



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – January 7, 2021

This meeting was held via Zoom meetings. Chair Kathleen Rybarz called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Present (via Zoom) were: Selectmen Robert Christie, Kathleen Rybarz, Gary McFarland, Nathan Mason, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon.

Agenda Review – Kathleen noted there is one matter for the addendum – setting a meeting date with the Technology Committee and Brian Lippold.

Minutes – December 17, 2020 – Nathan moved to approve the minutes as written. Gary 2nd. **Roll Call Vote in favor was unanimous.**

Expenditure Warrant 17 – Selectmen briefly reviewed the warrant brought up on the Zoom screen. The warrant total was \$90,620.34. **Roll Call Vote in favor was unanimous.** *(Due to the nature of the meeting, Selectmen were not present to sign the warrant).*

Expenditure Warrant 16 – Selectmen individually signed warrant 16 in the amount of \$422,000.56 the prior week. Stu noted that the school warrant included tuition to MDI High School.

Cash & Budget Reports – Selectmen reviewed the reports brought up on the Zoom screen. There were no questions.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Selectmen viewed the reconciliation for December 2020 which had been e-mailed prior to the meeting and brought up on the Zoom screen. The reconciliation was approved unanimously by a **Roll Call Vote**. *(Due to the nature of the meeting, Selectmen were not present to sign the warrant).* Stu noted that on Monday he had called PDQ door to repair the door at the salt/sand shed.

Excise Tax Report – The written report was displayed on the Zoom screen. Stu noted that the total for 2020 was just a few hundred dollars lower than for 2019.

ecomaine Contract – Gary moved to authorize Stu to sign the contract with ecomaine on behalf of the Selectmen. Nathan 2nd. **Roll Call Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Returnables Request – Nathan moved to assign the returnable proceeds for March 2021 to Lamoine's Little Children. Jo 2nd. **Roll Call Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Town Report Draft – Stu noted that he had added Richard Harding's name to the dedication section. Mr. Harding, a former Selectman and School Committee member passed away in late December. Bob had some wording suggestions in the Selectmen's report.

The board expressed no objection to using the same printer provided there is no major price increase.

Public Hearing – Stu reported the Planning Board meeting was canceled on Monday due to his illness, so the wording on the ordinance changes is not yet ready, therefore the public hearing order can't be signed yet. He said that would likely come in the first meeting in February which is still enough time to post the notice.

Municipal Officers Ballot – Stu reported Jo has returned her nomination papers to appear on the March ballot and Gary has a set out. He said Elizabeth Stanley has returned papers to run for school committee and Michael Brann does not intend to run again. He said Brian Thomas is collecting signatures for Assessor as are his fellow assessors on his behalf. He said he expects to have all positions up for election on the ballot, but uncontested.

Town Meeting Warrant Review – Selectmen noted there are place holders for the ordinance amendment questions. Stu said the warrant won't be ready to sign until February.

Budget Review – Stu said he had attended a webinar earlier in the day regarding application for federal funding to replace fire department air pack bottles, and he's pretty confident the town will qualify.

Citizen of the Year – Selectmen agreed with a nomination for the honor.

Broadband Expansion Meeting Date – Selectmen set Wednesday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM to meet with the Technology Committee and consultant Brian Lippold.

Comments – Jo said she was glad that everyone at the town hall appears to be healthy. Stu said he is too, noting that he took Monday off after feeling under the weather.

Bob said he plans to write to the Congressional delegation regarding the riot that took place at the US Capitol yesterday. He called the incident difficult to watch.

Stu said prior to this meeting, there was a Zoom meeting with fire chiefs across the county regarding the update on COVID-19 vaccinations. He said Bar Harbor Fire has offered to give the shots, but there are very few doses available at this time. He said it would be nice at some point to send a thank-you note to the Town of Bar Harbor for that service.

Next Meetings – The Board will meet on Wednesday January 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM as noted above to discuss broadband expansion. The next regular meeting is January 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen