



## Administrative Assistant to the Select Board

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### Report for Meeting of June 26, 2023

Holy smokes has it been busy this past few days. As you are aware, notifications of the new tax assessed values came out. We've not had a lot of calls for appointments yet, but lots of questions about tax stabilization. Jennifer and I have been entering the new values into the tax database and making good headway. Combined with normally busy car registration and tax collection time and folks wishing to express their opinions about the resort proposal, it's made for some long days.

I will be out of the office for much of next week. Monday is a federal holiday. I'm headed out mid-day Wednesday for a few days with our granddaughter in Saco. I'll be back Saturday to try to catch up on things in advance of your meeting.

The agenda doesn't have anything particularly unusual on it. Your meeting will start at the normal 7PM time for a change.

**Minutes – June 12, 2023** – I tried to capture much of the discussion on the resort moratorium as I could in the minutes. Please look over the minutes for errors and submit (if possible) written corrections.

**Expenditure Warrant 28** – The school warrants came in this week and will disburse on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The warrant will be posted on the website and updated periodically. Payroll is on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and there are double pays for both Jennifer and me as per contract (it was a 26 payroll year and the salary was divided into 27 periods), so that might look a bit funky, but it's in conjunction with the contract.

**Cash & Budget Reports** – These will also be updated periodically and posted on the website and printed for the meeting night. The last I looked, things look pretty good. I will make an adjusting entry on the athletic fields' maintenance to allocate some of that to a particular program (soccer) in order to stay within budget for the year. All else is doing fine.

**Encumbrances** – There may or may not be something ready to encumber for expenses approved this fiscal year but not completed until after the start of the next fiscal year. If not, I'll likely have something ready for the July meeting.

**Revaluation Update** – As noted above, the new assessment figures were released and mailed to our property owners with the offer of a hearing. Those hearings begin on the 26<sup>th</sup> and run thru the week if needed. As of this writing, we've only had very few people request a hearing.

**Moratorium Ordinance** – You've got the response from attorney Pileggi in your packet from questions that were posed to him before he left for vacation. You'll not be able to meet with him until he returns. I'm suggesting that perhaps your next meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> be a joint meeting with the Planning Board (which had already set that date, and I

didn't realize it when you were discussing meeting dates) and both boards can confer with the attorney at that time.

**Appointments** – I've reached out to all whose terms expire, just waiting (as of this writing) for a few final responses. I'll generate a list of the positions being appointed as returning.

I'm not sure if I'll have any new appointments to offer, though we've have folks express interest in positions on the Parks Commission and Recreation Committee.

Thank you certificates will be done up for those who will not be returning to service.

**Land Purchase** – We're getting bids in from banks offering to fund the bond. You'll review these at the meeting (most have been by e-mail thus far), and can award the bond that evening.

You should discuss what you wish to do with the existing dwellings. The current occupant of the mobile home on the property has expressed a desire to not be displaced immediately. She might be interested in buying back the lot. A town meeting would need to be held to sell any portion of the land after the town closes on it. I have told her we have no interest in kicking her out of her longtime home, as there are no plans at this time for the property. At the same time, we're not particularly interested in being "landlords" (at least I'm not).

**Heat Pumps** – As you know the pumps at the town office are installed and working great! The fire house pumps will be installed beginning June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**School/FD Cistern** – So far as I know this project is moving forward. The cistern company is still awaiting some information on pipe size from the sprinkler company.

**Solar Contract** – We should have this in hand for your meeting.

**Facilities & Infrastructure Committee** – That committee meets on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. I won't be around, but Nate should be able to report.

**Committee on Aging** – No meeting is scheduled until July 14<sup>th</sup>. I'm not sure if Jo will have anything new to report.

**Comprehensive Plan Implementation** – Perhaps a compilation of Planning Board tasks might be in order if you decide to meet jointly with the Planning Board on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Returnables** – The only application for returnables pending is from the Conservation Commission. Next available month is July.

**Lamoine Quarterly** – A front page should be drafted up for your packet (I hope). This will not be done in time for July 1<sup>st</sup>, I can almost guarantee!

**Meeting Date** – As mentioned earlier, the [Planning Board](#) plans to meet on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Here's my thought. Perhaps the Select Board meeting could start at 6PM and take care of business, then meet jointly with the Planning Board and town attorney beginning at say, 6:45 and then talk Comp Plan implementation (in open session), then the Planning Board can take care of its business after that. As you are aware, the chair of the Planning Board steps down at the end of June, and there will be a selection of a new chair on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I don't know if they'll have any particular item for business other than gravel pits on the agenda. Obviously the resort application looms before the Planning Board as well.

Just a thought.

I will see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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