

**Town Council Meeting
September 4, 2018**

Open Town Council Meeting: Town Council present included, Sally Strout, Laurence Wade, Duane Lugdon and Karen Richard, Mark Ketch was absent.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Strout made a motion to accept the 8/21/18 minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 3/0 (Wade absent 8/21/18)

Citizens Request: Muriel Besse was present to ask about the status of her property. Melissa provided to Town Council pictures that had been take by Code Enforcement Officer, Dean Bennett. Mr. Bennett noted that there was significant change to the property and that Ms. Besse had signed the consent agreement. Councilor Richard noted that the property had improved.

Managers' Report: The chip seal was completed on Deer Run Lane, Baker Lane and Ten Road. A street sweeper was scheduled for Friday with a delay date of today, however there was a breakdown and is now scheduled to be in Town this week. They were only able to sweep Cram Street to gather the loose stone and the intersections. Though a flyer was sent to every resident on each street, the process has not been without complaint. There are loose stones that will be packed down once the sweeper completes the project and travel continues over the road. There is an area on Deer Run Lane that All States will be addressing either Friday or next week. The final cost of the project for all 3 roads, including the unexpected ditching on Deer Run Lane was \$147,086, the budget was \$146,209, therefore a slight overage of \$877. Melissa stated that there is a large amount of stone left over from the project that now belongs to the Town. Rodney Morin has approached her previously on the stone, she is going to reach out to him to see if he would like to purchase it. She would like to get \$5.00 to \$7.00 per ton. Councilor Lugdon asked if residents want to purchase how would they go about that. Melissa stated they could speak to her and she could arrange payment, however they would have to load themselves as there is no equipment to do so.

Melissa provided a memo received from the Municipal Review Committee that effective October 7 MSW will no longer be delivered to JRL. The board held a special meeting on August 22 however Melissa did not attend. More information is expected during the week of September 17.

The assessing agent Mark Gibson has two abatement recommendations for the Council to review;

Rodney Morin-263 Main Street-property was purchased from bank, has been vacant for over 10 years. The total valuation for 2018 was \$77,300, Mr. Gibson is recommending an abatement in the amount of \$26,000 as the structure is in worse condition that estimated from exterior, the building is being demolished. Councilor Wade made a motion to approve the abatement as presented, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 4/0.

Robert Wing-114 Cram Street-In 2015 the Town of Bradley granted an abatement, he has requested an abatement for 2009 through 2015. There is no provision under state law for any taxpayer to recover taxes beyond which has already been given. The abatement request mentions the Emera abatement

issue. Mr. Gibson recommends a denial of this abatement request. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to deny the abatement as recommended by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

A reminder that the Department of Labor will be at the next Town Council meeting, September 18 to present the Health and Safety Award to the Fire Department. Councilor Wade asked Chief Gifford the entire department had been invited; he stated they had.

It will be necessary to host a public hearing on October 2 regarding the updated General Assistance Maximums, this is a yearly necessity.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Strout made a motion to accept municipal warrant #15 in the amount of \$3817.75, warrant #16 in the amount of \$6083.29 and warrant #17 in the amount of \$241,933.54, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 4/0.

Next Meeting: Next meeting set for September 18, 2018.

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