

December 12, 2022

SELECTBOARD 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: Darren Roundy, Trinity Smith (Blue TV), Adrienne Foss (Daily Bulldog)

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 p.m. -Tim led the pledge.

2. Minutes – November 28, 2022 – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Selectboard minutes from the November 28, 2022 meeting. Vote 4-0-1 (Gary abstained).

3. Old Business/Other Business – Gary wanted to make mention of the grant that was awarded for the tennis court. Good work by Deb Holland and crew.

M/M/S Lee Ann/Gary to accept the grant from Stephen and Tabitha King for \$10,000 for the Fire Department for purchasing a fit test machine. Vote 5-0-0

The Fire Department also received \$2400 from MMA for 6 firefighters going through firefighter 1 and 2 training from the Ed Mcdonald scholarship.

4. Public Works Generator Bid – The town received 2 bids. Jim Bonney from Livermore bid \$1,101 and Jerry Whitney from Wilton bid \$469.82. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to accept Jim Bonney’s bid of \$1,101 for the generator to go into Public Works capital reserve. Vote 5-0-0.

5. Hillside Sports Club Special Amusement Licenses – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the Special Amusement Permit once the form is completed by Hillside Sports Club to run through the end of March 2023. Vote 5-0-0.

6. ARPA Projects Update – Shiloh presented the Selectboard with a spreadsheet showing where we stand on the ARPA projects to date. The website redesign should go live soon, the Chisholm lighting has not been done yet, the State orthoimagery data should be available at the end of Dec. and the P.D. should have their antennae by the end of the year.

The Board discussed the option of changing the previously approved heating system in the garage addition from a Rinnai heater to a heat pump. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to go with the heat pump for up to an additional \$1600 with a possible \$500 rebate for the Public Works garage to come from capital reserve. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Auditing Services – M/M/S Gary/Tom to extend our contract with RHR Smith for auditing and GASB record keeping for 3 years at \$13,000 for auditing and \$500 for GASB. Vote 5-0-0.

8. Spirit of America Nominations – It is time to start thinking about who to give the Spirit of America of Award to this coming year. Gary and Lee Ann had some suggestions, but a decision is not needed at the time. This will be include on a future agenda.

9. Update on Community Resilience Grant – We received notice that our application for the Community Action Grant has been conditionally awarded for \$50,000. The grant requires us to include any Efficiency Maine incentives in the proposed budget. Shiloh told the Selectboard that Efficiency Maine is working on this for us.

10. Reimbursement for Adult Use Cannabis Related Expenses – Shiloh told the Selectboard that Ronda recently attended a class and learned that we can submit for reimbursement of the costs that were incurred adopting the Ordinance to Allow and Regulate Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation & Products Manufacturing Facilities. Ronda has submitted for reimbursement.

11. Other Business – Paris Farmer’s Union donated 50 buckets for the Sand for Seniors project.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest. There is a fire department meeting at the Livermore Falls Town Office on December 13th.

12. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.A. Personnel Issue – Compensation - M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.A. Personnel Issue - Compensation. Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. M/M/S - Lee Ann/Tom to give Department Heads and non-union employees a 4% wage increase FY 23-24. Vote 5-0-0.

M/M/S - Lee Ann/Tom to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York