

**Town Council Meeting
July 24, 2018**

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; all Town Council was present. Town Manager Melissa Doane was also present.

Neil Bonneville Maine Waste Systems: Neil Bonneville requested that the Town Council consider allowing him to assign the remaining time of his solid waste and recycling contract to Sullivan's Trash Disposal. He stated that he has had some health issues and is having a hard time finding employees. Representatives from Sullivan's were available to answer questions regarding service and pricing. Neil further stated that if a problem should arise he will guarantee trash disposal until the end of the contract. Councilor Ketch made a motion to allow the remaining of Neil Bonneville's contract regarding solid waste and recycling to be transferred to Sullivan's, seconded by Councilor Wade. Vote 5/0.

Melissa asked for information from Neil and the Sullivan representatives regarding recycling. Neil explained that it costs \$140 to \$170 per ton to dispose of recycling, a lot of it is actually being sent to PERC for incineration. China is no longer accepting recycling, therefore there is little to no market for the materials. Melissa explained that she will be attending a MRC meeting in which there will be a discussion regarding the Fiberright facility taking recycling from joining communities for a price of \$35.00 per ton. She added that when the Town started the contract with Neil he was able to dispose of the recycling for a low cost, when the contract expires in June of 2019, recycling contract will be much different with an additional cost added for recycling tonnage. Neil added that the average tonnage is less than 3 tons per month.

New Business: Town Council discussed the valuation amounts provided by Assessing Agent Mark Gibson. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to use the taxable valuation of \$123,770,600 and a tax rate of 14.85 per thousand, seconded by Councilor Strout, vote 5/0.

Councilor Richard made a motion to set the rate of interest at 8% per annum on delinquent taxes for the 2018 tax commitment, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 5/0.

Councilor Ketch made a motion to set the rate of interest at 4% per annum on overpayments of real or property taxes refunded as a result of granting an abatement for the 2018 tax commitment, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 5/0.

Councilor Ketch made a motion to set the due dates for the 2018 Tax Commitment as September 28, 2018 and February 22, 2019, vote 5/0.

Citizens Request: None

Review of Minutes: A motion to accept the July 10, 2018 minutes as presented was made by Councilor Ketch, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 5/0.

Manager Report: Melissa stated that she will be in Newry at the Maine Town and City Management Conference on August 7 through the 10th, the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting is August 7, 2018. Town Council set the next Town Council meeting for August 21, 2018.

Melissa reported that the paving, pot hole repair and spot shim is slated to be done on Monday or Tuesday of next week. It was necessary to contact B&B Paving which had a slightly higher estimate than Hopkins as they would not be able to do the paving in time for the Chip Seal. Melissa estimates that the difference will be between \$2000 to \$3000. She is meeting with them again this week to see if there is something that can be done to lower the cost, perhaps not do the few areas of spot shim on Ten Road. She spoke with All States and they stated that the spot shim would be recommended, however as we are applying a double chip seal and the areas are small it will be acceptable. It is estimated that the Chip seal will be done August 24 to August 29.

Melissa provided a copy of the cost sharing agreement that she prepared and had the municipal attorneys review between Bradley and Eddington. Part of the shared code enforcement agreement is the shared cost of the health insurance benefit. Eddington offers a better plan than Bradley, Melissa negotiated that Bradley would pay 25% of the single coverage offered to Bradley employees. This amount is equal to \$3600 per year. Dean is slated to be in the office 32 hours per month and work on the comprehensive plan 6 hours per month. The comprehensive plan has not been updated since 2004 and is technically required by law to be updated every 10 years if a zoning ordinance is being used. Melissa would like a motion allowing her to enter into this agreement with Eddington. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to approve the cost sharing agreement as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

The ballot is available for the Maine Municipal Executive Committee. The slate of nominees includes: Christine Landes, Town Manager, Bethel, for Vice President, Elaine Aloes, Solon, William Bridgeo, Augusta and Melissa Doane, Bradley. Councilor Richard made a motion to allow Manager Doane to cast the vote as presented, seconded by Councilor Ketch, vote 5/0.

Melissa will be attending the MRC meeting tomorrow to learn more about Fiberights recycling.

Councilor Strout asked about the memo presented to Town Council regarding Muriel Pulk's property. Melissa explained that Dean Bennett prepared the document. He contacted Muriel on May 30, 2018 giving her until July 1 to willfully come into compliance. She has not spoken with him and there has been little change in her property. As he has given her a timeline without compliance it is now a Town Council decision on a timeline for court action. Councilor Ketch made a motion giving Muriel Pulk until August 13, 2018 to have the property in full compliance, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 5/0.

Unfinished Business: Melissa has once again contacted the Postal Service Security Specialist to see what security options if any would be available at the post office. She explained that the board's position is that as the holder of insurance there should be some type of security available. He stated he would review and get back to her, however was on vacation from July 13 to July 20. She left a message for him today, however did not receive a response. She has not contacted the municipal attorneys as she wanted a formal response to give them before proceeding. Councilor Wade stated that he has

investigated alternatives that would provide cameras for the entire facility and not require any monthly fees. He will present more information as it becomes available.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant #5 in the amount of \$6048.86 and warrant #6 in the amount of \$19022.58 seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

Next Meeting: Next meeting was set for August 21, 2018.

Adjourn: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 5/0.