



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – September 16, 2021

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

Present were: Selectmen Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, Robert Christie, S. Josephine Cooper and Adm. Asst. Stu Marckoon. Selectman Nathan Mason had phoned earlier in the day saying he was unable to attend.

Agenda Review – No changes were proposed to the printed agenda. There was no addendum.

Minutes September 2, 2021 – Jo moved to approve the minutes as written. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 7 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$112,802.38. Stu reported about \$80,000 was for school expenses.

Cash & Budget Reports – Selectmen reviewed the written report. Stu reported there were no anomalies.

General Assistance Ordinance – Public Hearing – Gary opened the hearing at 7:03 PM. Stu said the proposal is to adopt the updated Maine Municipal Association model. He said he printed only one copy at more than 130-pages, but would print more if desired. Jo asked about the number of GA requests. Stu said it has been months since there has been an application. He said the requests usually are for rental or heating assistance. He noted that since the pandemic, requests have been lower than usual. The hearing closed at 7:05 PM.

Kathleen moved to adopt the updated ordinance. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0, Selectmen present signed the ordinance adoption page.**

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Broadband/ARPA – Stu reported that he had managed to navigate to the ARPA portal after speaking a few times with the agency administering it. He said they told him if the town didn't hear back, everything should be all set. He said he's not heard back. He reported that he also spoke with Kitty Barbee who is advising the county government and she was very interested in assisting with broadband expansion. He said he would check in with Brian Lippold on what, if anything, the town should do next.

Revaluation Bid Award – Stu reported that the Board of Assessors recommended awarding the revaluation bid to RJD Appraisal of Pittsfield, which submitted the lower of two bids for the project. Bob moved to award the bid to RJD. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Budget Discussions – Jo asked if there has been any substantial discussion about the capital improvement budget. Stu said there has not been for many years. Bob

suggested that this could be a topic for discussion amongst the board chairs and department heads. Jo said maybe it would be best to work on a 10-year plan.

Bob noted that the Comprehensive Plan calls for a periodic review of the plan and an update on where things stand. He said that could also be a topic for the meeting. The board discussed the community center issue, and it was felt that too could be a topic of discussion. It was decided to invite board chairs and departmental staff to the Selectboard meeting on October 21, 2021 with those three topics.

Budget Committee – Stu noted that Robin Veysey is still expressing a desire to step down, but no one has stepped forward to service in her place. He asked if the board had any budget priorities. Bob said he'd like to discuss what public health needs there should be and funding with health officer Cece Ohmart. Stu noted that the Lamoine school staff was the only 100% fully vaccinated staff in Hancock County. Jo asked if the town was on track in case something big should happen, such as a natural disaster. There was a brief discussion about the size of the town hall, and a need for more meeting and parking space.

Lamoine Quarterly – Stu noted he has drafted the 1st page. He said he would be working on that in the next week and get a final draft to the Board prior to publishing.

Birthday Greeting – The board signed a card wishing Almond “Buddy” Eaton a happy 98th birthday which happens on October 4th.

Lamoine 150! – Jo said she would like to have an item on the next meeting agenda to perpetuate the celebration of community following the successful Lamoine 150! Events.

Other – Redistricting – Kathleen noted that the Legislature is in the process of drawing up new legislative districts. She said current state representative Lynne Williams expressed a desire to keep Lamoine in her district.

Subdivision – Kathleen noted that a new subdivision discussed by the Planning Board earlier this week brought up the topic of shore access to Jordan River. Stu noted that board found the application incomplete.

Next Meetings – The Selectboard will meet next at the Lamoine Consolidated School on October 7, 2021 following the special town meeting, on October 21st, November 4th, and December 2 and 16.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Lamoine Selectboard