



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – October 19, 2017

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, Robert Christie, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Rebecca Albright, Michael Jordan, Rick Gallegos, Aaron Dority (Frenchman Bay Conservancy), and Jack Dodson (Ellsworth American)

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

Minutes – October 5, 2017 – Bob moved to approve the minutes as printed. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Minutes – Special Meeting, October 10, 2017 – Kathleen moved to approve the minutes as printed. Nathan 2nd **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure warrant 9 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$155,943.29. Stu reported that he will move \$50,000 from the investment management general fund to cover the checks. He said the warrant included the first plow bill of the season, the first payment to Sewall Company, and the remainder of the sign project.

Cash & Budget Reports – There were no questions regarding the written report.

Code Enforcement Officer – Nathan moved to formally appoint Rebecca Albright as both Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** Selectmen signed the appointment papers.

Stu said Ms. Albright would start on November 1, 2017. He said he had drafted a contract and the latest draft this afternoon clarified mileage. Bob asked if the contract was acceptable to Ms. Albright. She said it was. Gary moved to sign the contract with Ms. Albright. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Jo welcomed Ms. Albright back to town employment and noted that she was just starting her term as a Selectman the last time Ms. Albright held the post. Ms. Albright said she had talked to CEO Gallegos and LPI Jordan about the status of a few things. She said her primary goal will be organizational as the building season winds down. Bob said the exchange seems relatively seamless. Nathan asked if Ms. Albright was up to speed on pending matters. Ms. Albright said not really, but she plans to meet with Mr. Gallegos on November 1st.

Jo asked if the search process was suitable. There was discussion about informal meetings periodically with the folks who made up the search committee to act as a support/liaison committee. Jo noted there are lots of opinions about land use matters in town. Ms. Albright said there is a lot of misinformation everywhere, especially about Shoreland zoning matters. Jo said this will be a great opportunity to educate the public.

Marlboro Beach Purchase – Aaron Dority reported to the Board that the Frenchman Bay Conservancy (FBC) is in the final stages of fund raising, and there is only about a couple thousand dollars to raise. He said the Conservancy will contribute \$35,000 to the town for a purchase directly from the Norris family. He said attorney Diane O’Connell is representing the Norris family. He said he spoke earlier with Peter Norris, and the closing could happen this fall. He said he talked to the FBC attorney regarding deed language to keep the land open to the public and read the proposed wording. He noted that a story aired on Channel 7 TV earlier this week.

Gary thanked the Norris family for their cooperation. Mr. Dority said there is a lot of pride in the family about making this happen. He said he met with several family members last summer.

Nathan said he would like to review the deed wording and discuss it at a later meeting. Jo asked if he was concerned about the FBC’s involvement in the future. Nathan said it wasn’t that; he was concerned that the language proposed is a pretty broad brush.

Release from Restoration – Stu reported that he added language for the release to be executed to the Gott’s and made some name corrections as suggested by their agent. Gary moved to sign the release, Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the release.**

Transfer Station Inspection – Stu reported Karen Knutti of Maine DEP inspected the transfer station and it passed. Selectmen agreed that was a good thing.

Budget committee alternate – Jo moved to appoint Eric Novella as an alternate member of the Budget Committee. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Returnables – Gary moved to award the proceeds from the returnables at the transfer station to Lamoine Community Arts during December 2017. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Sign – Bob said he’d gotten some feedback about the new electronic sign, some were pleased; some were not. He said opinions were mixed. He said the visibility was not quite what he had expected. There was a discussion about the readability of the sign.

League of Towns Elected officials meeting – Jo said she attended and asked that aging issues be added. She explained how the group set priorities for the coming year and said it was an interesting meeting.

Appeals Board Ordinance – Bob asked that this be placed on the next agenda. He said the Comprehensive Planning Committee has some comments.

MRC Project – Nathan noted that the Fiberright plant construction is apparently under way.

Next Meetings – The board will meet on the following dates: November 2, 16, 30; December 14; January 4 & 18, 2018. No date was set for February.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen