



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – July 21, 2022

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Select Board Members Larissa Thomas, Nathan Mason, Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and Fire Chief George “Skip” Smith.

Agenda Review – Stu said the board might wish to move the fire chief matters further up the agenda. Otherwise there were no changes to the agenda or [addendum](#).

Minutes – June 28, 2022 – Larissa had submitted several minor edits which Stu said he had made. She moved to approve the minutes as edited. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0 (McFarland abstained)**

Expenditure Warrant 1 – The board had signed the warrant prior to the meeting in the amount of \$217,812.31. There were no questions about the warrant.

Expenditure Warrant 2 – The board signed the warrant in the amount of \$114,714.24. Stu noted most of the warrant was for education expenses.

Fire Department Restitution - Fee Schedule – Jo asked how the fee schedule was determined. Stu said he’d looked at fee schedules for other towns and based it on that. Fire Chief George Smith said he has mixed feelings about the ordinance. He said he knows other towns are doing it, and it might be necessary. He said there is a lot of traffic that comes through town and some auto accident calls are fairly lengthy. He said he hoped something could be structured so that town residents are not charged. Jo asked what might happen if, for example, a neighbor reports hearing water running and no one is home. Chief Smith said the fire department is all there is, and the department responds to everything.

Gary asked if the fire department is actually billing citizens. Chief Smith said their insurance company would be billed, but it’s likely the insurer will likely try to recover from the customer. Larissa said the billed amount would be part of the insurance recovery. Jo said she thinks the fee schedule is fair. Nathan asked if there is any discretion. Chief Smith said he could see some. Discussion followed regarding a consistent policy. Larissa asked who would administer the program – the fire department or the town office. Chief Smith said he’s not sure who has the time to do that. Nathan said he’s concerned that the application of the ordinance be consistent. Discussion followed regarding the collecting agency.

Kathleen moved to approve the fee schedule. Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Contract – The Board reviewed the contract and had questions regarding collecting insurance company information from incidents. A brief discussion followed. Gary moved to approve the contract with Central Maine Cost Recovery. Larissa 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Fire Truck Update – Chief Smith reported there is no news on when the new fire truck might be ready. He said the chassis might be ready next March.

Jo asked if the Board could meet at the fire station soon. There was a discussion on a possible date.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu reported the Waste Disposal budget for FY 2022 was exceeded and there will be a request for a special town meeting later in the agenda. Jo asked about the ARPA funding. Stu reported all the funds have been received and will carry forward to the new fiscal year.

Tax Liens – Stu reported that 59 liens were filed the previous day for unpaid 2021/22 property taxes. He said many of those who did not pay did not claim their certified mail with the 30-day notice.

Quarterly Excise Tax Report – Stu noted the FY 2022 excise amount dropped sharply from the FY 2021 amount.

Encumbrance Order – Nathan moved to sign the following encumbrance order:

Encumbrance Order
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022
Dated July 21, 2022

We, the undersigned Selectmen of Lamoine, hereby approve this order to encumber fund for projects approved and funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 but not yet completed. The following accounts shall be recorded as indicated below affecting the Encumbrance Account (GL #2-01-03)

New Anticipated Expenses			
Account Name	GL #	Amount	Purpose
Fire – Station Maintenance	5-01-05-114	\$6,000.00	Apparatus Bay Door repairs
Adm-Town Hall Maint	5-01-01-62	\$500.00	Pressure Wash Town Hall.
Previously Encumbered and Expiring – close into appropriate fund			
Item	Close To	Amount	Reason
Fire-Ladder Truck Maintenance	3-01-01	\$1,119.79	Repairs less than expected
Marlboro Beach Road	3-09-01	\$85.00	Project never billed
Marlboro Beach	3-14-01	\$1,672.07	Kiosk Project
Tree Removal	3-09-01	\$2,350.00	Trees
Encumbrances carrying forward from 2021/22			
Item	GL #	Amount	Reason
Paving-(Buttermilk)	2-01-03	\$478.75	Awarded, not completed
Walker Road	2-01-03	\$777.60	Awarded, not completed
Raccoon Cove Road	3-09-01	\$1,100.00	Awarded, not completed
Clamshell Alley	2-01-03	\$600.00	Awarded, not completed
Buttermilk Road	2-01-03	\$2,800.00	Awarded, not completed

Administration	2-01-03	\$2,000.00	Window for Back Room
Gully Brook Road	2-01-03	750.00	Still needs grading
Fire (Painting Floor, Ceiling etc)	2-01-03	\$5,500.00	Project not yet started

Gary 2nd. Stu provided a brief explanation. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Town Meeting Warrant – August 18, 2022 – Nathan moved to sign a special town meeting warrant. Kathleen 2nd. The purpose of the town meeting is to allocate funding from undersigned fund balance for the expected over-expenditure of the waste disposal budget. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

PFAS – Landfill area wells – Stu reported that he wrote to the three property owners whose wells tested positive for excessive PFAS levels to offer bottled water. He said two of the three requested water and that he has contacted Mt. Desert Spring Water to serve them. He said he spoke with Matt Young of the Maine DEP which will conduct additional testing in the area and work with the town on installation of filter systems. There was a brief discussion on how filter systems would be maintained.

Regional Animal Control – Stu reported he had a zoom meeting which was attended by Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Trenton and Franklin. He said Hancock is also interested and there may be interest from Sorrento. He said he has contacted other towns that share Animal Control Officers and found a detailed agreement from Casco, Naples and Raymond that looked promising. He said he plans to have another zoom meeting in August.

Traffic Light Maintenance Contract – Stu reported that Frazier Signal Technologies has offered an annual maintenance contract for the Rte 3/204 light. He said he’s been trying for years to find someone to maintain the signal and encouraged the board to approve a contract. Gary Moved to approve, Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Heating Fuel - Jo said it might take a crystal ball to figure out the best time to order heating fuel for the winter. Stu said he is working with Superintendent Rob Liebow to figure out the most advantageous time.

Returnables – There was a discussion on first come/first served. Nathan moved to award the returnables for August 2022 to the Lamoine/Bayside Grange. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Appointment – Jo moved to appoint Joanna Sands as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Maine DOT Local Road Assistance Acceptance – Gary moved to sign the acceptance form for Local Road Assistance. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Website – Stu reported the new website is up and running and looks great. He said it’s quite a learning curve to maintain it.

Maine Municipal Association Executive Board Vote – The Board signed the ballot, voting for officers for MMA’s Executive Board.

Appeals Board Ordinance – Stu reported the attorney review is back. He said a couple members of the Board of Appeals have inquired if they could consult with the attorney with questions. He said the board has not yet met.

Checking Account Reconciliation – There were no questions regarding the checking account reconciliation. The Board signed the form expressing satisfaction with the review.

Community Resilience Grant – Larissa reported the state has revised the application for the grant and she has revised the town’s application. She said hopefully this will fund heat pump installation at town buildings and a power purchase agreement. She explained the changes in the application including a social vulnerability question. She said the Conservation Commission has to sign off on the grant and she hopes to get the Select Board’s approval. Kathleen moved to approve, Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Other – Kathleen said she would like to hear about the visit to the Kittredge Pit with the Code Enforcement Officer and Larissa to view the restoration progress. Larissa she accompanied the CEO and Steve Salsbury to the pit, and the issue was whether there was sufficient soil and revegetation. She said they looked at the area and there was 4-inches of topsoil. She said the issue of revegetation is a judgment call. She said there are some things growing. She said her role was to be a witness to the visit. Kathleen said this involved the area that was excavated while the court case was resolved. She said she talked with the Planning Board chair about it.

Vacations – Stu reported that the town clerk/tax collector is on vacation this week, and he’ll be on vacation next week.

Next Meetings – The next regular meeting will follow the special town meeting on August 18, 2022. The Board will meet on September 1, 2022 at the fire station, then on September 15, 2022 and October 6 and 20, 2022. Stu said he planned to invite the Recreation Committee to the August 18th meeting. Jo said she has a conflict with October 6th date.

There was a brief and informal discussion regarding the costs to fix up the athletic fields as the meeting ended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board