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Selectboard:
Jan Gaudio
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Selectboard Minutes
Date: June 10, 2021, 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Building

REV:2

Selectboard Present: Walter Reitz, Jan Gaudio, John Spear
Others Present: Pennie Alley, Andrew Hedrich, Clifford Dacso, Ed Modell, Merle Rockwell, Theo Pratt, Betty Thomas, Dorothy Meriwether, Sarah Bullitt, Chad Harris, Maureen Spencer, Julia O'Brien, Sondra Wallace, John Koffel, Dave Martucci via zoom.

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

- I. **Call to Order**
Reitz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Adjustments to Agenda**
Add Email from Linda Milton under Correspondence.
Add CBDG Grant under New Business.
- 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 revision 1 of the minutes of May 25th.
Motion passed 3-0
Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 1st as amended.
Motion passed 3-0
Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 3rd.
After a brief discussion approving the June 3rd minutes was tabled until the June 29th meeting.
Spear moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 8th.
Motion passed 2-0
- V. **Department Heads**
The Board reviewed the Ambulance, EMS, Fire Department and LPI reports.
Baines asked if she could present the May financials at the next meeting.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **Meet with Moderator Candidate**
Dave Martucci is the Moderator Candidate for the Annual Town Meeting on June 15th. There was a discussion on procedures and reading of the articles.
Martucci was told there is a possibility for a write in candidate on Article 2, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.
He was also made aware that Articles 10, 11 and 12 will generate much discussion and debate. He might anticipate some proposed amendments. Martucci will have

to rule whether the amendments are allowable or not. The Body can overrule the moderator.

There might also be a number of questions about the Ordinances.

The Warrant in the town report is a draft and did not include Articles 35 and 36 which are in the posted warrant for the Town Meeting..

b. Report on MMA Webinar regarding ARPA Funds

Spear and Baines discussed highlights of the webinar that they both attended.

Betty Thomas asked if local daycares might be eligible for ARPA funds because they have had to shut down due to COVID.

Spear and Dorothy Meriwether briefly discussed this.

c. Maine Recovery Grant

Baines received an email about the CBDG Grant that will be offered through Maine Recovery. It is a first come first serve grant. It will cover PPE, cleaning supplies, purchase and installation of physical barriers and online meeting service expenses. Baines has been working on gathering information and plans on submitting the grant application on Friday.

VII. Old Business

a. Tennis/Basketball Court Donations

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to accept a donation from Molly Harvey in the amount of \$100.

Motion passed 3-0

b. Update on Tennis/Basketball Court Project

Spear gave an update on the Tennis/Basketball Court Project.

There is no word on the funding yet, but there is no reason to think it will not be funded.

The group working on this project has come up with thoughts and projections. They are making plans to make one of the tennis courts usable in the short term. This will involve killing weeds, digging them out and filling the cracks. They also hope to purchase pickle ball nets.

The companies that would bid on this project are booked for this year. It is likely this project will have to be completed next year.

c. Island Road Project

Revised Cost Estimates

The Island Road Project has a \$27,380 shortfall. The Board discussed options on how to address this.

Reitz asked Hedrich, how do we cut scope: Hedrich said the easiest way would be to cut part of the project. Another option, but it would be a temporary measure, would be to use vegetation instead of rip rap to armor the road.

This would be a temporary measure and more expensive in the long run.

Another option would be to see if Northern Borders would accept a lower road elevation height.

Hedrich suggested getting a bid out in the October-December time period for spring construction.

There was a discussion on eliminating riprap on the south side. Carr's beach is already riprapped. Also, a discussion on the cost of a traffic light versus flaggers.

There are huge granite blocks out back at the "stump dump" the town owns, it was suggested that maybe they could be used to help reduce costs.

EMA Director Thomas said so much of this project is public safety, could money from the Disaster Relief Reserve be used for this project. The Town also has 50 to 60 feet of guard rail that could be reused.

Permit Application

There was a talk on costs and commitment. The Permit process has started.

It will cost approximately \$2000 to finish. There was a brief discussion on the permitting process.

Spear suggested Baines contact Northern Borders and see if the town would be responsible for money already reimbursed if the project did not go forward.

d. Midcoast Broadband Coalition update – Clifford Dacso

Cliff introduced himself. He explained the purpose of the Midcoast Broadband Coalition. He spoke in favor of Article 35 and 36. The Coalition is hoping that Knox County ARPA funds will help support the Coalition and expanding broadband. If Articles 35 and 36 passes, they give the Selectboard the opportunity to commit to joining the Interlocal Agreement.

Dorothy Meriwether spoke of other uses for the Knox County ARPA funds. The County is working on prioritizing where the money should be spent. Meriwether said the County needs to go slow spending the money.

Reitz asked what the discussion process would be to allocate money. Meriwether said at this point so much is unknown about guidance and how it will play out.

e. Town Meeting Prep

There was a discussion on chairs and tables. The Town Office will close at 5:00 to prepare for the Town meeting.

f. Local Option Vote for the Sale of Beer, Wine, and Spirits

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to table until the July 20th meeting.

VIII. Correspondence

Paul Dimaggio Email

Linda Milton Email

The board reviewed the correspondence.

IX. Warrants Review and Approval

The Board reviewed and signed the Warrants

X. Schedule Future Meetings

The Board reaffirmed the meetings of 29th of June and July 13th & 20th

XI. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board entered executive session at 8:08

The Board exited executive session at 8:32

XII. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) Legal Consultation.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board entered executive session at 8:33.

The Board exited executive session at 8:52

XIII. Adjourn

Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:52.

Motion passed 3-0.

Selectboard approved June 29, 2021