

December 27, 2023
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: Andre Cormier (Mt. Blue TV), Mark Holt (Sewer Supt.)

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

2. Minutes – December 11, 2023 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

3. Old Business – No discussion.

4. Sewer Abatement – Merchant – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a sewer abatement of \$570 for Patience Merchant for the 2023-2024 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

5. Sewer Repair – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve an invoice and bid for proposed work by Vortex services for \$4,162.50 and \$5,540.00 respectively for service on a root issue in the sewer line on Jay Hill to be paid from the sewer budget and transferring reserve funds at year end to cover these costs if needed. Vote 5-0-0

6. Spirit of America Nominations – Lee Ann nominated Janice Sweeney. She is very involved with the community and does a great deal of volunteer work. M/M/S Gary/Tom to honor Janice Sweeney with the Spirit of America Award. Vote 5-0-0

7. Summer Recreation Funding – Livermore Falls has been reviewing the program and costs and requested the 3 communities review this and come up with a proposal to put before each town's voters. They are researching to make it equitable. Gary and Terry are on the committee. Shiloh said that one proposal is 40% funding from Jay, 40% from Livermore Falls and 20% from Livermore. This would make Jay's portion around \$22,000. Jay currently pays \$13,000. These meetings are ongoing and a proposal will be made during the budget meetings.

8. May 1st, June 29th and Dec. 18th Storm Updates – Shiloh presented a written update to the Selectboard. She will post the update on Facebook. She put out a big 'thank you' to the dedicated employees dealing with the latest storm. The Fire Department had 70 calls over 5 days and saved several lives. The Public Works Department also responded to a large number of issues with the storm which they have become accustomed to this year and Mark and his personnel at the Sewer Department faced extreme challenges at the pump stations and treatment plant as water levels overwhelmed the facility.

9. Comprehensive Plan Committee – Request for Volunteers – Shiloh posted on Facebook that the town is looking for members from the community to serve on the committee. The Planning Board is taking the lead on this project. Gary volunteered to serve on the committee.

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

11. Executive Session - 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 - Gary/Tom for July 1, 2024 to approve a 3% increase for the part time, non-union employees. Vote 5-0-0 M/M/S - Tim/Tom for July 1, 2024 to increase the Town Manager's salary from the contracted rate of \$87,000 to \$95,000. Vote 5-0-0

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

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York