



## Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

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### Report for Meeting of March 16, 2023

Greetings, and welcome to the new political year for the town. As you may have seen, the municipal election drew an underwhelming 3.2% total voter turnout. The crew turned on the TV in the meeting room to watch the class “B” girls’ state title and was uninterrupted in watching the game – that’s how few voters came in after 6PM! Ellsworth pulled off their first state title ever in a thriller!

We’ve got some champions here in town too. The recreation cheering team had the highest score at the recent Jr. High Cheering Competition in Bangor on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>! Apparently we’ve returned to cheer prowess enjoyed for many years in the early part of this century.

The town seems to have weathered a few snowstorms fairly well in the past couple of weeks. Very few fire calls, mostly not storm related. The roads cleared up nicely after the 10-inches that fell on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We’re ready for town meeting. The town reports came in on Election Day and are available at the office (you’ll have a copy as part of your packets). The only thing I noticed in the printed report was the orientation of the budget, which was turned so that it reads the same way as the rest of the report, leaving some blank pages. I think the printer had to do that in order to bind the report properly.

As your Deputy Town Clerk, I will open the meeting. If we didn’t get Nathan sworn in for his next term, we can do that, and then you will select the chair and vice chair for the upcoming year. The new chair will take over after the chair selection.

**Minutes – March 2, 2023** – Thank you in advance for any edits to the minutes. The discussion about LD487 got a bit complex. All help with accuracy is most appreciated.

**Expenditure Warrant 20** – Some of the non-usual entries include the remainder of the audit and the town report printing. The warrant is posted on the website and will be printed for the meeting. The school warrants are about \$100,000 in total.

**Cash & Budget Reports** – These will also be periodically updated on line and printed for the meeting.

**Disbursement Policy** – The only proposed change to this policy from the current one is the date of approval. This is in your packet.

**Mileage Reimbursement Policy** – Both the IRS and State of Maine rates increased again last year. The new rate based on past practice will be \$0.56/mile. The IRS & State printouts and the proposed policy is in your packets.

**Administrative Fees** – Very minor adjustments to the wording on the fee schedule are proposed, no changes to the actual fees themselves. The option of having a cable TV program supplied on DVD has been removed, as DVD's do not have enough capacity for a show. This is in your packet

**Board Procedures** – The only change proposed is the acceptance date. The document is in your packet.

**Town Meeting Follow Up** – This is to discuss any issues that might have cropped up the previous evening at town meeting. As noted above, voter turnout was the lowest I have ever recalled. The municipal election had no contested races. We did send out a Facebook post and an e-mail on Election Day to remind folks to vote. Someone commented on the Facebook post that perhaps there ought to be another way to make notice of the election. Prior to the election we put this on the electronic sign, posted in the required physical places, and there was an article in the Lamoine Quarterly. I'm open to other ideas.

**Grant Follow up** – Larissa and I are meeting with Revision Energy on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> via a remote meeting platform. Friday, I am supposed to meet with Dave's World on Friday morning the 10<sup>th</sup>. We should know more after those meetings.

**Hodgkins Scholarship Committee** – Maine Community Foundation has sent the annual info on the amount available for the scholarships in total. That's in your packet. The application is posted on the town's website. You can set a date to meet and which (or all) board members will decide the amounts to award. We already have several applications!

**Conservation Commission** – The Commission meets tonight (3/8/23) and will discuss both the pollinator garden proposal (copy in your packet) and a thank you letter to Frenchman Bay Conservancy. I am confident something more will come from the committee following the meeting.

**School Sprinkler System Update** – The Superintendent, School Board Chair, Fire Chief and I will meet via zoom on Thursday 3/9/23 with the sprinkler company to discuss the cistern project. I may know something more after the meeting.

**Lamoine Quarterly** – The April edition will start going together shortly. We've got glamping domes, unicorns, town meeting info and more. I hope to get this done before I leave for vacation on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Goals for 2023/24** – I threw this on here as this is technically your organizational meeting. You had an ambitious set of goals that you've started on in the past few months. Perhaps a brief conversation about that is in order.

That's the agenda for now – see you on Town Meeting night the 15<sup>th</sup> and the next night.

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