



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – March 15, 2018

Deputy Town Clerk Stu Marckoon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were Selectmen Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz, Robert Christie, Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Ken Smith and Dean Tyler.

Election of Officers – 2018/19 – After a brief discussion on the selection method, Jo nominated Nathan as chair. Bob 2nd. Following another brief discussion, Nathan nominated Gary as chair. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor of Nathan as chair 4-0 (Mason abstained). Vote in favor of Gary as chair did not pass, given the previous vote).**

Nathan took over as chair and assumed control of the meeting.

Vice Chair – Bob nominated Gary as Vice Chair Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0 (McFarland abstained).**

Minutes – March 1, 2018 – Bob moved to approve the minutes as written. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 20 – Selectmen signed warrant 20 in the amount of \$108,233.95. Stu noted that school payments and snow plowing made up the bulk of the expenditures.

Cash & Budget Reports – There were no questions regarding the printed reports.

Foreclosed Property – Stu reported that the town attorney had developed an updated land installment agreement to allow tax acquired lot Map 19 Lot 4 to be sold back to the previous owner. He said attorney Dan Pileggi had added a paragraph regarding occupancy of the property during the redemption period.

Bob moved to sign the land installment contract. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0. Selectmen signed the contract.**

Connect ME Grant – Dean Tyler of Hancock said he was here representing the Heather Lane Road Association. He said their road is accessed through Lamoine, and they meet their town's density requirement for cabling, but they cannot get cable because Lamoine lacks the density for access. He said he was here to represent homeowners on the road, and they got a price from Spectrum to wire the Eagle Point Subdivision of \$28,000. He said Spectrum said they are not eligible for wiring under the franchise agreement. He said they started pursuing wiring a year ago, and Spectrum has been inconsistent on pricing and the problem appears to be the road gap from Mud Creek Road.

Kathleen said perhaps the ConnectME grant could include part of Eagle Point without residents. She said it would be helpful to check with the consultant. Mr. Tyler said there are many different needs for cable for high speed internet service. Stu suggested that

maybe for the next round of ConnectME grants there could be some collaboration with the Town of Hancock. A discussion followed on the Eagle Point layout and issues with Charter Communications. Stu noted said that he has support letters from many residents, and consultant Mike Edgecomb is waiting for estimates from Spectrum. He said he would send the support letters to Sewall.

Ecomaine Contract – Stu said Ken Smith worked extensively on the contract with ecomaine, and recommends signing. Mr. Smith said the termination section is a contract buyout, and if the town opts to do that, the cost would be minimal because the price for recycled material would have dropped to a very low level. There was a discussion about the roll off containers and shipment. Gary moved to sign the contract with ecomaine. Jo 2nd. Gary asked about the list of recycled materials in the single sort program. Stu said ecomaine plans a major education effort the first weekend. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

DM&J Contract – Ken Smith said he looked over the contract and suggested an initial term of 15-months with three 1-year renewals. He said there was a reference to a 2% increase which needs to be in the agreement. He said it's a pretty simple transportation contract. He said he would also recommend that they pick up the containers from ecomaine initially. Jo moved to authorize Stu to execute the contract when the changes come in. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Casella/Pine Tree Waste Contract – Gary moved to approve the contract with Pine Tree Waste (Casella) for MSW transportation to PERC. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Board Openings –Stu noted there currently exist openings on the Board of Appeals and Budget Committee which have not yet been advertised. He said one person has indicated an interest in the Appeals Board opening, and there is currently an alternate member on that board. He said the alternate on the Budget Committee has never shown for a meeting. A brief discussion followed. The Board requested that the openings be advertised with possible names for the 2nd meeting in April. It was suggested that one on one communication is most effective.

Elected Assessor / Vacancy – Stu explained that the vacancy on the Board of Assessors has not been filled, but Brian Thomas won a write-in campaign for the seat for which the term runs July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2021. He said there is no guidance in the local ordinance for filling the vacancy between now and June 30, 2018, and statutes give the Selectmen the right to appoint an assessor to fill a vacancy. Kathleen moved to appoint Brian Thomas to fill the vacant assessor's seat until July 1, 2018. Bob 2nd. Kathleen said this would be a great time for Mr. Thomas to lean the job. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Returnables – Bob expressed appreciation for data regarding the monthly payouts for returnables and noted the average is about \$250/month. After a brief discussion about the program, Selectmen opted to suggest no change.

Jo moved to award December 2018 proceeds to the Lamoine/Bayside Grange. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Policies – Jo moved to approve the Disbursement Policy. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0**

Jo moved to approve the fee schedule. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Gary moved to approve the Selectmen's Procedure's Policy. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Gary moved to approve the mileage policy. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Solar Array – Jo said she asked for this item to be placed on the agenda after receiving communications from Margaret Stewart. She said the idea for having an array sounds intriguing and could generate some revenue for the community, and several other towns have undertaken projects. Stu said he would be glad to contact Revision Energy.

Hodgkins Scholarship Committee – Bob, Gary and Jo agreed to serve on the scholarship committee.

Town Meeting Follow Up – Bob said it was a very positive meeting, and there were no negative votes cast. Nate said he would have liked to have seen more questions from the attendees. A brief discussion followed.

Kathleen asked when a Comprehensive Plan might be ready for a vote. Bob said the committee is getting closer to a plan, and something might be ready for a warrant in May. A brief discussion followed.

Marlboro Beach – Bob asked about improving the road access at the park and maybe adding trash cans. It was suggested to refer that to the Parks Commission. Stu reported an event is being planned in June, as he was contacted by Iris Simon of the Frenchman Bay Conservancy. There was a desire expressed to ask the Parks Commission if they had any recommendations for the new park.

Next Meetings – The Selectmen will meet on April 5, April 19, May 3, May 17, June 7 and June 21. The Hodgkins Scholarship Subcommittee will meet at 6PM on June 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen