



Lamoine Select Board

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Minutes – Special Meeting February 26, 2024

Chair Larissa Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Present were: Select Board members S. Josephine Cooper, Larissa Thomas, Kathleen Rybarz, Gary McFarland, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon

Agenda Review / Addendum – There were no changes to the printed agenda or addendum.

Minutes – February 15, 2024 – Larissa said she had one change that she e-mailed to Stu. Jo said she had one minor correction. Kathleen moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure warrant 20 – The Board signed the warrant in the amount of \$579,729.72. Stu reported the bulk of the warrant was for transfers into the investment management accounts, including those items approved at town meeting. He said there will be another transfer on the next warrant, as tax collections were very strong today.

Sale of Map 3 Lot 2 – Stu reported the latest offer is for \$150,000 and he recommended that the board accept it. Gary moved to reject an offer dated February 7, 2024 for \$127,000. Jo 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Gary moved to accept the offer for \$150,000 dated February 22, 2024. Jo 2nd. There was a brief discussion on how to apply the proceeds of the sale. Stu said the board should draft a town meeting article for the May town meeting. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** Larissa signed the offer acceptance form.

PERC Update – Stu reported the new owners, Eagle Point Energy Company, will take over operation of the PERC plant on March 1, 2024. Larissa said she was a little disappointed the plant would not start up right away, but instead in about a year. She said that changes her thinking on recycling.

Pedestrian Visibility – Jo said the Committee on Aging has put together a packet with reflective straps and wrist bands along with maps. She said a grant she learned about from Healthy Acadia through AARP called the Community Challenge Grant which could expand the program. She said it's fairly simple to apply. She said the committee purchased only 40 straps and they might want to consider distributing packets to the kids in school. After a brief discussion she said she would like permission to apply for a grant. Nathan so moved, Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** Larissa said the Conservation Commission was also aware of the program through AARP and was thinking about trail development in the future.

Code Enforcement Matters – Stu reported the Code Enforcement Officer still has concerns about 591 Douglas Highway being unsafe, and the former owner appears to

still be occupying the premises. Gary said he knows the new owner and would contact him tomorrow to see what is going on.

Stu said the CEO inspected the portable classroom, but failed it because of issues with the fire doors and a leak in the cistern for the sprinkler system. He said it will be re-inspected soon.

Other – Larissa reminded folks the town meeting election is March 5th and the open town meeting is March 13th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Select Board