

**Town Council Meeting  
10-2-18**

**Open Public Hearing:** Councilor Strout opened the public hearing.

**Public Comment General Assistance Appendices A-D and Winter Parking Regulations:** Councilor Lugdon asked how many general assistance cases were handled within the last year. Manager Doane stated that she would estimate 10 cases in which only 3 received assistance; adding that it is a difficult program to be eligible for.

Councilor Richards pointed out a typing error in the winter parking regulations, Manager Doane had it corrected.

**Close Public Hearing:** Councilor Strout closed the public hearing.

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

**Review of Minutes:** Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the September 18, 2018 Town Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote (4/0).

**Citizens Request:** None

**Managers' Report:** Melissa reported that the salt and sand has been delivered for the 2018-2019 Winter Season.

Melissa stated that she attended her first Maine Municipal Executive Committee meeting on September 19 – 21 in South Portland. She wished to thank Town Council for their support in allowing her to participate in this. She is excited about the opportunity.

The Maine Department of Labor did a press release regarding the Bradley Volunteer Department SHAPE award. She has forwarded it to Bangor Daily and the Penobscot Times.

The City of Old Town met with Melissa and Chief Gifford to discuss future ambulance costs. Apparently, there is some concern that the revenues are not supporting the service that Old Town provides to area communities. Melissa and Eric discussed reaching out to Howland's Ambulance Director as he has developed a program that generates a profit for the Town. While Old Town has not presented any dollar amounts it appears the assessment will go up. Both Melissa and Eric agree that having discussions with other communities in the area and investigating other operations is needed.

The Bureau of Alcoholic Beverage and Lottery Operation do not have information on Bradley's local option voting records for hard liquor or wine to be consumed on premise on Sundays. The staff has reviewed town records and it appears nothing has ever been considered. Therefore, at this time should

an establishment make a request to sell liquor or wine to be consumed on premises on Sunday's they would be denied. For this to be a consideration for Bradley, the voters are required to vote on and the warrant article must be called on by a petition of the voters that equal 15% of the last gubernatorial election.

Melissa reminded the Town Council that she will be away from the office for the remaining of the week for the Maine Municipal Convention.

Fiberight/Coastal is offering another tour of the facility on November 14, Councilor Wade has signed up and has also volunteered to provide a ride share. Councilor Wade also mentioned that there are limited slots available.

John Milligan II has returned nomination papers for the RSU Director position, he will be on the November 6 ballot.

**New Business:** Motion to accept the General Assistance Appendices as presented in public hearing, made by Councilor Lugdon, seconded by Councilor Wade vote (4/0).

Motion to accept the Winter Parking Regulations as presented in public hearing made by Councilor Wade, seconded by Councilor Lugdon vote (4/0).

Motion to accept the municipal election warrant calling the November 6, 2018 election made by Councilor Lugdon, seconded by Councilor Richard (vote 4/0.). The only local issue will be that of the RSU Director.

Councilor Wade stated that he previously served on the planning board and did not accept the stipend. He would like to donate his stipend for his Town Council service to a designed fund to purchase a new electronic sign. Councilor Lugdon stated that he would like to know the costs associated with the sign as there are additional funds of \$5000 for the Town Council to use at their discretion. Councilor Richard made a motion to accept the donation, seconded by Councilor Strout vote 4/0.

**Unfinished Business:** Melissa has reviewed the senior property tax assistance ordinance from Cumberland and reached out to their Town Manager for additional information. She also reviewed the similar ordinances from St. Agatha and Monmouth. Those ordinances seem easier to administer as the applicant must have received a refund from the Circuit Breaker program to eligible for additional assistance at the Town level. St. Agatha has offered a refund of whichever is lower, 15% amount refunded by circuit breaker, or \$300. Melissa did a quick review of current homestead exemption holders and there are potentially 107 that would be age 70 or older, obviously their income levels are not known. Councilor Richard asked what the process would be to enact the ordinance. Melissa stated that the Council has ordinance authority, the biggest part is the commitment to budget the amount needed to offer the program. Councilor Lugdon wondered if any communities have had a concern from the other classes within town not being offered a similar rebate.

Councilor Richard asked if there had been any research done on the accessory dwelling variance. Melissa stated she had not done any further research, however did plan on speaking with Dean Bennet for comment.

Municipal Complex Security tabled.

**Municipal Warrants:** Councilor Strout made a motion to accept warrant #26 in the amount of \$176,514.66, warrant #25 in the amount of \$5312.13 and warrant #24 in the amount of \$1953.75, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 4/0.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting was set for October 16, 2018.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Wade, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 4/0.