



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – August 3, 2017

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

Present were: Selectmen Robert Christie, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, Nathan Mason (arrived 7:03 PM); Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Gallegos, and Tech Committee member Merle Bragdon. Selectman Jo Cooper had notified the board that she would not be able to attend.

Agenda Review – No changes other than order were proposed to the agenda and addendum.

Minutes, July 20, 2017 – Bob moved to approve the minutes as written. Kathleen 2nd.
Vote in favor was 3-0 (Mason not yet present)

Expenditure Warrant 3 – The Selectmen present signed the warrant in the amount of \$72,570.35. Stu noted that about \$52,000 was for schools, and the checking account had adequate funding to cover the bills.

Cash & Budget Reports – The Selectmen had no questions or comments regarding the written reports for Fiscal Year 2016/17 or Fiscal Year 2017/18.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the review of the checking account reconciliation which had been sent via e-mail prior to the meeting.

Property Tax Liens 2016/17 – Stu reported that 68 tax liens were filed last week.

Tax Payment Application Policy – Gary noted that the proposed policy is to apply property tax payments to the oldest outstanding tax. Stu gave a brief explanation about the need for such a policy. Bob moved to adopt the policy, Nathan 2nd, **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Gravel Pit Restoration – Code Enforcement Officer Rick Gallegos reported orally that most of the Little B&H pit has met the restoration required and looks pretty good. He said before he can sign off on it being in compliance, he has asked for an affidavit from pit owner Doug Gott & Sons' representative Steve Salsbury that pressure treated lumber and OSB board debris was removed. He noted that the restoration was to have been completed by July 16, 2017.

CEO Gallegos reported orally that the King Pit owned by PCJLLC, the sloping looks good, but the trees and grass that was planted is not growing. Nathan said it sounds like they did not put loam on the slopes. He said this has been turned over to the Selectboard for action.

Gary asked if the lumber in the Gott pit was buried. CEO Gallegos said it does not appear to be there. Kathleen said an affidavit is a reasonable request.

Cable TV – Technology Committee member Merle Bragdon said the proposal from Sewall Company appears to only address cable TV and not other broadband opportunities. He said the town doesn't know which streets have cable or broadband. A brief discussion followed regarding DSL, over air and satellite broadband.

Stu said he would suggest that a joint meeting with Sewall, the Technology Committee and the Selectmen take place in September. The board asked him to set that up.

Mr. Bragdon said if the Board of Selectmen was considering engaging Sewall as a consultant on the cable contract, it might be a good idea to check with other towns to see if their terms are any better than what Lamoine has. He said there are areas of town that may never get cable unless there are grants to extend the lines. Nathan said that Spectrum (Charter) plans to install repeating broadband towers on top of utility poles. He said the industry is changing. A brief discussion followed.

Kathleen offered to identify places in town that don't have cable TV lines. Mr. Bragdon said it would be helpful to get the information from Charter then sit down with town maps. He said the town would be better off with that information. He said the goal is to get broadband to the last mile of town, but not necessarily cable TV.

Bloomfield Park – Stu recapped a written memorandum regarding Bloomfield Park prepared in response to issues from the previous meeting. He said he met with Chief Deputy Patrick Kane who suggested that the operating hours of the park be posted more prominently and that neighbors be encouraged to call when there appears to be improper activity going on. There was a discussion about law enforcement and whether the town could hire more enforcement from the Sheriff's Department. The Board asked Stu to inquire about cost of contracted patrol. There was no objection to obtaining a sign with the park hours to post on the street name sign.

Stu said the other issue raised last meeting was water testing. He said possibly an E-coli test could be done. Selectmen authorized him to purchase a testing kit.

Lamoine Beach – Nathan noted that the restroom at Lamoine Beach leaves a lot to be desired, especially around July 4th. Stu said he'd mentioned that to facilities maintenance.

Certificates of Service – Selectmen signed certificates commending Lawrence Libby and Anne Labossiere for their service on the Conservation Commission and Paula Gardner for her service on the Parks Commission.

Electronic Sign – Stu reported he has not yet had a chance to follow up with NeoKraft on a sign.

PERC Put Option – Stu explained that the town meeting on May 31, 2017 approved of exercising the Put Option with the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company. He said the town would likely get a check for about \$4,200 when the contract expires in April 2018.

Nathan moved to approve the option. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0. Selectmen signed the letter to PERC.**

League of Towns – Stu reported the League of Towns elected officials meeting in October seeks topics for discussion. He said a memorandum from the League was in the packets for this evening and asked the Board to think about possible topics he could submit to the League chair.

Census – LUCA Program – Kathleen moved to authorize Stu to submit the paperwork to participate in the Census 2020 LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) program. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-1 (Mason opposed).**

Vacation- Clerk/Tax Collector – There was no objection to the clerk/tax collector taking vacation days on August 28, 29, 30 and September 1. Stu said he would contact Nancy Jones to see if she is available to fill in some during that week.

Transfer Station – Stu reported that Chris Meyer was not available to work this coming weekend, and that he advertised widely for a replacement. He said he called Bill Fennelly who will fill in. There was no objection.

Salt/Sand Shed – Stu reported that engineer Jim Kiser has recommended hiring an engineer to design repairs to the trusses at the salt/sand shed for about \$750. Nathan moved to approve, Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Lamoine Beach Reopen to Shellfishing – Stu reported that Richard Fennelly e-mailed a state report on Lamoine saying it should reopen to clam harvesting soon.

Next Meetings – Stu reminded the Board that he would be out Wednesday through Friday next week for the town management institute. The Selectmen agreed to hold regular meetings on September 7 and 21, October 5 and 19, and November 2 and 16.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen