



# Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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## Minutes – July 1, 2021

Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Robert Christie, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and David West (B&B Paving)

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

**Minutes – June 17, 2021** – Bob moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2021 as written. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0** (Nathan had not yet arrived).

**Expenditure Warrant 30** – Selectmen signed expenditure warrant 30 for FY 2021 in the amount of \$107,007.92.

**Expenditure Warrant 1** – Selectmen signed expenditure warrant 1 for FY 2022 in the amount of \$71,302.96.

**Cash & Budget Report** – Stu reported that revenues finished the FY 21 fiscal year well ahead of projections while expenses so far are less than budgeted, and there is a lot of cash in the investment management account to get through the summer.

**Checking Account Reconciliation** – Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the checking account reconciliation that was completed earlier in the day and distributed at the meeting.

**Encumbrance Order** – Stu reported he had not had a chance to prepare the encumbrance order but would have one for the next meeting on July 19, 2021.

**Liens/30-day Notices** – Stu reported that 30-day notices for unpaid 2020/21 property taxes went out on June 21<sup>st</sup> and they've generated a lot of telephone calls.

**Appointment** – Jo moved to appoint Steven Gabel-Richards as an alternate to the Planning Board. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Selectmen signed letters to Michael Risoldi thanking him for his service on the technology committee and to Paul Howaniec thanking him for his service on the Community Center and Budget Committees.

**Maine DEP** – Stu reported a response to a complaint inquiry from the Maine DEP has been sent. He said it took several hours to compile the paper work.

**Traffic Light** – Stu reported that the Maine DOT had called a few days earlier in response to a citizen complaint regarding the traffic light at Route 3 and 204. He presented a memorandum prepared after observing the light in action, concluding that it appeared to be acting properly.

**Paving Bids** – Selectmen opened the following bids on the Buttermilk Road paving project:

Bidder	Total	Per Ton
Hopkins Paving LLC	\$133,125.00	\$88.75
B&B Paving, Inc	\$112,125.00	\$74.75
Vaughn D. Thibodeau II Inc.	\$115,500.00	\$77.00
Atlantic Landscape Construction	\$138,000.00	\$92.00
Northeast Paving	\$155,625.00	\$103.75

Jo moved to award the project to B&B Paving. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Heating fuel bids** – Stu reported that the Superintendent of Schools was handling the heating fuel bids and they are due on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Revaluation** – Selectmen reviewed the Request for Proposals authored by the Board of Assessors. Stu said he had a list of revaluation firms from the State of Maine. Nathan moved to send out the RFP. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Lamoine Quarterly** – Stu said the paper is about half done. He said he would e-mail the draft before sending it to the printers.

**School Recognition** – Selectmen reviewed an e-mail from Carol Duffy thanking those involved in a last day of work event to honor the town’s school staff. Stu said the teachers he spoke with really appreciated the recognition. Gary said he received some appreciation as well.

**Lamoine 150!** – Jo said the committee is sending out a post card, and encouraging participants for the parade. She said the committee meets next week.

**Recycling Transportation Contract** – Nathan moved to approve a contract with DM&J regarding transportation of recyclables. Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Frenchman Bay Salmon Farm** – Kathleen reviewed a message from resident Joshua Duym regarding a proposed operation in waters off Gouldsboro that could impact the bay and asking if the town would request intervener status. She said Mr. Duym was at a scoping session and asked good questions. She noted that Bar Harbor officials got a petition from lobster fishermen. She said she could contact the Lamoine fishing community and find out what the sentiment might be.

Jo asked what the town might be committing to. Kathleen said the town could join in an appeal if the operation is approved if it wants to. She said there are 7 permits required all together, including two from the DEP, for water, two for air and two from the DMR as well as one from the Army Corps of Engineers. She said it’s a pretty large project.

Gary asked if this was the Norwegian company proposal. Kathleen said it is, and it's located in waters off Gouldsboro, so they would get whatever revenue might be generated. She said she thinks it's a fishing issue and could contact the town's fishing community. Discussion followed regarding the project's size and the use of Frenchman Bay. Kathleen said there is no real rush, as the DMR won't get to it right away. Gary asked Kathleen if she could provide some feedback from fishermen.

**Welcome to Lamoine Sign** – Selectmen discussed three proposed designs from Jonathan Mohr. The board felt the middle design without the sardine would be appropriate.

**Broadband** – Stu reported that Spectrum/Charter is submitting a proposal to ConnectME and inquired if they wanted Lamoine included. Nathan moved to do so, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Property Tax Rate** – Stu reported the preliminary calculation for the 2021/22 property tax rate is 11.5 mills, down 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mill from 2020/21.

**Local Road Assistance** – Kathleen moved and Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> to sign the acceptance form for Local Road Assistance from the Maine DOT. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Other Matters** – The board wished each other a Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>. Stu noted the office will be closed for the official holiday on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Remote Meetings** – Kathleen noted that the emergency orders from the Governor have ended as of yesterday, but having the public able to attend meetings remotely seemed like a good idea. The remote meetings were part of the emergency orders. Bob said attending remotely allows people who might not be able to attend to have a voice. Jo said she found it handy to attend remotely on stormy nights. After a brief discussion, the Board asked Stu if he could draft up a resolve to allow for emergency remote meetings to take place. Stu said he would see what might be available.

**Next Meetings** – The next scheduled regular meetings are July 22, 2021, April 19, 2021, September 2, 2021 and September 16, 2021. Stu said he would let board members know when warrants need to be signed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen