



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – February 7, 2019

Vice Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, once a quorum had gathered.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Kathleen Rybarz, Gary McFarland, Nathan Mason (arrived 8:00 PM); Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Mary Henry, Glenn Manning and Lynn Tscheiller. Selectman Bob Christie phoned to say that he was unable to attend due to illness.

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

Minutes – January 24, 2019 – Jo moved to approve the minutes as printed. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 17 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$94,287.60.

Cash & Budget Report – Stu noted that the percentage of the year that has passed is nearly identical to the total budget expenditures for the year.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Selectmen signed the form expressing satisfaction with their review of the checking account reconciliation which had been e-mailed to them prior to the meeting.

Foreclosed Property – Erica Mason – Stu reported Mrs. Mason has expressed a desire to enter into an installment agreement to purchase the property which automatically foreclosed on January 27, 2019. He said she had purchased her father's share of the property which is an occupied home sometime after the tax lien was placed in his name. Jo moved to sign a letter to Mrs. Mason extending the offer for an installment agreement. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Dorothy Spitzer/David & Tracey Kerr – Stu reported that he's not been able to track down the former owner, Mrs. Spitzer, since her move to Florida. Sometime after the original tax commitment, Mrs. Spitzer transferred the property to the Kerrs who are now divorced. He said Mrs. Kerr had contacted him with a desire to purchase the property for back taxes, fees and interest. Jo moved to sign a letter to both Mr. Kerr and Mrs. Kerr asking them to contact the town office to find out their desires. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Heirs of Richard Wallace – Stu reported that Mr. Wallace's daughter, Mandy Briggs, is apparently occupying the dwelling and did make a payment prior to the automatic foreclosure date, but did not pay the oldest lien. He said she has not been in touch since. Gary moved to sign a letter to Ms. Briggs offering to sell back the property for all back taxes, fees and interest or in an installment agreement. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Estate of Richard Wilk – Stu reported that Mr. Wilk's Personal Representative had not been in contact regarding the foreclosure notice on the land only parcel near the intersection of Bay Road and Meadow Point Road. He said Mr. Wilk's former wife, who is also deceased, has some relatives who were notified, but have not been in contact, either. Gary moved to sign a letter to the Personal Representative of Mr. Wilk's estate offering to sell back the property for all back taxes, fees and interest. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Community Center Committee – Stu reported he had edited the committee formation document as suggested at the previous meeting. Jo moved to approve the document. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0. Selectmen signed the document.**

Appointments to Community Center Committee – After a lengthy discussion of the list of potential volunteers and expressing how difficult it is to leave anyone off, the following nominations were made:

- Paul Howaniec (moved by Kathleen, 2nd by Jo)
- Larissa Thomas (moved by Jo, 2nd by Kathleen)

Mary Henry – Mrs. Henry opted to withdraw from consideration but offered to help out the committee if needed. (at this point in the meeting, Selectman Mason arrived)

- Hancock "Griff" Fenton (moved by Gary, 2nd by Nathan)
- Robert Pulver (Moved by Jo, 2nd by Kathleen)
- Iris Simon (Moved by Jo, 2nd by Kathleen)
- Ginger Madore (Moved by Jo, 2nd by Kathleen)
- Jane Fowler (moved by Kathleen, 2nd by Gary)
- Brett Jones – alternate member (Moved by Nathan, 2nd by Gary).

The committee slate as moved and 2nd above was approved on a **vote of 4-0.**

Citizen Petition – Stu reported that a petition was dropped off earlier in the week signed by more than 110-voters requesting an amendment to the Building and Land Use Ordinance, striking 3-words from a footnote in the land use table. He said the proposed change would remove a provision that land would be eligible for a gravel permit in the Rural and Agricultural Zone if a landowner had applied for a Site Plan Review Permit before the ordinance was amended a few years ago. He said the Selectmen have 60-days to schedule a town meeting to consider the matter, and the Board will have to decide whether the vote will be at open town meeting or by referendum. He said it could go on the warrant for the March 20th open meeting, and the Planning Board is prepared to conduct the required public hearing on a zoning ordinance within the prescribed advertising time if that is desired.

After a brief discussion, Kathleen moved to place the proposed article on the warrant for the March 20, 2019 open town meeting. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Town Meeting Warrant – Stu said he had two drafts for the annual town meeting, and now that the petitioned question has been added, that draft would be the most appropriate. After briefly running down the articles, Nathan moved to sign the town

meeting warrant as drafted. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0, Selectmen signed several copies of the warrant.**

Citizen of the Year – Selectmen briefly discussed possible recipients of the Citizen of the Year award, and without mentioning names publicly (so as not to ruin the surprise) settled unanimously on a suggestion.

Specimen Ballot – One error on the drafted ballot was noted (a notation in the preamble that it was a 2-sided ballot). Stu said he would fix that error and generate the ballots with that correction.

Candidates' Night – Kathleen reported that the Lamoine Grange has offered to sponsor a candidates' night. She said they recommended March 14, 2019 at 7PM. Gary asked if the event could be held at the school. He said parking is better, noting that several vehicles got stuck in the mud the previous year, and that the lighting is better, and the school TV system is all in place. Kathleen said that would be a good idea.

Town Report Draft – Stu reported the town report is nearly complete – he's just waiting for a couple of reports, including the school department. He said he hopes to get it to the printer by Wednesday. He said he would send a .pdf link to the Selectmen for review before it goes out for printing.

Berry Cove Road – Stu reported the last rain storm washed out driveway entrances and badly rutted the center of Berry Cove Road. He said he got Greg Gleason to fill in the ruts, as he lives right there. He said the road will require some significant work in the summer.

Ordinances – Two ordinance amendments that are on the Town Meeting Warrant, the Harbor Ordinance and the Cluster Housing Section of the Building and Land Use Ordinance, were signed by the Board as required.

Returnables – Jo moved to award the returnable proceeds from April 2019 to the Lamoine Skills USA team. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Lamoine 150 – Jo reported the group plans to meet on February 13, 2019. She noted that the State's bi-centennial is the same year and they are inviting people to a meeting in March, and it would be great to intersect with the state celebration.

Resignation – Rec Committee – Nathan moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jason Trenholm from the Recreation Committee. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Selectmen signed a letter to Mr. Trenholm thanking him for his service.

Recreation Committee Size – The Recreation Committee had requested that the Selectmen increase its size to 7-members. Nathan so moved. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Stu noted the committee requested that the two alternates on the board remain alternates for now.

Appointment – Recreation Committee – Nathan moved to appoint Deanne Cray to the Recreation Committee to fill out the unexpired term of Jason Trenholm. Kathleen 2nd.
Vote in favor was 4-0.

Communications – Board of Assessors – Selectmen reviewed a memo from the Board of Assessors regarding digitizing maps and possible revaluation. He suggested a face to face meeting with the assessors on those subjects and others might be a good idea. Gary asked if the assessors could attend the next Selectmen’s meeting on February 21st. There was no objection.

Town Clerk’s Chair – Stu presented a report from MMA Risk Management suggesting a replace an office chair. Jo moved to purchase the new chair. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Other – Guest Glenn Manring who is running for Selectman said he has been in town for about 20-years and is looking to become more involved with the community.

Next Meeting – The next regular board meeting will be on February 21, 2019. Stu said he placed February 28, 2019 as a possible meeting date in case anything needed to be signed prior to him leaving on vacation.

The annual town meeting will be on March 19th (municipal election) and 20th (open town meeting), and the organizational meeting will take place March 21st.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen