



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – May 5, 2022

Chari Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Present were: Select Board Members Larissa Thomas, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz and Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon. Select Board Member Gary McFarland had notified the board prior to the meeting that he was unable to attend.

Personnel Review – Executive Session – Nathan moved to go into executive session pursuant to [1 MRSA §405\(6\)\(a\)](#). Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0 at 6:31 PM. Out at 6:59 PM.**

Regular Meeting – The open portion of the meeting began at 7:00 PM. All the same parties were present.

Agenda Review – There were no changes to the printed agenda.

Minutes – April 21, 2022 – Stu noted that Larissa had submitted some minor corrections to the minutes. Kathleen moved to approve as corrected, Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 25 – The board signed the warrant in the amount of \$97,263.27. Stu noted the school operations/payables warrant was one of the smallest he'd seen.

Cash & Budget Reports – The board reviewed the printed report. Stu said there year is proceeding as expected. There was a brief discussion about the cost of diesel fuel and its impact on the fire department.

Tower Easement – Stu reported American Tower had filed the easement for the cell tower the day after the last Select Board meeting.

Checking Account Reconciliation – The Board signed the statement expressing satisfaction with their review of the checking account reconciliation that had been e-mailed earlier in the week.

ARPA Reporting – Stu reported that he was able to log into the US Treasury site for ARPA reporting, but the town's designation was incorrect, so he was not able to utilize the site for reporting. He said he devised his own report, a copy of which was in the Select Board packet, and e-mailed it to the Treasury Department. He has yet to hear back.

Premium Pay – Stu reported that three former members of the fire department had been included in the 2nd round of premium pay funded by Hancock County. He said they had not shown up this year and let their membership lapse, and he and the fire chief were recommending that that pay be put back into the pool and divided among the ballot

clerks who worked elections during the pandemic emergency period. Kathleen moved to approve the recommendation. Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

School Budget Town Meeting – Stu reported there is no update for a town meeting date to consider the school budget.

Aquaculture Update – Stu reported a couple of articles regarding Gouldsboro’s proposed aquaculture ordinance were in the packet of information. He said he would recommend taking no action on an ordinance for Lamoine until Gouldsboro’s ordinance is settled. Kathleen said American Aquafarms is planning a debate at Maine Senior College on May 10th. Larissa said in reading over the Gouldsboro draft ordinance text, it was interesting to compare what it actually says compared to the newspaper article. A brief discussion followed.

Recommendations from Tech Committee – Stu reported the Tech Committee has not yet met regarding a proposal for computer networking and storage equipment.

Reciprocal Agreement with Trenton – Stu reported he sent the draft agreement language to his counterpart in Trenton, and she liked it. He asked if the Board wished to proceed with it. Larissa said there might need to be discussion on what qualified as an emergency declaration. After a brief discussion, Jo said it would be nice to meet with the Trenton Select Board. The Board members present said they had no issues with the draft agreement.

MMA Legislative Policy Committee – Kathleen said she is willing to serve again on the LPC for Maine Municipal Association. Jo moved to nominate her, Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Jo signed the nomination form.

Other – Shellfish Ordinance – Kathleen said the Department of Marine Resources met with towns to discuss shellfish ordinances earlier in the day. She said Bar Harbor was designing a handout to give to recreational diggers to explain closures and laws and will share a copy with the 7-town district. She said she expects about 90 commercial clam licenses in the district this year.

Housing Bill – Kathleen noted that an affordable housing bill was passed by the Legislature which will allow up to 4-dwellings on an allowed single family dwelling lot. She said that would likely be challenged. She said the Planning Board discussed the bill and its impacts on our ordinance. There was a brief discussion about multi-family housing.

Community Action Grant – Larissa reported she submitted the Community Resilience Grant application earlier in the day and got word that the application would be changing before the submittal deadline. She said she’s prepared to modify the application when she learns what it will require.

No Mow May – Larissa reported a lot of interest in “participation” in No Mow May as well as a fair amount of publicity.

Next Meetings – The Board will meet next at 6:30 PM on May 19, 2022. Larissa reported she's unable to attend the June 9, 2022 meeting. Jo said she's unable to attend the June 30, 2022 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board