



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – February 1, 2024

Select Board member Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Select Board Members S. Josephine Cooper, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and attorney Justin Bennett from Rudman & Winchell representing Harold MacQuinn, Inc. Board members Larissa Thomas and Nathan Mason had informed the board they would be unable to attend.

Agenda Review – No changes were made to the printed agenda.

Minutes – January 18, 2024 – Jo moved to approve the minutes as printed. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 18 – The Board signed the warrant in the amount of \$229,858.60. Stu noted the school department accounted for about \$188,000 and the invoice from the fire department for tree responses on public roads between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023 was on the warrant.

Cash & Budget Reports – Jo asked to be reminded what the COVID 19 fund was. Stu said it's the remainder of the ARPA payment which was used for broadband expansion, premium pay, and the rest is going toward the water tank system for the fire station.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Board members signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the review of the checking account reconciliation which was e-mailed earlier in the day.

Public Hearing – MacQuinn Road Discontinuance – Gary opened the hearing at 7:05 PM. Justin Bennett said he was here to listen. He said he was unsure whether surveyor Steve Salsbury planned to attend. Gary said the Board is pretty well versed on the proposed discontinuance. Jo said the Higgins family has asked that if the road is discontinued that it be re-named "Higgins Road". Stu said that would require town meeting approval. He said he is unsure if there is any objection from MacQuinn. Mr. Bennett said he would communicate the desire to MacQuinn. Kathleen said she likes the idea of the road having a different name on the Lamoine side of the town line. Jo asked if this could be on the March warrant. Stu said the warrant would be signed this evening and it might be better to have it on a subsequent warrant in case the discontinuance doesn't pass at town meeting. The hearing closed at 7:08 PM.

Building & Land Use Ordinance Amendment – Jo moved to sign the ordinance presented for amendment at the March 13, 2024 annual town meeting. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0; the Board signed the ordinance.**

Town Meeting Warrant – Jo moved to sign the town meeting warrant for March 5 and 13, 2024. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0; the Board signed the warrant.**

Citizen of the Year – The Board reviewed the resolve and plaque art and made one correction.

Town Report – Stu said he’s put more in the report since the draft that was in the packet. He requested the board read over the draft and get any changes to him. He said he’d like to get this sent to the printer next week. Gary moved to continue using Xpress Copy to print the report. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Community Resilience Partnership – Gary noted that re-enrollment in the program has been approved by the State of Maine. Stu said Larissa has done the heavy lifting on that. He reported that under the previous Community Action Grant, the solar project proposed is moving forward. He said an engineer from Revision Energy was in today and said the interconnection agreement with Versant is moving forward, and they hope to begin construction in June.

Transfer Station Manager’s Contract – Gary said he read over the contract and it looked OK. Stu noted that it runs through June 30, 2025. Jo moved to sign it. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Parks – Stu noted the Parks Commission has voted to remove the grills and trash barrels from Lamoine Beach Park, but he’s not sure of the reasoning behind it. He recommended meeting with the Parks Commission to discuss it. He also reported that Mike Hodgkins would like to discontinue the collection of trash at the parks and have Bill Fennelly take that over. He said he spoke with Bill about that and Bill is willing to do it. There was no objection.

There was a brief discussion about the grills and whether they’ve become obsolete.

Stu noted that the Maine Department of Transportation will be at Lamoine Beach Park tomorrow to discuss redesign of the end of Route 184.

Map 3 Lot 2 – Kathleen moved to reject the lone remaining offer on the property for sale. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0. The Board signed the rejection form.**

Jo moved to sign the form adjusting the asking price to \$149,900. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0; the Board signed the form.**

PERC Update – Gary noted correspondence received from the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company regarding plant operations and the hope to restart the incinerator. Stu said the letter was on PERC letterhead, so he’s not sure if GRACE will be operating as PERC.

School Budget – Selectmen noted they received the draft school budget. Stu said the school department has started discussing it.

Other – Kathleen said Berry Cove is open to clamming for a brief period to remove the larger clams before milky worms destroy them. She said the Department of Marine

Resources will be holding hearings in March regarding new aquaculture rules. She said the Joint Municipal Board met a couple of weeks ago and they're looking for part time wardens for June through August.

Stu noted that absentee ballots will be available starting tomorrow. He said he and Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs-Lord attended a webinar on the primary election which is the same day as the town meeting vote. He said he also attended a webinar on the new license plates that will start to be issued in May 2025.

Next Meetings – The next regular meeting is February 15, 2024. The Town Meeting Election is March 5, 2024, the Select Board organizational meeting will be March 7, 2024, the open town meeting is March 13, 2024 and the Select Board regular meeting is set for March 21, 2024.

There were no matters for executive session. Stu noted his contract ends June 30, 2024 and the Board should discuss an extension in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board