

May 22, 2023

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

Guests: Lillie Clark (Mt Blue TV), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Richard Caton (Police Chief), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent)

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

2. Minutes – May 8, 2023 – M/M/S Tim/Lee Ann to approve the Selectboard minutes from the May 8, 2023 meeting. Vote 4-0-0.

3. Old Business – Shiloh reminded the Selectboard that the Master Logger Program will be hosting a training day at the East Jay Gravel Pit on Wednesday just in case anyone asks what is happening.

4. Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant – FD – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to accept the \$3,000 Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant for the Fire Dept. for purchase of gear. Vote 4-0-0

5. Special Amusement Permit Renewal – VFW – M/M/S Tim/Lee Ann to approve the annual Special Amusement Permit renewal for the VFW. Vote 4-0-0

6. Livermore Falls Sewer Flow Split – Annual Update - M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve Appendix C including the sewer flow split of 57.7% Jay and 42.3% Livermore Falls for the year 2023-2024. Vote 4-0-0

7. Porta Potty – French Falls Park - M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve the Recreation Committee's request to have a porta potty placed at French Falls for June, July and August for \$95/month from Orr Septic funded through the tower/recreation reserve account. Vote 4-0-0

8. Other Business – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the extension of License Privileges for on premises establishment for outdoor activities for Lane Dube Amvets. Vote 4-0-0

Shiloh spoke to the Selectboard about 2 bills that have been sponsored by Legislators to try to address revenue sharing amounts impacted by severe losses of property tax revenue in towns when something like the digester explosion or a mill closure happens. Shiloh and Paul have been talking to Lisa Kiem and Sheila Lyman about these bills. In 2021, after the digester explosion, the Selectboard used undesignated funds to offset the tax rate. Because of how those funds are recognized in the revenue sharing calculations, the town is receiving \$600,000 less than they would have. In the short term, the town is asking for funds to offset the \$600,000 we lost. In the long term, a bill is being printed to make a change so towns don't have this happen to them in the future. Shiloh told the Selectboard that there will be a Public Hearing where residents will be able to testify. She encouraged the Board members and anyone else to attend the public hearing in support of LD1954.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

9. Executive Session—MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 § 6.D. Union Negotiations - PD M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.D. Union Negotiations - PD. Vote 4-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. M/M/S - Lee Ann/Terry 1) to approve the Amendment to the PD contract related to wage rates as presented with the addition of language related to changing the shift from 6:00-6:00 to 5:00-5:00; 2) to designate funds sent to the Town of Jay from the Town of Farmington for Officer Rex Schweighofer's academy buyout, approximately \$34,000, to the Police Department payroll budget for the 23-24 fiscal year; 3) to approve a lateral transfer sidebar agreement for a proposed new employee of the PD if the hiring is successful. Vote 3-1-0 (Tom opposed).

M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.D. Union Negotiations - Town Office. Vote 4-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session. M/M/S - Lee Ann/Tom to approve Addendum B for the Town Office contract related to the position of the Deputy Town Clerk as presented. Vote 4-0-0.

M/M/S - Tim/Lee Ann to adjourn. Vote 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York