



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – November 30, 2017

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

Present were: Selectmen Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason, Robert Christie, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon

Agenda/Addendum – No changes were made to the printed agenda or addendum.

Minutes – November 16, 2017 – Jo offered one minor written correction to the November 16, 2017 minutes. Gary moved to approve as corrected. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 12 – Selectmen signed the expenditure warrant in the amount of \$88,728.03. Stu reported the firefighter reimbursement checks are included on the warrant, along with school department expenses of about \$63,000. Nathan asked what the expense reimbursement checks are for. Stu explained it's for clothing, fuel, and other expenses incurred by fire department members.

Cash & Budget Reports – There were no questions or comments regarding the written reports.

Complaint – Unpaid Tax Account – Stu reported a situation that resulted in several phone calls from a property owner in Georgia has been resolved with payment. Jo said she'd received a couple of calls from the property owner and said she would discuss the matter at tonight's meeting but never offered to waive the fees and interest.

Resignation – Jo moved to accept the resignation of Sharon Smythe as an alternate on the Recreation Committee with regret. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** Selectmen signed a letter to Ms. Smythe thanking her for her service.

Transfer Station Substitute – Stu reported that Transfer Station Manager Chris Meyer had requested that Brandon Robitaille fill in for him on December 2, 2017. He said he ran a background check and there were no problems. Kathleen moved to appoint Mr. Robitaille as a temporary transfer station attendant. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Marlboro Beach Purchase – Stu reported that Frenchman Bay Conservancy (FBC) has raised the money needed to complete the purchase. Nate said he's concerned with the proposed covenant and the amount of authority FBC would have over the property. After a brief discussion, Selectmen requested that the town attorney look over the covenant language to make sure there are no unexpected consequences. Nate used an example asking if FBC could override a town policy to prohibit harvesting of sea lavender.

Stu reported the Norris family is anxious to close prior to the first of the year. Gary moved to authorize the town treasurer (Stu) to act on the town's behalf once deed language is finalized. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Gift Card Disposal – After a brief discussion of what to do with gift cards that were anonymously donated to the Planning Board and turned into the treasurer due to ethical concerns, Jo moved to donate the cards to the Next Step Domestic Violence Project. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Vacation – Administrative Assistant – There was no objection to Stu taking the week between Christmas and New Year’s Day off, provided there is office coverage.

Mud Creek Road – Stu reported that Fred Stocking has told him they are running into clean title issues to the piece of land proposed for donation to the town. Stu asked the Board if title insurance was a priority for the donation. After a brief discussion it was determined that such insurance is not a priority.

Marlboro Cemetery – Gary said he hopes to arrange a meeting after the first of the year to form a new Marlboro Cemetery Association. Stu said he would be happy to assist. A very brief discussion followed in regard to options for a cemetery association in regard to access to funds and maintenance.

CTV Operations Manager Salary – Stu reported Justin Zinke is performing his job very well and recommended an increase to \$15/hour after January 1, 2018. Gary so moved, Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Harassment Policy – Stu reported the fire department had planned to offer harassment training next week but discovered the town’s current policy is about 25-years old. He said he’s drafted an updated policy based on the Maine Municipal Association model and requested the Board look it over for possible adoption next meeting.

Sympathy Card – Selectmen signed a card expressing sympathy to the family of former Selectman Gary Stanley who passed away suddenly on Monday.

Budget Workshop – Selectmen reviewed draft proposals of the roads, revenues, and capital improvements budgets and offered no changes. They also briefly discussed the county tax budget.

Next meeting dates – The Board will meet on December 14, 2017, January 4 & 18, 2018, and February 1 & 15, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen