



# Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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## Minutes – January 28, 2016

Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Bernie Johnson, Gary McFarland, Heather Fowler, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Christa and Richard Brey, Bob Christie, Kathleen Rybarz, Gordon Donaldson, Larry Libby, Ken Smith, David & Camille Legere.

**Agenda Review** – No changes were proposed to the printed agenda or addendum.

**Minutes – January 14, 2016** – Heather moved to approve the minutes as written. Bernie 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0 (Cooper & Mason not yet present).**

**Expenditure Warrant 17** – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$196,221.43. Heather noted that about \$156,000 was for school expenses, and \$15,000 for snow plowing. Stu reported he had to move \$150,000 from the investment management account to cover the checks.

**Cash & Budget Reports** – Stu reported that cash flow was very good, and should spike in the coming weeks as the second half of property tax payments is due.

**Audit** – Selectmen noted that they had received the annual audit from James Wadman, CPA. Bernie asked if it could be posted on line. Stu said he usually does, but had not gotten around to it yet.

Stu noted the cost, which was on the warrant signed earlier, was higher than budgeted because GASB 68 requires all audits have opinions on pension plans, which the town office does not have.

**Foreclosed Property** – Stu reported he sent the letter signed by Selectmen at the previous meeting to the former owner of the foreclosed property both by certified mail and by first class mail. There has not been any receipt for the certified mail yet, and the 1<sup>st</sup> class mail letter has not been returned as undeliverable. He said he's not sure if the owners have actually received notification that the property belongs to the town. He said he called a telephone number that he had on file for the personal representative of the estate and it apparently is no longer in service. He said the town may be required to make more of an effort to notify the personal representative of the estate that owns the land.

**Retiring Board Members** – Selectmen had invited five former board members to meet with them as they have ended their service. Honors were presented to:  
Christa Brey, Parks Commissioner  
Gordon Donaldson, Planning Board Member  
Jim Crotteau, Board of Appeals Member  
David Legere, Conservation Commissioner  
Walter Grenier, Heating Assistance Committee Member

Selectmen thanked them for their dedication to the town.

**Floodplain Management Ordinance** – Stu reported that a large package of material from FEMA has arrived in order for the town to update its Floodplain Management Ordinance. He said Planning Board Chair John Holt had reviewed the ordinance and found very minor changes from the current ordinance, and the Planning Board would discuss it on Monday and likely recommend it be enacted at the annual town meeting. He explained that the ordinance is required for the town to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program which many banks require in order to finance home purchase and construction in the Shoreland Zone.

**Cell Tower Lease** – Stu said attorney Dan Pileggi had offered comments on the proposed lease extension from American Tower for the Verizon Wireless tower. Stu said he did a comparative financial analysis of the current lease to the new lease, and it makes financial sense to extend. Selectmen discussed how to allocate the \$20,000 signing bonus. Jo moved to propose to the town meeting that \$6,666.66 be added to the Heating Assistance, Sesquicentennial and Recreation Funds. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0 (Mason not yet present).**

**Municipal Solid Waste Options** – Ken Smith said he had reviewed the presentation by Chip Reeves, and has some technical concerns about the proposed Fibrigh plant which he planned to discuss with Greg Louder. He said his major concern with the Municipal Review Committee plan is that such plants tend to grossly under estimate construction and startup costs, along with operating costs. He said that negatively impacts costs to the municipalities. He said he plans to look over the various documents from the MRC to see how the over runs might trickle down to the communities. He asked how communities would be assisted if the economics are not viable. He said he was not able to attend the annual town meeting this year, but would update the Selectmen.

Gary said the Selectmen were just starting to get information about the proposal. Stu reported the City of Brewer had just voted to join the MRC plan and said if Lamoine doesn't stick with the MRC, the town would be on its own to some extent. Jo said she appreciated the concern and she wants the best economic and environmental solution for the town.

**Citizen of the Year** – Selectmen reviewed a written nomination from Jo in order to “keep it a surprise”. The entire board was comfortable with the nomination.

**Town Meeting Warrant** – MRC Article - After considerable discussion, the Board opted to remove the MRC article from the proposed warrant.

Donation Review Ordinance Amendment – Jo moved to present an amendment to the Donation Review Ordinance to the town meeting via secret ballot referendum. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Town Report** – Selectmen reviewed some of the town report and offered some minor spelling and grammar changes. An updated report was distributed prior to the meeting.

**Plowing Contract Extension** – Jo moved to approve a 2-year extension with McMullen Landscape and Maintenance to plow the town roads in the winter. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the contract extension.**

**Public Hearing Date** – Heather moved to set February 25, 2016 as the public hearing date on the proposed change to the Donation Review Ordinance. Bernie 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** Stu said he would have the order ready to sign at the next meeting.

**Heating Fuel Bid** – Stu reported that some area towns were locking in #2 heating fuel at less than a dollar a gallon. He asked if the Selectmen wished to put this out to bid again with Hancock and Sullivan. There was no objection.

**Other** – Stu noted that his counterpart in Hancock, Stacey Clement, is leaving her position after many years on the job.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Administrative Assistant.