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Report for Meeting of June 20, 2024

As I prepare this report on June 13th, a spectacular spring day is occurring. It seems like things have calmed a bit since the primary election on Tuesday, even though turnout was not particularly high. Your meeting will be on the first day of summer. High School baseball season has ended for me, just a couple of American Legion games to ump starting next week. The break will be nice.

My condolences to Jo's family on the loss of their mother. She was a most impressive lady!

Remember, your regular meeting follows the [special town meeting](#) on Thursday that begins at 6PM. A moderator will need to be selected for the meeting. If you wish, one of you could be elected as moderator, and if you wish to appoint me as the deputy moderator to actually run the meeting, that would be fine. If one of you wishes to run the meeting, that's fine too. I'll bring the appropriate paper work to make either of those things happen. The Maine Town & City Management Association Code of Ethics bars me from holding an elected office (moderator is an elected position). I would note that I moderated the Gouldsboro Town Meeting last night (46-minutes!), and will moderate the Stockton Springs Town Meeting on Saturday – both as the Deputy Moderator.

Your meeting agenda is relatively tame! I suspect the town meeting will be relatively swift. I spoke with attorney Tim Pease last evening, and he will attend the special town meeting to talk about the road discontinuance matter.

[Minutes – June 6, 2024](#) – Please review the minutes. Written corrections are most welcomed!

[Expenditure Warrant 29](#) – The warrant is posted and periodically updated on line. The most significant expenses thus far are for postage. The 30-day notice certified mail fees were in excess of \$1,000 (that's the Stamps.com expenditures). I also ordered pre-stamped envelopes for tax bills before the rate increases again. School warrants will also be included, but they've not yet been received as of this writing.

[Cash & Budget Reports](#) – These are also posted on the website and will be printed for the meeting. As we have about 17-days left in the fiscal year, things are looking pretty good. The fire department budget is quite tight, though. The department is assisting with paying for the new generator and two new portable radios.

30-day notices – The notices were sent out Wednesday the 12th. This should be good for cash flow. The liens will be placed between July 12 and July 22. Thanks to the quiet primary election turnout, we were able to get all the certified mail ready to send that day.

Request to place memorial at town hall – Steve O'Halloran who is also a city councilor in Ellsworth was a very good friend to the Fowler family and has arranged for a

memorial bench to be placed in Perry's honor. He consulted with Jay & Jane and they agreed the town hall would be an appropriate location. Here's a picture of the bench:



We'll have to clear a patch of sod and put in some crushed stone for the bench, and decide where the bench ought to go. I'm thinking it could go next to the new little library? Just looking for the OK to place it.

Assistant Clerk/Tax Collector position – I've e-mailed our person who was named to this position but has not had any internal training yet to see if she's interested in a more regular position or not. A copy of the e-mail is in your packet.

Election Clerk Pay – We raised our clerks to \$15/hour many years back. No change in the bottom line budget was proposed for the upcoming fiscal year, but I would recommend the board increase the rate to \$20/hour effective 7/1/24 to be more competitive with reality. It should not badly impact the bottom line and it would be appreciated by those who serve, I'm sure.

Harbor Issues – There have been a couple of issues that have come up regarding our harbor. I can explain at the meeting. I would recommend that we invite David and Kevin to attend your July 18th meeting for an update on how things are going and discuss these matters.

Solar Panel Installation – Revision Energy is expected to start installation at the school next week. Dan Higgins is going to coordinate the physical installation on behalf of the school, as there was a concern about where the wire trench was going. I've contacted Revision and asked them to contact Dan prior to digging anything up.

Conservation Commission Grants – Larissa will likely bring us up to date.

CTV Upgrades – I was anticipating the higher speed internet would be installed by now. The installer showed up last Friday, but said he'd be yanking out the phone service. I said that could not happen and called our sales rep. They're trying to figure out things on their end. It's quite confusing on this end!

Aging Committee Grants - Jo will most likely have an update on this.

Lamoine Quarterly – Once I get the Select Board packets ready, that's the next project. I suspect there is going to be a lot of news in here!

And that's it for the agenda. You'll see a very long list of upcoming meetings/warrant signing date.

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