

Town Council Meeting
January 8, 2019

Open Town Council Meeting: Town Councilor Sally Strout opened the Town Council meeting, all members present except for Councilor Ketch who was excused.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Strout made a motion to accept the minutes from December 11, 2018, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 4/0.

Citizens Request: Chuck Simpson from Maine Department of Conservation was present to discuss the possibility of a boat launch at the Great Works Stream area. He stated that he is responsible for the management of the public lands in Bradley and was approached by "Boating" to see if a boat launch was in the management plan for that area. He affirmed that improvements to the boat landing area is mentioned in the plan, so it is allowable. He further stated that in the past he had been contacted by Town Officials as the area was being used inappropriately, he is concerned if the boat launch area is improved it will create a greater use; the area may no longer seem remote; protection of the fisheries, bird habit and the land itself needs to be considered as well. Mr. Simpson stated there is also concern about ownership of the road entrance and the area around the dam area. Councilor Richard asked if there was a way to limit the boat usage, Mr. Simpson stated that there was not, there is a possibility of limiting the horsepower allowance, however public lands encourage public use. Councilor Lugdon stated that it had been brought to the Council's attention that there is ledge in the area that may prohibit a landing. Mr. Simpson stated that there was a ledge area; "Boating" believed that improvements could be done. Eric Gifford was in the audience and is involved with the Great Works Stream Club, he indicated that the biggest concern is that the boat/trailers have a difficult time with the ledge causing "mudding" of the area, the thought of the Club was that concrete piers would level the area. Melissa added that she had been approached by Great Work Stream camp owners and wanted to provide any assistance that the Town could offer, it is her understanding that this is something the camp owners want. After further discussion Mr. Simpson asked Melissa to reach out to him in the Spring and he will assess the area. Town Council members expressed an interest of going to the area as well.

Managers' Report: Melissa stated that curbside solid waste and recycling request for proposal/bid was advertised in the Bangor Daily News and the Penobscot Times. Melissa obtained a list of 10 private haulers and mailed a package to each. To date she has received 2 inquires. The due date is January 17 therefore more information will be available for the January 22 meeting.

Melissa has spoken to the Allstate's representative, Jerry Douglass. Additional street sweeping was done on Baker Lane, Ten Road and Deer Run Lane, and 14 additional loads of stone was removed from the surface. He stated that a quality control manager will be reviewing the road in the Spring and an assessment will be made at that time. They continue to be in contact with Melissa.

Melissa stated that she has received a handful of complaints regarding mailboxes being hit by the snow plow and or snow. She reminded Town Council that it has always been the Town's policy not to replace the mailbox or any other type of landscaping that is placed in the Towns right of way.

Audrey Wilcox requested that the Town Council consider taking ownership of the street light that is located on Pine Knoll. This road was accepted by the Town Council in 2013 and should be the Town's responsibility. The monthly cost \$12.53. Councilor Lugdon asked if Melissa knew where the light was on the street. She stated she did not, however the light is on a public road and it should be paid for by the Town. Councilor Wade made a motion to accept responsibility of the street light, seconded by Councilor Strout, vote 4/0.

On November 27, 2018, Melissa sent letters to 3 personal property owners requesting payment be made in full for the 2017 tax by December 28, 2018 or the Town would move forward with small claims proceedings. The only unpaid amount is that of Bruce Crawford, 247 Main Street in the amount of \$400.55 with per diem of .0724. To move forward with the small claim proceedings an approval of the motion and order is required. This motion and order provides an additional 14 days with the small claims notice be sent to Mr. Crawford. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to approve the motion and order, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Melissa attended the MRC annual meeting on December 13, 2018, it is anticipated that the Fiberight/Coastal Facility will be accepting trash in April with a ramped schedule of up to 7900 tons in June. The single stream recycling contracts with the cost of \$35 per ton for un-contaminated recyclables. Once more information is available from curbside pick up Town Council can address entering into the recycling contract with Fiberight.

As required by the Town Manager contract a review of Melissa's performance will be needed at the next meeting. Melissa has provided evaluation sheets that have been used in the past for guidance.

Penobscot County Commissioners have approved the Regional Animal Control contract. The scope of services is the same as before, the only change is the rate of pay has increased from \$13.25 per hour to \$13.75. In 2019 the ACO worked 855 hours for Bradley and travel 729 miles for a total cost of \$1585. Town Council signed the contract as presented.

Cindy has started work on the Town of Bradley annual newsletter, The Bradley Broadcast. If there are items that you think should be mentioned please bring them to Melissa. Cindy asked if there should be any discussion regarding the development of the Ballfield area. Melissa would like to know if the Town Council is interested in hosting any public workshops for ideas. Councilor Lugdon stated it was important to keep the ballfield area cleared; Melissa stated she had it cleared this summer.

Melissa provided a draft citizen survey that was completed by Bud Walkup. Bud is part of the small group of Bradley residents that are exploring becoming an age friendly committee. Bud would like to have the Town Council feedback. Melissa has stated that she will assist with getting the survey on the website, Facebook page and available for distribution at the school, Post Office, Municipal Office and Spencer's Market.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Strout made a motion to accept municipal warrant #47 in the amount of \$15,492.42, municipal warrant #48 in the amount of \$4055.50, municipal warrant #49 in the amount of \$234.14, municipal warrant #50 in the amount of \$6218.59 and municipal warrant #51 in the amount of \$139,485.01, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 4/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for January 22, 2018. Councilor Strout asked to be excused.

Adjourn: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 4/0.