

October 11, 2022

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager; Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Kai Strine (Mt. Blue TV), Mike Booker (Fire Chief), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Adrienne Voss (Daily Bulldog), Justin Merrill, Steve Gettle, Cindy Bennett, Paul Binette (Assessor)

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 pm – Tim led the pledge.

2. Tax Abatements & Supplement – Marlene Boivin – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a tax abatement for \$25,000 in valuation in the amount of \$512.50 for the 2022-2023 tax year for Marlene Boivin. Vote 5-0-0. **Barbara and Robert Cook** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve an abatement of \$6,500 in valuation in the amount of \$133.25 for the 2022-23 tax year for Barbara and Robert Cook. Vote 5-0-0. **Chong Boivin** – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a supplemental tax of \$1,025.00 to Chong Boivin with the first \$512.50 due 11/14/2022 and the second payment of \$512.50 due 4/3/2023 with a late fee of 4% interest per annum. Vote 5-0-0

SELECT BOARD MINUTES

1. Minutes – September 26, 2022 – Gary asked about the ARPA funds being used for the possible increase in Livermore Falls Water hydrant fees. Shiloh talked to Neil Goldberg at MMA and was told that it is eligible. M/M/S Tim/Gary to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2022 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

2. Old Business – No discussion.

3. Town Wide Revaluation – We are scheduled for a town wide revaluation this year, to be effective April 1, 2023. Considering the recent mill announcement about the proposed closure, there have been discussions about putting this off for a couple of years so the Town valuation can stabilize. Paul spoke to the Selectboard telling them that we will apply for Sudden and Severe Valuation again. We will then receive more revenue sharing and educational subsidies. Waiting a couple more years for the revaluation will help keep the taxes from fluctuating as severely. M/M/S Terry/Tom to postpone the revaluation to 2025. Vote 5-0-0

4. Timber Harvest East Jay Gravel Pit – The timber harvest has been completed. Steve Gettle gave the Selectboard an overview of the project. The total revenue from the harvest was \$126,835.83. In May, 2021 the town paid Woodland Investment Services \$9,394 for preliminary harvest management services. He will also be paid 10% of stumpage value. The Town will have a net income of \$104,758.25 Steve's estimation was little off but we got better pricing than expected. The timing was good and it worked out well.

5. FD Station 2 & Pump Station 1 Roof & Vinyl Siding Replacement – Fire Station 2 and Pump Station 1 were damaged during the May hailstorm. Both roofs and vinyl siding on each building. A claim has been filed with insurance. We are approved to move forward with repairs. Mike would like shingles

instead of a metal roof. Snow comes off the roof too fast. M/M/S Terry/Tom to bid out a shingle roof for the Fire Department building and get approval from the insurance prior to accepting the bid. Vote 5-0-0. The bid will go out in the Fall with work to be done in the Spring.

6. Fire Department Per Diem Program Update – Mike gave an update to the Selectboard. The program started July 1st and so far it is going great. The station is clean and maintained. Mike was asked about the reimbursement program that started this year. He didn't know how much money has been recuperated but some payments have been received by the town. They go into his reserve. Mike submitted a grant to Stephen King today for an infrared camera. Lt. Luce has also been doing fundraising. They decided it would be good to have a drone for the Fire Department after a recent fire where they had trouble locating the source of the fire. The drone costs \$5,800. Lt. Luce went to businesses and asked for money for the drone. \$5,800 was donated by the first company he went to. The Fire Association would donate the drone to the Fire Department but need approval from the Selectboard. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to accept the donation of a drone from the Fire Association. Vote 5-0-0. Mike told the Selectboard that the boiler and doors that are being completed with ARPA funds will be finished within the next week or two. Shiloh and Mike also reviewed revised position/stipend amounts for the FD Officers. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the new Fire Department Officer stipend amounts as proposed. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Liquor License Renewal – Amvets – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the annual liquor license renewal for the Amvets. Vote 5-0-0.

8. Junkyard Permits – Belanger & St. Pierre – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Junkyard Permit renewals for David Belanger and Ben St. Pierre. Vote 5-0-0.

9. Pole Location Permit – Belmont Drive – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a pole location permit from CMP and Consolidated Communications for a pole on Belmont Drive. Vote 5-0-0.

10. Other Business – Trunk or Treat will be held at the town office, not at French Falls as previously thought. Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

11. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.C. Economic Development - M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.C. Economic Development. Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session.

M/M/S - Gary/Tom to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York