

**Town Council Meeting**  
**2/19/2019**

**Open Town Council Meeting:** Town Council chair Mark Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; all Councilors were present except for Sally Strout who was excused. Also present was Town Manager, Melissa Doane

**Review of Minutes:** Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the 2-5-19 Town Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote (4/0).

**Citizens Request:** Bruce Flaherty, President of Maine Spirit of America addressed the Town Council inviting them to consider honoring a person, group or project to be recognized for their community service. He further explained that last year the Penobscot County Commissioners held an event honoring each that received the distinction. He provided information on several other towns that participate in the program, highlighting that there is no fee. It is also encouraged that the recipient be the same as the Town Report Dedication and the process be done so by a resolution by the Town Council. Town Council thanked him for the information and will take the program into consideration.

**Managers' Report:** Melissa stated that Spring Clean Up has been set for May 4. The procedure will be the same as in the past, each resident will be required to purchase a \$1.00 sticker which will allow 2 loads to be taken to the site. The staff is aware that there could be a change for the Fall Clean Up and will notify residents to watch for the clean up flyer to explain a possible new procedure.

On February 7 Melissa received notice from Casella Waste that they will no longer be able to offer the dumpster at Chemo Pond for the price of \$180 per month. The cost that they would charge would be \$426.36 per month per dumpster, during the summer months the town has paid for an additional dumpster. The estimated cost for the dumpster at Chemo Pond is \$6500; the current budget is \$3100. Melissa has contacted Sullivan's Waste and because the area is so far out of their route, they are not willing to offer any service. She also contacted Mark Wright, who does the trash disposal for the Town of Clifton, he quoted a price of \$493 per dumpster per month. Melissa stated that in 2002 the Chemo Pond Association requested a yearly donation from the town to assist with trash removal. When Melissa became the manager in 2005, she worked with the Association and the Town Council and a \$1000 donation was appropriated. In June of 2009 Melissa worked with the Association and the Town of Clifton and arranged a dumpster at their municipal complex, the Town paid \$100 per month to the Town of Clifton, \$900 a year for the dumpster and disposal and an estimated \$1200 in tipping fees to PERC. This dumpster was repeatedly misused, there was regular concerns from the Town of Clifton and eventually broken. The current arrangement was started in September of 2016 with the additional dumpster approval in September of 2017. Melissa recommends discontinuing the dumpster service, provide a donation in the amount of \$1300 to Chemo Pond Association now which represents the amount that is left in that budget line item for the remainder of the year, and continue to budget a donation in the amount of \$3100 to the Association in the next fiscal year; this represents what was budgeted for 2018-2019. The Association can use these funds to assist with their own convenient trash removal. Melissa added that the Town has no legal obligation to provide this service, the road is a

private road without Bradley right of way or access, in addition there is a dumpster available at the municipal building that residents from Chemo Pond can use. Councilor Lugdon asked if the Chemo Pond Association included members from other Town's. Melissa stated that the Chemo Pond North Association only encompasses Bradley property owners. She also added that there are 52 buildings on Chemo Pond/Bradley and out of those 52, it appears 17 are year-round residents. Councilor Ketch recalled that there was an issue with the dumpster being filled and overflowing. Melissa agreed stating that it a continue issue that the dumpster is not large enough and that there has been requests for two dumpsters year-round. Councilor Ketch asked what was done before the Town assisted. Melissa stated that they repeatedly asked for assistance and a dumpster was provided at the municipal building for their use, before that trash disposal was entirely their responsibility. Councilor Lugdon asked if the Town donated the \$1300 would that be something that would be requested every year, Melissa stated it would. Councilor Wade asked about the controlling over the dumpster regards to overflow. Melissa stated that since it has been on Bradley Shore Road there has not been any complaints as there are members of the association that have taken upon themselves to monitor it. Councilor Wade stated that it was perfectly fair to offer them a yearly donation, however they should do all the contracting and monitoring. Councilor Ketch asked what the trash pick up procedure would be if there was no dumpster, Melissa stated there would be service. Councilor Richard stated that as the Town is not able to fund recycling town wide, she is reluctant to fund a yearly donation. She was a camp owner for many years with in a situation in which you had to go through another town to get to the area, they were responsible for their own trash disposal and that was expected. Councilor Richard also wondered if they placed trash at the end of the road if Clifton would pick it up. Melissa stated they would not as the trash was not generated in their town. Karen stated that they do have use of the dumpster at the municipal building so there is an opportunity for disposal. Councilor Wade asked what will occur if the dumpster at the town office starts to overflow, Melissa stated that it may be necessary to get a bigger dumpster, however that cost is minimal. Councilor Lugdon stated he does not object to the \$1300 donation with what is left, it what happens after is the concern, Karen agreed that the \$1300 will assist with the transition. Councilor Wade made a motion to make a \$1300 donation to the Association, noting that the amount represents assisting them with the transition and that it will not be on a yearly basis, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, Councilor Ketch asked when the service would stop, Melissa stated it would stop March 1, vote 4/0.

Melissa has spoken to Emera Maine, they are doing to be doing some pilot LED lights within the next month, these include 2 on Main Street near Parlin Street and Boynton/Elm Street, one on Cram Street/Deer Run Lane, and one on Cram Street/Baker Lane.

Melissa attended a workshop hosted by Coastal/Fiberight on February 14. They provided information on the operation of the plant. They are preparing for bulky waste that will be in the solid waste stream that they will not be able to process; they estimate that to be about 20% of the total tonnage which will be landfilled. Coastal is going to start taking single stream recycling from participating communities in March and will start taking solid waste in April. They have Bradley on schedule for some time in May. They will be requesting that joining municipalities assist with educating the citizens on the acceptable waste. At this time there will not be any penalties or additional costs associated with material that is not going to be processed, it will be trial and error.

Only one bid was received for the mowing contract. It was from Greenleaf and Son's Seasonal Services in the amount of \$9200, with an additional \$400 for the edge trimming and \$500 for the ballfield bush hogging. He is also interested in doing a two-year contract in the amount of \$9400. Melissa stated that the owner, Bradley worked for Blue Collar Yard Pro for many years before starting his own business 6 years ago. Councilor Richard noted that he also stated in the bid that he would do three years for the \$9400. Melissa stated she would like to have an opportunity to talk to the contractor regarding the hedge trimming as he only entered a bid of \$400 and she knows how labor intensive it is. She would not like the hedge to be harmed due to a rushed job or for the contractor to come back to the town realizing it can not be done for that amount. Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$9200 year one, \$9400 year two and \$9400 year three, adding that Melissa will negotiate with the contractor regarding the hedge, seconded by Councilor Lugdon vote 4/0. Melissa added that she is going to speak to the contractor about doing the Spring Clean Up work, she has not been able to reach anyone from Hayes Lawncare and needs to be prepared.

**New Business:** Councilor Ketch was approached by a resident with a concern that people using GPS tools for driving directions are often be routed on Cross Road, these vehicles are getting stuck. Councilor Ketch asked if the Town could put signs could put up warning that is not a through way. Melissa stated that could be done on the Ten Road in the Spring, however the Cross Road is a private road in which the town has not authority over, but perhaps the residents could do something similar. Councilor Ketch asked if there was anyway change the GPS routing, Melissa stated she would talk to the Code Enforcement Officer as he handles 911 addressing and perhaps, he knows of solution.

Councilor Lugdon asked if there were any updates regarding the Land Use Violation on Main Street that Councilor Wade had inquired about via email. Melissa stated that she had forwarded the email to Dean Bennett and she knows he visited the property on Saturday, she will talk to him tomorrow and ask him to submit a memo regarding the findings. Councilor Wade stated that while he was on the planning board a site plan review had been done for Chris and Amy Albert regarding a retail shop and there now appears to be an automotive repair or junkyard on the property, he did add that a clean up was done since Friday.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Municipal Warrants:** Councilor Wade made a motion to accept municipal warrant #59 in the amount of \$985.06, warrant #60 in the amount of \$4957.31 and warrant #61 in the amount of \$21,596.77, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 4/0. Councilor Lugdon noted that Greg Harvey was doing an exceptional job on the plowing.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting set for March 5, 2019

**Municipal Budget:** Melissa presented the updated municipal budget, which is currently \$31,473.77 above the self-imposed cap. The Town Council reviewed:

Roads: Melissa stated that the road account is one of the few that can be manipulated as it is not a contracted service, however she likes to maintain a consistent appropriation, if the funds are not used it builds up a reserve as there will always be infrastructure needs. Councilor Richard noted that Melissa had suggested work on High Point Place. Melissa reported that she is so hopeful that the chip seal that was done on Deer Run Lane, Baker Lane and Ten Road will be repaired to represent all the roads that she reviewed before making that recommendation. She believes that is a cost-effective way to preserve the roads, however at this time would not do another chip seal until the standard that was expected is met. If the chip sealed roads are up to standard, they are expected to last for up to 10 years, at time a re-pavement is needed. If this is done High Point Place is a great road for that treatment, if left alone it will require re-pavement at a much higher cost. In preparation for either chip seal or re-pavement the road will require cross culvert replacements and ditching. Councilor Wade asked if a chip seal could be placed over a chip seal when the usefulness has ended; Melissa did not know, however added that the All States representative will be speaking with the Town Council once a plan is in place for Deer Run Lane, Baker Lane and Ten Road.

Fire Department Budget: Chief Gifford explained that the small increase is due to his preparation of dispatch changing to digital radios. He explained in detail the current operations and anticipated changes. He has budgeted for 2 new radios, the department will eventually need 25 hand held, a new base and each truck outfitted, he is hopeful grant funding will become available.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Ketch, vote 4/0.