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Report for Meeting of June 6, 2024

You have quite a busy meeting coming up, and remember, it'll start with executive sessions at 6PM. Please let me know if you're not able to be here on time.

It will have been 3-weeks since your prior meeting. Things around the office have been quite busy. The town is looking pretty sharp. I was able to get all the utility pole flags up prior to Memorial Day. Jo and I also got the flags placed on the veterans' lots in the various cemeteries around town. For those who were able to attend, the Memorial Day observance was well done, and the rain held off.

This week is the final week of regular season baseball umpire assignments. I'm starting this on May 29th, and have just tonight and tomorrow left for baseball games.

Executive Sessions – You'll do the review for our town clerk/tax collector as she closes up at 6PM. That will be followed by the Hodgkins Scholarship awards. I'll prepare the materials June 1st for those (that's the application deadline). The regular meeting will start at 7PM (or after the executive session is over, whichever is later).

Minutes – May 16, 2024 – Please review the minutes for any errors or omissions. Written corrections are most appreciated.

Expenditure Warrant 27 – You will sign this on May 30th please. I'll have a copy of the warrant in your packets and on the website.

Expenditure Warrant 28 – The school warrants will be on this one, and any bills that come in between now and June 6th.

Cash & Budget Reports – These will be printed as of warrant 27 and in your packet, and on meeting night, and periodically updated on the website.

Unpaid Taxes – 30 Day Notices – We've got about 140 notices to send out for the 2024/25 unpaid taxes. I expect we'll be doing this sometime in the first week of June.

Road Discontinuance – The required public hearing is scheduled for this meeting. It's been posted publicly and on line for several weeks now, and if it's like last time, there will be little comment.

Special Town Meeting – You've got a couple of things to sign. The proposed amendments to the Building and Land Use Ordinance will be ready to sign (presumably) after Monday's Planning Board meeting. I'm not expecting there will be any changes to what has been proposed, the informational hearing (well attended) and the public hearing (also well attended). If there are changes, the latest version should be communicated prior to your meeting and the final version set for your signature. You'll also have the town meeting warrant itself to sign for June 20th.

Paving Bids – Bids to repave Asa's Lane and the Transfer Station are due on June 6th. We've not received anything yet, but there have been several inquiries, so I'm expecting a few bids.

Appointments – One of the four candidates for the Planning Board Alternate position has withdrawn her name. The e-mail is in your packets. One other person has inquired about serving in the position, but has not followed up on formally requesting consideration.

The folks who have expressed interest in being reappointed to their current positions are listed on the back of your agenda and appointment papers have been drawn up. It's up to the board as to whether you wish to reappoint them.

Contracts – Contracts for paid staff are ready to sign. Our CTV operations person, Justin Zinke, does not work under a contract. He's not had any pay raise and is working for \$15.00 / hour scheduling the TV and streaming telecasts. I am proposing that this be increased to \$25/hour as this will become a more complex operation with specialized training shortly.

Finally, I am requesting the last week of July, first few days of August for vacation. We plan to spend the week in southern Maine playing with grandkids.

Honor Graduates – I've reached out to Ellsworth & MDI for a list of honor grads. I hope to have those ready for your signature for this meeting. (I have the John Bapst grads).

Solar Project – The roof at the salt/sand shed is done. I expect to hear from Revision any day now on when the panels will go in.

CTV Upgrade – We've picked a phone system and will be getting new digital phones for the office shortly. The Ellsworth American/REACH Marketing has been working to host the e-mail for lamoine-me.gov. This is almost complete, and will be less expensive than the current hosting from Charter. Once that happens, it'll clear the way for the upgraded internet service from Charter, and that'll allow the install of the new CTV telecasting / streaming equipment. This has turned into quite a project.

Date for Board Chairs/Dept. Heads meeting – You made this a goal earlier this year – let's pick a date for that to happen.

Energy Use – Heat Pumps – I've prepared a memo with a cost comparison on the heat pumps vs. fuel for the past year. It's in your packet.

Conservation Commission – Larissa can update the board on where things stand. I don't know of anything new since last meeting.

Aging Committee Grants – Jo can provide an update on this. I think there are a couple of grants that are in the works that might need some board action.

[Aquaculture Renewal](#) – A mussel lease off Googins Ledge is up for renewal. The Department of Marine Resources has sent a form for the harbor master to comment, but with virtually no information on the proposal. The application is only posted on line – it's 53-pages long, and linked in the on-line version of this report. I've printed the 1st two pages for your packets. I'll let David Herrick know that it's here.

That's the agenda report. I hope you're enjoying what's turned out to be a pretty nice spring!

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