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Report for Meeting of May 2, 2024

Our community has been through a tough couple of weeks following the very unexpected deaths of Perry Fowler and David Worcester. Both were in their early 50s and well liked in the community. They lived in very close proximity on Walker Road and leave behind a large family and lots of friends. We were honored to attend the visiting hours for Perry and the benefit dinner for Dave this past weekend.

The weather has taken a turn for the better as the daffodils in the front garden are in bloom. Iris Simon has brought in two bunches of her daffodils to the town office and they really brighten up the building (and they smell nice too!).

Baseball season is under way in earnest. I most likely will not be in the office during the mid to late afternoon on days where we do not have a meeting that requires my attendance, as my office will be on the ballfield umpiring somewhere! I've been coming in a bit earlier on those days to catch up with what has gone on those afternoons.

Your agenda is fairly lengthy but manageable.

[Minutes – April 18, 2024](#) – Please review the minutes for any corrections. Written corrections are best for me.

[Expenditure Warrant 25](#) – We will have to transfer funds from the investment management account to cover this warrant which is no problem. The bill for the CTV system upgrade will be included (we've started receiving the equipment), and the school warrants and payroll will exceed what's in the checking account currently. The warrant will be updated periodically on the website and printed for the meeting.

[Cash & Budget Reports](#) – These will also be updated on the website periodically and printed for the meeting.

[Checking Account Reconciliation](#) – It's my fervent hope to get this done on May 1st if the statement is ready. If not it should be done by meeting night. You'll get the e-mail when it's done.

Towne v. Code Enforcement Officer – Patrick Lyons has agreed to represent the Town of Lamoine. I have a phone meeting with him on Thursday the 25th at 10AM. Mr. Towne's attorney has requested an extension of response time to the all responses as the town had not yet been served when the clock started ticking on the CEO's response.

Special Town Meeting – May 21, 2024 – The **[Budget Committee](#)** has recommended the school budget as presented and the use of funds from the sale proceeds of the former John Smith property. The warrant is ready to sign and a copy is in your packet. The full budget with the assumed school budget is also in your packet.

Special Town Meeting for June 2024 – You have a couple of matters to put before the town in June. One is the LD 2003 mandated amendments to the Building & Land Use Ordinance. The Planning Board has a workshop on that on Monday the 29th. I'm in hopes that they'll have something to recommend for you. They will need to hold a public hearing on this, probably sometime in May. The other is the matter of MacQuinn Road proposed discontinuance and property acceptance. I await language from attorney Pease. My suggestion is to hold a public hearing at either your May 16, 2024 meeting or at the June 6, 2024 meeting. My suggestion for a special town meeting is that you hold it the Wednesday before your June 20th meeting (June 19th) at the school if it's available. The other alternative would be to hold your June 20th meeting at the school and have the special town meeting on the same evening. It's only three articles, and no amendments could be offered to any of them, so it should be relatively quick (maybe).

Resignation – Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – The e-mail from Jane Fowler speaks for itself.

Expiring appointments list – The list is in your packets.

Performance Reviews – You've already done mine and the transfer station operator. Left are the town clerk/tax collector, Code Enforcement Officer and Facilities Maintenance Director. I suggest beginning your meetings early the next couple of meetings to get these accomplished.

Community Action Grant Update – Larissa has a draft of the application that is in your packet. The Conservation Commission is also reviewing this. I attended the League of Towns meeting today (April 23rd) and a representative from A Climate to Thrive was advocating for a hazard mitigation/identification study for the various towns through the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. This might be a future consideration, and perhaps we can combine with the Town of Trenton on that. I should have more information for the Conservation Commission in the not too distant future.

Waste Disposal – There is a recent mailing from Eagle Point Energy Center which gives a timeline for their reopening plans. I also have an e-mail from Michael Carroll of the Municipal Review Committee which says they'd be glad to take our recycling when they're ready, but their timeline is also quite a ways out. Both are in your packet.

That's about it. As far as future meetings, Jo said she's not available on July 11th – that meeting could possibly move to the 18th if that's OK. I'll not be here on August 15th, so that meeting should take place on the 8th (unless you don't want me here).

See you on the 2nd.

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