

Town Council Meeting
August 21, 2018

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

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the July 24, 2018, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, Councilor Ketch noted two small changes to be made, vote 4/0.

Citizens Request: Resident Muriel Besse was present to inquire about the status of her property and the land use violations, she reported that she has cleaned her property. Melissa stated that the CEO has provided her and the Council with pictures dated August 13, there was some change to the property, however it is his opinion that there are still violations and the property would constitute as a junkyard. Muriel explained that she felt the property was clean and the items that were there are not hers. Each Town Council member explained that it was an ongoing issue that the Town did not want to continue to deal with. Manager Doane presented to Town Council a consent agreement that Dean had prepared. The agreement allows Muriel additional time to clean the property, which is to be determined by the Town Council. The agreement further states that if the property is not cleaned up or becomes non-compliant in the future the Town will instantly move forward with court action and request a court ordered cleaned up and fines up to \$2500.00. Muriel agreed to sign the agreement if she could be provided details on what exactly she needed to do. The Town Council requested that Dean visit the property tomorrow and give Muriel specific directions on what needs to change, review the property again on August 24 and report back to the Council on September 4.

Managers Report: On July 25, 2018 Melissa attended a MRC meeting in which recycling was discussed. It appears that Coastal/Fiberight is willing to take some recycled material and acknowledges that a percentage of the material will be contaminated. The price for ton for accepted material will be \$35.00 per ton if the contamination is 3 to 5 percent, \$50 per ton if the contamination is 5 to 10 percent, if above 10 percent contamination it will be considered regular solid waste. There was discussion regarding proof of contamination and being able to determine if the load is a particular town or if it is co-mingled. Melissa will continue to monitor the progress. As the current contract expires in June of 2019 there will need to be discussion and a determination made within the next 6 to 7 months. Town Council discussed that residential education will be needed and perhaps a determination after some time to eliminate recycling. The Town Council acknowledged that there is a small amount of recycling estimated to be 3 ton per month.

The pavement preparation for Deer Run Lane, Ten Road and Baker lane was done on July 26. Peter has started the work on the ditching in Deer Run Lane and intends to complete this week. The stone was delivered today for the Chip Seal which is slated to be done the week of August 27th depending on weather. A flyer was sent to residents explaining the Chip Seal procedure there has been no response for the residents thus far.

Town Council signatures are required on the Municipal Valuation Return. This document is submitted to Maine Revenue Service detailing the Town's valuation.

Town Council signatures are required on the County Tax Assessor's Return. The County tax payment is included in the warrant presented tonight.

Melissa has spoken to Peter Carrier regarding the plowing of the municipal and fire station parking lot. He stated he would do the snow removal for a 3% increase, which is within the budget even allowing some extra for bank removal which became a problem last year. The Town Council was in agreement that the Town move forward with a contract with Peter Carrier.

Melissa received notification that she has been officially elected to the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee.

The 17-18 Municipal Audit is scheduled for September 11, 2018.

The Fall Clean Up has been set for Saturday October 13, 2018.

Nomination Papers for one RSU Director position will be available on August 23, 2018 and are due back October 2, 2018.

Lambert's Diesel & Welding is interested in three-year extension of the roadside mowing completed each year. The price will be \$550 per year with cost of living allowances for three years. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to move forward with the extended contract as described, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 4/0.

New Business: Councilor Strout noted that there was a large pot hole on Highland Ave at the intersection of Bullen Street. Melissa stated that she was aware of the area, she has requested services from 3 area contractors to do a list of miscellaneous jobs, she has not had any success. She did review the work with Chris Albert last week and he stated he would provide her a price and he would like to do the work.

Councilor Ketch stated he was in the Municipal Office last week and a resident approached him about ATV's on Cram Street. The resident stated they were going faster than 30 mph. Councilor Lugdon acknowledged that he too had seen that, and he worries about the young children that are riding without helmets, however the ATV's in general do not bother him. Councilor Strout stated that she has seen an ATV with a trailer hauling young children and it is concerning. Melissa stated that residents really should contact law enforcement if they have any issues. The contact will keep a record of all incidents so further determination can be made. The contact will also provide law enforcement on the specific ATV that is not being lawful.

Councilor Lugdon spoke about candidates being able to be in the municipal parking lot during the elections, he is bothered by this and does not believe it is right. Melissa stated that candidates can be present, they can not state that they are running for office, they can introduce themselves, however can

not campaign. All complaints regarding candidate's behavior at the voting place should be directed to the Secretary of State.

Councilor Strout would like to commend Cindy for working by her self the first week of August while Terry was on vacation and Melissa was away at the institute. She also expressed her concern that she was alone, and that Terry was allowed a vacation while Melissa had to be away. Melissa stated that she had asked Cindy if she wanted to do before approving Terry's vacation. Other Town Council members also commended Cindy on her work.

Unfinished Business:

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant # 11 in the amount of \$4228.56, warrant #12 in the amount of \$5446.69 and warrant #13 in the amount of \$169,518.79, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 5/0.

Next Meeting: Set for September 4, 2018. Melissa added the Maine Department of Labor will be at the September 18th Council meeting to present the Fire Department for their safety award.

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