



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – June 17, 2021

Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Gary McFarland, Robert Christie, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and Transfer Station Manager Chris Meyer.

Executive Session – Bob moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(a) to hold a job performance review. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was unanimous. Out at 6:57 PM**

Regular Meeting – Gary called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Fire Chief George Smith joined the Selectmen and Administrative Assistant in attending.

Agenda – No changes were proposed to the printed agenda or addendum.

Minutes – June 3, 2021 – Bob pointed out a minor language clarification and moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 29 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$126,832.00. Stu noted the power bill for the salt/sand shed was unusually high. He said he went to the facility earlier in the week and discovered the lights and fan inside were on.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu said with half a month left, revenues are over budget and spending, with the exception of the school, are under budget. He said the school received quite a bit of funding during the pandemic, and expenditures with the extra revenue will likely exceed the town meeting approved budget.

30-day Notices – Stu reported he'd printed off an unreconciled list of taxes due for the 2020/21 fiscal year. He said the 30-day notices would likely go out next week.

Contracts & Appointments – Animal Control Officer – Jo moved to approve a contract with Debra McFarland. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0 (Gary abstained).**

Code Enforcement Officer – Nathan moved to approve a contract with Rebecca Albright. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Facilities Maintenance Director – Nathan moved to approve a contract with Michael Hodgkins. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Transfer Station Manager – Jo moved to approve a contract with Chris Meyer. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in Favor was 5-0.**

Appointees – Jo moved to appoint the following:

Name	Office	Term Expires
Jennifer Kovacs-Lord	Town Clerk	June 30, 2022
Jennifer Kovacs-Lord	Tax Collector	June 30, 2022
Jennifer Kovacs-Lord	Excise Tax Collector	June 30, 2022
Jennifer Kovacs-Lord	Deputy Treasurer	June 30, 2022
Stuart Marckoon	Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	Treasurer	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	Deputy Town Clerk	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	Deputy Tax Collector	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	Emergency Management Director	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	Deputy Excise Tax Collector	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	General Assistance Administrator	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	Addressing Officer	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	Deputy Fire Warden	June 30, 2024
Stuart Marckoon	Road Commissioner	June 30, 2022
Michael Hodgkins	Facilities Maintenance Director	June 30, 2022
Cecilia Ohmart	Health Officer	June 30, 2024
Deborah Verrill-McFarland	Animal Control Officer	June 30, 2022
George Smith	Fire Chief	June 30, 2022
George Smith	Fire Warden	June 30, 2022
Chris Meyer	Transfer Station Manager	June 30, 2022
Rebecca Albright	Code Enforcement Officer	June 30, 2022
Rebecca Albright	Plumbing Inspector	June 30, 2022
Rebecca Albright	Building Inspector	June 30, 2022
Justin Zinke	Cable TV Operations Manager	June 30, 2022
Justin Zinke	Technology Committee Member	June 30, 2024
William Butler	IT Director	June 30, 2022
David Herrick	Harbor Master	June 30, 2022
Kevin Murphy	Deputy Harbor Master	June 30, 2022
Chris Tadema-Wielandt	Planning Board	June 30, 2026
Michael Jordan	Board of Appeals	June 30, 2024
Larissa Thomas	Board of Appeals	June 30, 2024
Larissa Thomas	Conservation Commission	June 30, 2024
Brett Jones	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	June 30, 2024
Gregory Hiltz	Budget Committee	June 30, 2024
Tiffany McMullen	Budget Committee	June 30, 2024
Linda Penkalski	Conservation Commission	June 30, 2024
Cathleen Goebel	Parks Commission	June 30, 2024
Lorise Jordan	Parks Commission	June 30, 2024
Nicole Chan	Recreation Committee	June 30, 2024

Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the appointment papers.**

New Fire Truck Proposal – Chief George “Skip” Smith reported to Selectmen that the previous information he provided had the wrong chassis specified, and that will cut the cost by about \$20,000. He said there were several items that the fire department would fund outside of the town budget totaling about \$28,000. He estimated the sale of Engine 401 would likely bring in at least \$50,000.

Nathan asked if Chief Smith had the amount of engine hours on the truck. The chief said he would get that figure. He said there are less than 20,000 miles on the truck.

Discussion followed on how long to finance the truck, what the next truck to replace would be, future financing options, re-establishing a truck reserve.

Jo asked what the process should be to move forward. Stu said an RFP should be developed with a cost estimate to take to the Budget Committee. A town meeting should approve the budget and financing plan, and then, if approved, the truck would go out to bid. He said it would likely take a year to construct the truck. Discussion followed on whether prices would go up or down in the near future.

Recent Fire Call – Chief Smith reported the department responded to Mildred Jordan's home on Douglas Highway when a garage caught fire. He said a lawn mower parked in front of the garage caught fire and the flames quickly spread to the garage. He said Hancock, Trenton and Ellsworth assisted with mutual aid.

Request from Griff Fenton for Ordinance Review Committee – Bob asked if the request from Mr. Fenton was from him or from the Appeals Board. Stu said it was from Mr. Fenton only. Gary said it appears that Mr. Fenton is asking that the Selectmen form a new committee to review and suggest ordinance changes. Kathleen said it looks like Mr. Fenton objects to the changes approved by the most recent town meeting.

Bob said if there is a recommendation to review ordinances, it should either be the Selectmen or the Planning Board to do that. He asked if there was some issue that he was not aware of. He suggested asking the Planning Board, unless there was some loss of confidence in that board.

Jo said that the Selectboard has in the past had board chair meetings, and perhaps it's time to do that again. She said she's not too eager to form another committee. Gary said he agreed with the joint board chair meeting. Kathleen said she also agreed, and suggested waiting until September to schedule the meeting. Nathan asked if the new committee suggestion went through the Planning Board, or was it just an observation by Mr. Fenton. He said without a specific problem listed, there is no reason to question the Planning Board's actions. He said if the Planning Board had felt there was an issue, they would have come to the Selectmen with a proposal to amend ordinances. He said He would be happy to meet with Mr. Fenton, and said the board chair meeting is a good idea. Bob said if more discussion is needed, Mr. Fenton would likely be in touch.

PERC/MRC Update – The board reviewed a memorandum from the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company regarding the state of operations, noting that all trash is currently being landfilled while the plant is under repair. Stu said he was not sure what the status was of the Municipal Review Committee's sale of the shuttered Fiberright plant.

Returnable Requests – Kathleen moved to award the proceeds from returnable containers at the transfer station for June to the Lamoine/Bayside Grange. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Jo moved to award the proceeds from July to Lamoine Community Arts. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Ordinance Signatures – Bob moved to sign the Building & Land Use Ordinance that was approved at the May 26, 2021 town meeting. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Nathan moved to sign the Site Plan Review Ordinance that was approved at the May 26, 2021 town meeting. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Code Enforcement Update – Selectmen reviewed memoranda from Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright on several alleged violations and complaints. No action was requested or taken.

Stu said he'd written up a memorandum summarizing a meeting with the DEP's Shoreland Zoning Coordinator and the DHHS Plumbing Permit coordinator regarding several complaints that were received. He said the DEP person had called earlier today and indicated some communication would be coming from the DEP, but had yet to arrive. There was a brief discussion over the process in which the complaints came, and the lack of specificity of the complaints.

Cell Tower Lease Update – Stu said he'd OK'd the town attorney speaking directly with the American Tower representative. Bob asked how the leasing process functions and there was a brief discussion. Stu said he'd received a couple of calls recently from AT&T looking to co-locate on the tower and asking what the building permit process was.

ARPA Funding – Stu asked if the Selectboard had a chance to review the webinar that Maine Municipal Association had sponsored on the America Recovery Plan Act. He said he didn't get much new information. Kathleen said it didn't look like much would qualify other than what had been previously discussed. There was a brief discussion about what would be equitable funding use.

Honor Graduates – Selectmen signed certificates of commendation for the following graduates of Mt. Desert Island High School

- Ivan Andros
- Paul Briggs
- Kaitlyn Cowles
- Moxie McBrearty
- Kaitlyn Tompkins
- Joshua Willard
- Laura Yeadon

Paving Contract – Stu reported that he reviewed a draft contract from Haley Ward which plans to put the project out to bid in the next few days. There should be bids to open on July 1st.

Lamoine 150! – Jo reported the meeting planned for earlier in the day was postponed until Monday. She said Stu got information on insurance and parade information. Stu said the insurance company did not seem all that concerned about the Conservation Commission’s kayak tour plan, and he relayed that info to the chair.

Audit Management Letter – Jo moved to authorize Gary and Stu to sign the annual audit authorization letter to James Wadman, CPA. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Future Agenda Items – Stu reported the Conservation Commission and the Parks Commission are discussing a management plan for Marlboro Beach. He said that the Board of Assessors has a request for proposals for revaluation ready to submit, and that will be on the July 1 agenda.

School Staff/Teacher/Administration/Committee Resolve – Selectmen signed a resolve honoring those connected with the Lamoine Consolidated School for their extraordinary efforts. The resolve will be presented at an event at noon tomorrow.

Oil Bids – Stu said Superintendent of Schools Katrina Kane is putting heating fuel bids out and he expects bids back by July 1st.

Comments – Stu noted that Ospreys at the Mud Creek Road nest have triplets and the Versant/Earth Cam site has been very popular with viewers from literally around the world.

Next Meeting – The next regular meetings will be on July 1, July 22, August 19, September 2 and September 16. The Selectmen will sign expenditure warrants individually in between meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen