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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 21, 2019 **Time: 1:30 PM** **Place: Municipal Building** **Rev.0**

Present: Selectboard Members: Jan Gaudio, Walter Reitz and Cheryl Waterman
Others: Town Administrator Casas, Ambulance Director Drinkwater, Mike Drinkwater, Jeff Northgraves, Pennie Alley, Ervin and Christine Curtis, Fire Chief Calderwood, John Hansen.

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

- There were no adjustments.

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. New Business-

A. Discussion with Ambulance Director about current ambulance status and plan for vehicle replacement.

- Director Drinkwater explains the history of the ambulance and its current status. Outlook to remedy the issues related to our current ambulance were not overly optimistic.
- A review of the buy new and remount options was had. Chief Calderwood advised that the ambulance should be a 4x4 because of the Maine winter conditions. Additional discussion about buy new vs. remount.
- Jeff Northgraves brings up the possibility of self-financing through the reserve accounts. Chief Calderwood offers to discuss using the Fire Truck reserve as a finance option. More discussion on buy new and remount.
- *Waterman moved and Reitz seconded a motion to move forward on the process of buying a new ambulance, with that decision being brought to the Town at Special Town Meeting in the future. Waterman and Reitz vote in favor, Gaudio against. Motion passes 2-1.*

B. Board discussion and review of possible warrant language regarding Gilford Butler School and the Ambulance.

- Carmen Bombeke from Gartley and Dorsky gives basic overview of option for the Board to consider, in relation to a structural analysis of the Gilford Butler School building. There was discussion on those options. The Board asked questions about the scope of work of the analysis and other questions of Carmen and John Hansen. Gartley and Dorsky will prepare a proposal to present to the Board. The Board agreed that Gaudio would work with Town Administrator on the proposal and sign to accept as appropriate. There was further discussion about the Gilford Butler Committees recommendations. There was discussion about trying to vote on Gilford Butler to the Town on the November election. Jeff Northgraves advised against a November vote for various reasons. There was discussion on pros and cons of November vote or Town Meeting. It became clear that a November vote was not realistic. There was discussion on fundraising and creation of a building committee. Other topic of discussion were the costs of rehabbing the building for a temporary move in by the Library and starting the process of creating a 501c3 for the needs of funding the new library.
- Library Director Alley offered to put together metrics on library use.
- Future meetings were scheduled as follows: Public Information Meeting on the Ambulance- September 9th at 6:30 PM in the Town Office Community Room. Special Town Meeting on approval of Ambulance purchase- September 25th at 7:00 PM, location to be determined.

Adjournment

Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to adjourn at 3:32 pm.

Motion passed 3-0.