

March 13, 2023

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager; Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk, Ronda Palmer (Town Clerk)

Guests: Adrienne Foss (Daily Bulldog & Mt Blue TV), John Johnson (Public Works), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Jill Gingras (Treasurer), Richard Caton (Police Chief), Tammy Chandler (Liv. Falls Advertiser), Justin Merrill, Kendra Baker, Paul Binette (Assessor), Joel Mosher, Matthew White

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

2. Public Hearing on Warrant Articles for April 25th Town Meeting – Ronda read aloud the warrant articles. There were no questions. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to accept the warrant articles for the April 25th Town Meeting. Vote 4-0-0

3. Minutes – February 27, 2023 – M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve the Selectboard minutes from the February 27, 2023 meeting. Vote 4-0-0

4. Old Business – No discussion.

5. Grant Donation Match – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a donation from Pixelle for a Maine Development Foundation grant through NBRC or other grant opportunity if needed and accept their letter of support. Vote 4-0-0

6. Letter of Support for AYS – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to provide a letter of support for AYS for their Congressionally Delegated Spending application for funding to upgrade the AYS building and correct deficiencies to create a community center for residents of the tri-town area. Vote 4-0-0

7. Waste Treatment Sludge Disposal – Mark explained to the Selectboard how recent legislation has made it difficult or impossible to dispose of sludge. Last year we were paying \$114/ton and now it is \$153.75/ton. Bulky material is no longer allowed to be brought in from out of state which is mixed with our sludge waste. We have been regulated into a state of noncompliance. We do not want to have to dump the waste into the river. We can send it to Canada for now which will cost \$215 to \$228/ton. But who knows how long that will last as Canada may decide they don't want it. The costs have doubled in less than a year. Mark is requesting a letter to send to the legislature to ask them to reconsider their legislation that is causing this problem. They are asking all municipalities with treatment facilities to send letters. We need a solution. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a letter regarding disposal of biosolids to the State of Maine legislature. Vote 4-0-0.

8. Other Business – Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

9. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.E. Legal Issue - M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.E. Legal Issue. Vote 4-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session.

M/M/S - Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Section 706-A request for information related to Pixelle Androscoggin LLC's application for abatement of property taxes for Map 2 Lot 20 and Personal Property Account 62. Vote 4-0-0.

M/M/S - Lee Ann/Tom to deny Pixelle Androscoggin LLC's application for abatement of property taxes for Map 2 Lot 28 (includes Lot 33); Map 2 Lot 25; and Map 2 Lot 14 (includes Lot 17) all of which are Tree Growth properties and are assessed using State rates. Vote 4-0-0.

M/M/S - Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Section 706-A request for information related to Pixelle Androscoggin LLC's application for abatement of property taxes for the 34 remaining properties as identified in the 3/13/23 Memo from Paul Binette to the Board. Vote 4-0-0.

M/M/S - Tim/Terry to adjourn. Vote 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raeleen M. York