



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – August 30, 2018

Chair Nathan Mason called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Robert Christie, Gary McFarland, Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Fire Chief George “Skip” Smith and town attorney Daniel Pileggi

Minutes – August 9, 2018 – Jo moved to approve the minutes with corrections of two minor errors. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 5 – Selectmen signed Warrant 5 in the amount of \$912,378.59. Stu noted the bulk of that was a transfer to the investments account. He noted the transfer into the fire truck reserve fund was a result of the sale of Tanker 404 to the Town of Winter Harbor. It was also noted that cash flow is very positive as property tax collections are under way.

County Ambulance – Jo reported that she and fire chief George Smith attended a meeting the previous day in Ellsworth following up on an announcement by County Ambulance that they would cease operations on August 31, 2018. Chief Smith said ambulance service will likely look much like it did with County as Capital Ambulance will take over emergency response. Jo said there was a concern about the number of vehicles that Capital plans to stage in Ellsworth. Chief Smith said they plan to have two ambulances full time with staff based at Resort Way. He said any hospital transfers would be accomplished with ambulances based in Bangor. He said Capital plans to post another ambulance in Dedham whenever both ambulances in Ellsworth are tied up.

Chief Smith said it is mandated for dispatch to find an ambulance somewhere if there is a call. He said he questioned what activities the fire department can do which was posed to Maine Municipal Association. The answer, he said, was that fire department personnel can perform CPR, try to stop bleeding, and help with administration of oxygen. Beyond that, a first responder license would be needed. He said if fire department personnel hurt someone, the town could be liable.

Jo said a lot of people are experiencing falls with an aging community and prevention of that is a possible goal. Gary asked if the town could get licensed EMTs. Chief Smith said a tremendous increase in calls would likely follow if the town became first responders. He said his advice is to stay away from that activity as long as possible. He said that burns out personnel quickly. A brief discussion followed.

Stu reported Capital Ambulance was in contact about a contract and he has invited them to the September 13, 2018 meeting. He said John Partridge stopped by earlier this week to thank the fire department for its many years of assistance to County Ambulance.

Chief Smith said the town will have to see how things go with Capital and move forward from there.

Kathleen and Bob asked about the upcoming ladder truck arrival. Chief Smith said it's a few weeks away.

Executive Session – Nathan moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1MRSA § 405 (6)(e) to consult with the town attorney regarding litigation. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0 at 7:16 PM. Out at 7:42 PM.**

Jo moved to authorize the town attorney to start proceedings regarding default on an installment agreement with the occupants of tax acquired property. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen