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Selectboard:
Jan Gaudio
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Selectboard Minutes
Date: May 11, 2021, 6:00 PM
Place: Remote Only, Zoom

REV:2

Selectboard Members Present: Jan Gaudio, Walter Reitz, John Spear

Budget Committee Members Present: Jeff Northgraves, Moira Paddock, Sondra Wallace, Katie Greene, Linda Maltais

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Ambulance Director Amy Drinkwater, Fire Chief Bryan Calderwood, Librarian Pennie Alley, Maureen Spencer, Anne Just, Cliff Dacso, Theo Pratt, Deputy Chief David Elwell.

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

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 6:02

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Budget Committee to approve their minutes of May 6, 2021.

RSU#13 Warrant and Notice of Election

Library donation from Waterman Beach Brewery from September 2020

YouTube

Department Heads Pennie Alley

Effective date of CEO date of resignation.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2021 and May 6, 2021 as revised.

Motion passed 3-0

The Budget Committee approved their minutes as amended from the May 6 meeting.

V. Department Heads

Chief Calderwood – Request for remote access to server to enable working from home.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the Fire Chief's request as long as he, Terri and Gus can work it out in a safe manner.

Motion passed 3-0

Librarian Pennie Alley

Alley addressed comments made in last meeting. She would like the Selectboard to clarify that the Board discussed and approved the uses of the Library for:

Community Garden

Book sale

Exercise classes

Sign

Reitz said he will write up a statement.

Alley requests the donation that lapsed to surplus be restored into the newly created library donation account.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to accept the generous \$525 donation from Waterman's Beach Brewery and transfer it from surplus to the library checking account.

Motion passed 3-0.

Monthly Reports

Ambulance

The Board reviewed the Ambulance report with Drinkwater. Reitz asked Drinkwater if she would prepare a breakdown of calls by time blocks.

EMS

CEO/LPI

Treasurer's Report

Baines reported revenues are up.

VI. New Business:

Appointments

Anne Just spoke of her interest in being appointed to the Technology Committee

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion appoint Anne Just to the Technology Committee.

Motion passed 3-0.

Lynn Canavan has also expressed an interest in being appointed to the Technology Committee. She is the Director of Ecosystems for a software company and formerly worked for IBM for 17 years.

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to appoint Lynne Canavan to the Technology Committee.

Motion passed 3-0.

Ambulance Billing Future

T.G. Higgins Business Services, P.A., the billing service the ambulance service uses, is closing. The last day of business will be July 31st. Drinkwater has been looking at ComStar Ambulance Billing Service. Their rates are a little cheaper and Drinkwater said the Towns using ComStar are very happy with the company and ComStar offers more services.

Spear asked if we could move this to next meeting so he could read the information Drinkwater provided.

Update on CEO search This matter was considered later in the meeting

Status of the Town Report

Baines reported the Town Report will go to the printer on May 11th and should be delivered May 22nd.

You Tube

Baines and Anna will work on setting up a new You tube account.

VII. Old Business

a. Tennis/Basketball Courts Donations

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to accept the donation from the South Thomaston Historical Society in the amount of \$1000 and from Daniel and Linda Palmer in the amount of \$100.

Motion passed 3-0.

Beacon drones has donated aerial shots to the Lions Club, who are donating the aerial shots to the tennis/basketball court project. Northgraves asked if the committee could put out stakes showing the boundaries so he would know the area to take photos of.

b. Snowplow Contract

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the snowplow contract and submit it to Jim Kalloch for review and signature.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. Town Warrant

There was a discussion on adding an Article to approve using monies from the American Rescue Plan for broadband. No action was taken.

Town Meeting Location

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to enter into agreement with Knox County Airport to hold the town meeting in the hangar on June 15th.

Motion passed 3-0.

d. Inter Local Agreement

The Board discussed South Thomaston being part of the Mid-coast Inter Local Agreement for broadband. There was a discussion of adding two Articles to the Town Meeting Warrant. One to approve \$5000 to join the Axiom Study. The Second Article would authorize the Selectboard to enter into an interlocal agreement. The Towns of Camden and Rockport are requesting that the County ARP funds be used for regional broadband. There was also a discussion about

what portion of South Thomaston's ARP money would be used for broad band. Reitz will send the agreement to Kristin Collins, Town Counsel, for review. Spear and Gaudio will work on the Warrant Articles

e. Local Option Vote for the sale of beer, wine, and spirits

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to table until next meeting.

Motion passed 3-0.

f. RSU #13

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the RSU#13 Warrant.

Motion passed 3-0.

g. Ambulance Collection Letter

This letter was previously approved. It is now on Town letterhead. The Selectboard will come into the office and sign the letter.

VIII. Correspondence

Mindy Cyr- Auditor

Rockland Police Department

The Board reviewed the correspondence

IX. Warrants Review and Approval

The Board approved the Warrants.

X. Schedule Future Meetings

After a discussion it was decided to set the meeting date to review the three Gilford Butler and the fiscal year change and proposed new tax collection dates after hearing the Governor's new pandemic meeting guidelines on May 23rd. Alley stated she would like to the meeting to be held in person. There was a discussion on what the meeting will look like and on amending the articles from the floor at Town meeting.

The Island Road Project public information meeting is June 1st, zoom only

XII. Adjourn

Gaudio moved to adjourn, then withdrew his motion.

XIII. Update on CEO search

Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board entered executive session at 7:45.

The Board exited executive session at 8:00

Spear moved since we have found an interim successor for Mo Dube, we change the effective date of her resignation to midnight tonight. Reitz seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Spear moved and Reitz seconded a motion to appoint Terry Brackett as LPI at the current salary rate and appoint him as CEO at the rate of \$24 per hour.

Spear withdrew his motion.

Spear moved and Reitz seconded a motion to appoint Terry Brackett as interim CEO/LPI at a rate of \$24 an hour, effective May 12, 2021.

Motion passed 3-0.

XIV. Adjourn

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:07.

Motion passed 3-0

Selectboard Approved 5-25-2021