

May 28, 2024
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

Guests: Andre Cormier (Mt. Blue TV/Daily Bulldog), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), John Johnson (Public Works), Tom Cerulli, Amy Soper

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

2. Minutes -May 13 & May 16, 2024 – Gary asked that the minutes reflect who seconded the motion on agenda number 10 from the May 13th meeting. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 Selectboard meeting as amended and the May 16, 2024 Selectboard meeting. Vote 4-0-0

3. Old Business – Gary asked the Selectboard set a policy to open bids at the Selectboard meetings. Currently we open bids prior to meetings in cases such as engineers reviewing or in order to facilitate copies prior to the meeting and sometimes at meetings if they are straight forward and leave it up to the Selectboard which way they want to do it. The Selectboard will continue to decide when to open bids on a case to case basis.

4. Macomber Hill Road Reconstruction Bids – We received one bid from Bedard Excavation for \$812,000. M/M/S Gary/Tom to award the Macomber Hill Road Reconstruction project to Bedard Excavation for \$812,000. Vote 4-0-0

5. Public Works Sand and Salt Building Repair Bids – We received one bid from Thomas C. Goding Building Contractor. The bid has not been opened. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tim to table opening and awarding the bid until the Selectboard meeting on June 10th. Vote 3-0-1 (Tom abstained).

6. Public Works – Plow Truck Purchase – John is asking to purchase a truck to replace the plow truck that has a blown motor and a truck to replace the oldest F550. The F550 will be sold at a later date the Western Star will be kept for parts. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to purchase an International CV for \$171,313.00 from HP Fairfield to be delivered as a turnkey package and a new F-600 to replace the 550 including plow gear with funds from the Capital Reserve. (The F-600 will be piggybacked on Wilton’s current bid for the same truck.)Vote 4-0-0

7. Liquor License Approval Process – M/M/S Gary/Tom to hold public hearings on new liquor license requests and to not hold public hearings on liquor license renewals. Vote 4-0-0

8. Androscoggin Land Trust Eco Fest & River Clean-Up Celebration – Liquor License – M/M/S Tim/Tom to grant an exception to the Recreational Land Use Agreement to allow alcohol at French Falls for the Androscoggin Land Trust event on September 7, 2024. Vote 4-0-0

M/M/S to post a public hearing for a Special Taste Testing Event License for Androscoggin Land Trust. Vote 4-0-0

9. Special Amusement & Liquor License Renewal – VFW Post #3335 – M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to approve a special amusement renewal permit and liquor license renewal for VFW Post #3335. Vote 4-0-0.

10. Extension of Liquor License – Lane-Dube Amvets Post #33 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve an Extension of License Privileges for an On-Premises Establishment for Amvets Post #33 to allow outdoor seating. Vote 4-0-0

11. Dixfield – Police Services Proposal Request – M/M/S Gary/Tom to table this item. Vote 4-0-0

12. Spruce Mountain Board of Directors Re-appointment – Nelson DiPompo – M/M/S Gary/Tom to reappoint Nelson DiPompo to the Spruce Mountain Board of Directors with a term to expire July 2026. Vote 4-0-0

13. Livermore Falls Sewer Treatment Plant – Joint Reserve Account – M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to approve up to \$12,000 from the joint reserve account to pave approximately 400 feet of the Foundry Road adjacent to the Livermore Falls plant. Vote 4-0-0. Livermore Falls Selectboard has already approved.

14. Whistle Stop Rail Trail Repairs – There is a significant difference in cost between returning the trail to pre-existing conditions versus a redesign to fix it. FEMA would only pay a portion. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to bring the Whistle Stop Rail Trail back to pre-disaster conditions. Vote 4-0-0

15. Other Business – Backwoods Eatery – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to post a public hearing for a liquor license for Backwoods Eatery. Vote 4-0-0

Tim announced upcoming dates of interest.

16. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.A. Personnel – Employment - M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.A. Personnel - Employment. Vote 4-0-0. Tim declared the Board out of Executive Session.

M/M/S - Tim/Tom to repeal and replace the Board's motion on March 25, 2024 with the following: To authorize the Town Manager to enter into a retire/rehire agreement with Mark Holt, Sewer Superintendent, regarding future retirement contributions and penalties and pay out of earned time off, with a retirement date effective December 31, 2024 and a rehire date of January 1, 2025. Vote 4-0-0

M/M/S - Gary/Tom to adjourn. Vote 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York