present). Out at 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Joining the meeting were Budget Committee members Connie Bender, Merle Bragdon, Robin Veysey, Cece Ohmart; Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan, Assessor Jane Fowler, Comprehensive Planning Committee Member Valerie Sprague, Bruce Gillett and Kathleen Rybarz

Jo moved to authorize the town attorney to depose a plaintiff witness and to hire an appraiser in the matter of Ames v. Town of Lamoine. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Minutes – October 9, 2014 – Gary said he had one minor grammar correction. Jo moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Minutes – October 20, 2014 – Jo moved to approve the minutes as written. Bernie 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 8 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$205,139.85. Stu reported the county tax bill, school payroll and operations warrants, and plowing contract bills are included in the warrant. It was asked how much salt has been purchased. Stu reviewed the invoices and said approximately 120-tons.

Cash and Budget Report – Jo asked about the budget line for copier and whether that was maintenance for the current copier or a new purchase. Stu said the budget includes a purchase which he plans for next spring.

Public Hearing – General Assistance Ordinance – Gary opened the hearing on the proposed amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance at 7:08 PM. There were no comments. The hearing closed at 7:09 PM.

Heather moved to approve the amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0. Selectmen signed the amended ordinance page.**

Meeting with Budget Committee – Officers – Merle Bragdon nominated Robin to chair the committee for the upcoming season. Cece 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0 (Veysey**

abstained). Cece nominated Merle to be the Vice-Chair. Robin 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0**. Robin nominated Stu to act as Secretary. Cece 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0**.

Schedule – The committee agreed to meet on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Stu asked if the committee wished to have reminders sent to the social service agencies. The committee said that would be good.

Goals – The school budget will be a major addition to the budget committee process this year. New items will likely include increased billing for veterans' grave care, possible establishment of a recreation committee, the addition of a traffic light the town will maintain in Trenton, and starting to plan for the town's sesquicentennial. There will likely be some expenditures in the Cable TV budget, but that is outside of the budget process.

Committee Membership – The committee was informed that Connie is now a full member as former member Kathleen DeFusco has stepped down, and there currently is no alternate. The committee was encouraged to talk with folks who might be interested in serving as an alternate and to refer them to the Board of Selectmen.

The Selectmen thanked the committee for their work, stressing that while it is not glamorous, it is necessary.

Gravel Ordinance Workshop – Selectmen reviewed draft 3 of the proposed gravel ordinance amendments. Stu reported the Planning Board had received the same draft the previous evening. Nathan suggested that the restoration section (8D) should be clarified. There was discussion about the proposed significant change provision in the hearing process. CEO Michael Jordan noted that all the land that potentially could be permitted is already permitted.

Heating Fuel Bids – Stu reported the Hancock Board of Selectmen discussed a proposal from a local fuel dealer to bid out heating fuel for 2015/16. He said Hancock is waiting for Lamoine's input. Selectmen noted that July has generally been the optimal bid time. There was a brief discussion about the volatility of the heating fuel price market. Selectmen indicated that they preferred to wait.

Road Repairs – Stu had submitted written proposals for minor repairs to Asa's Lane and Seal Point Road. There was no objection.

Possible Scrap Yard Complaint – Gary said he understands there are some pictures of the lot on which a possible scrap yard has developed. CEO Jordan reported he took some. Bernie said he would like some sort of assessment of what is there. Mr. Jordan said there is a lot of metal stored there. He said it's a strange situation. He said Russell Boynton Jr. has been operating his metal hauling business there for 20-years or more. He said Mr. Boynton generally picks up metal and hauls it to a recycling company when the price is up, but stores it on his property until that time. Jo asked if this could be a junkyard. Mr. Jordan answered that everything could be a junkyard by definition. Jo asked what the safety issues are. Mr. Jordan answered that there are doors on

refrigerators. Jo asked if Mr. Boynton would need a permit and inspections. Mr. Jordan answered that the property is located in the Rural and Agricultural Zone and junkyards are not permitted. Mr. Jordan said he knows that Mr. Boynton has been doing this since 2003. Jo asked if he were grandfathered. A lengthy discussion followed regarding safety, grandfathering and seeking legal opinions. The town will contact Maine Municipal Association for help.

It was also noted that a couple of campers with people living in them are located on property in this area. There was a discussion on whether a campground situation exists. Mr. Jordan said he spoke with one of the people there a while back and things have apparently changed since that conversation. Jo said the concern is public safety. Mr. Jordan said a porta-potty has been located on site for many year. Gary asked Mr. Jordan to check the property at the end of the month to see if there is any further occupancy.

Animal Control Officer Contract – Selectmen opted to table the matter until the newly appointed Animal Control Officer agrees. Heather requested that the words part time be replaced by per diem.

Recreation – Nathan said he would like to get moving forward with a Recreation Committee. He said there have been conflicts with gym use dates at the school and it would be good to get certain groups of folks together to coordinate things. Jo said she thinks the idea of a Recreation Committee is great and she offered to help from the perspective of activities for older folks. She agreed there should be a meeting with stake holders. Heather suggested that Nathan take the lead on this. Nathan asked if the Selectmen are going to form a committee. Jo said the Selectmen should ask for the meeting. Bernie said it would be helpful to have someone from Hancock's Recreation Committee help. The Board set the meeting time for Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:30 PM, preferably at the school. Stu said he would publicize the meeting through the web page, e-mail and Facebook and contact the school and YMCA.

Next meetings – The Selectmen will hold regular meetings on November 13, 2014, December 11, 2014, January 8, 2015 and January 22, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst.