

Town Council Meeting
June 9, 2010

COUNCIL PRESENT: Audrey Wilcox, Fred Gifford, Lillian Coulter, Nicholas Wood, Oscar Emerson excused. Town Office staff present, Town Manager Melissa Doane

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Tabled as Town Council reported not received copies of minutes.

CITIZENS REQUEST: Gerald Roy was present to inform Town Council that he is 95% done with his clean up. He reported that both trailers are down to the frames, he has them for sale and an individual that is interested in them. He will be coming into the office to get a building permit to build a carport to put the vehicles he wants to keep hidden. Manager Doane thanked Mr. Roy for all of his efforts, she further stated that she had seen pictures Charles had taken and she was very impressed with what he had accomplished. She stated that she will have Mr. Norburg follow up with him and address a letter to the Town Council stating that the cleanup is complete.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Doane stated that Clint Deschene, Town Manager of Hermon is requesting support for the position of vice-president of the Maine Municipal Association. Manager Doane has worked with Mr. Deschene on many projects in the past; he has excellent insight on local government and offers creative solutions. Manager Doane recommends that Town Council sign the petition to nominate Mr. Deschene. Town Council signed petition to support Mr. Deschene.

As Town Council has obviously noted, site work on the fire station project, Bob Fenney has visited the site every other day and is very happy with the progress and work. It has surprised Manager Doane the residents that have come into the office and are not aware that the Town was in the mist of building a fire station. Gifford Stevens came to Manager Doane representing Anna Bell Labree concerned about the amount of trees being removed from the site, however later came back and stated they did not wish to speak to the architect. Michael Freese who lives across the street has stated that some damage has been done to his driveway; Mr. Fenney has been made aware of this and will speak to Dunbar and Brawn. It is anticipated that concrete will begin next week.

If time allows Manager Doane will be taking some of the loam from the fire station project and would like to construct a retaining/rock wall in the corner of the municipal building in an attempt to make the front of the Municipal Building more appealing. She estimates that this project would cost less than \$200.00, which is available in the Municipal Building maintenance account.

The June 8, 2010 election results were placed in the Town Council boxes; there were a total of 314 voters. Sally Strout was elected for Town Council with 274 votes. All warrant articles passed, therefore \$120,000 of undersigned funds will be used to offset the municipal taxes, and work can begin on the construction of the salt and sand facility. Manager Doane will set up meetings with Randy Bragg of Carpenter Associates to begin that project. In addition Manager Doane will begin contacting contractors

to price out road construction for the 2010-2011 fiscal years. This road work includes, crack sealing of Boynton Street, Cram Street, Elm Street, Highland Ave and Parlin Street, Shim & Overlay of phase 1 Highpoint Place and Mill & Overlay of Bullen Street, Bridge area.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilor Gifford asked Manager Doane about the recent letter that was received from the properties owners of 114 Cram Street; he specifically would like to know if the Town has reviewed the property to see if there is in fact a malfunctioning septic system. Manager Doane stated that she and Charles have both reviewed the property. There is no malfunctioning systems, there is no sewage being dumped on 114 Cram Street. Manager Doane further explained that that area is basically a swamp in which homes were built. Maine Department of Environmental Protection has granted permits to neighboring properties to fill in wetlands, 114 Cram Street is now the lowest point in that area, and water travels to the lowest point. The property of 114 Cram Street is wet, however it is not sewage it is swampy dirty ground water. The neighboring owners have made attempts to keep their property dry by putting underground drainage or ditching along their property, forcing the water to the Town owned ditch. The ditch does hold water because it is low, the ditches purpose however is to keep water off the roads so that road deterioration does not occur. The Town does not build ditches to keep residential properties dry, they are built for road maintenance. Manager Doane further explained that she asked the owners of 114 Cram Street to call Maine DEP to see about getting a permit to fill in their property or at the very least confirm that permits were given. She also added that she had received an E-mail today from Brent Lawson of Maine Department of Human Services regarding the possibility of a malfunctioning system; he reports that there is no malfunctioning system.

MUNICIPAL WARRANTS: Councilor Coulter made a motion to accept warrant 94 in the amount of \$11,584.11 and warrant #95 in the amount of \$15,070.03, seconded by Councilor Gifford, no discussion, vote 4/0.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is set for June 22, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN: Motion made Councilor Wilcox to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Gifford, no discussion, Vote 4/0.