

Town Council Meeting
March 5, 2019

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; all Town Council members were present; also present was Town Manager Melissa Doane.

Chemo Pond North Association: Chemo Pond North Association members and the Town Council discussed solid waste disposal for that area of town. At a previous meeting the Town Council voted to discontinue the dumpster that had been placed on the Bradley Shore Road due to a large increase from \$180 per month to \$436 per month. The Town Council also had voted to provide a donation to the Association of \$1300 which represented the remaining amount in the budget for 2018-2019. The residents present asked that the Town Council consider continuing funding some type of disposal method that is convenient as it is a 70-mile round trip to the Municipal Building to use the dumpster. Town Manager Melissa Doane stated she would continue to recommend to the Town Council that they keep the line item the same as proposed for 2019-2020 which is \$3100; this amount could be a donation to the Association, in turn the Association would contract for their own solid waste disposal. Councilor Lugdon stated that it would be a consideration in the budget process, however all costs need to be continually evaluated. Councilor Wade further explained that the Town has a budget cap that only allows an increase of 2.8%. Councilor Richard explained that she had previously had a camp that required a similar travel and that Town did not provide any type of trash disposal, it was the responsibility of the camp owner. She added that single stream recycling had been eliminated due to the cost and that was a service that was provided to the many residents "in town"; it was hard to justify a large increase that services such a small number of taxpayers. Residents asked why service was not provided to their area as it is "in town", it was explained that they live on a private road that has no access to a Bradley public road, the town has a responsibility to provide trash disposal, which could be a dumpster located at the municipal building. Residents expressed the obvious concern of the travel and that a larger dumpster would be needed. Melissa discussed that trash delivery would need to be limited to specific days and hours so that it could be continually monitored. Chemo Pond residents further asked that the Council consider how much tax revenue is received from that area and what services they receive. Dave Murphy, Bradley Shore Road resident and road commissioner contacted John Taylor, a private solid waste hauler, and he agreed to provide a dumpster until the end of June for the remaining \$1300. Melissa will make contact with him and arrange the billing, she will also work with Mr. Murphy on future alternatives. There was further discussion regarding the Association's process for assessments (approval and nonpayment of), and the procedure for the municipal budget.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the 2-19-19 Town Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Lugdon; Councilor Ketch noted the vote on the acceptance of the 2-10-19 minutes should reflect 3/0, vote on motion 4/0 (Strout absent 2-19-19).

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa had presented a resolution for the Maine Spirit of America tribute and a town report dedication to the Bradley Volunteer Fire Department, final approval. Councilor Richard

noted that the resolution should specify the exact number of volunteers. Melissa stated that Eric had provided a number of 17 and she will make that change. Councilor Wade made a motion to approve the resolution and town report dedication, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 5/0.

On January 24 Melissa had sent letters to the 4 taxpayers in which their property was subject to automatic foreclosure due to nonpayment of real estate taxes, providing them until February 26, 2019 to make payment to redeem ownership of the property. No payment or communication has been made. Melissa stated that two of the properties are land and the others are homes that are occupied, if no payment was made it would be her suggestion that the properties be placed out to bid and let the winning bidder deal with the occupant. If the property is still occupied by the "taxpayer" than the Town is not required to add the property to the insurance policy. Councilor Lugdon asked if there was no bidder what would happen, Melissa stated that the Town would likely have to start the eviction process and add the insurance. Councilor Strout also recalled that a trailer had been through a foreclosure and the town either had to have the trailer moved or pay lot rent. Melissa provided detail as to where each property was and the amount due:

Jenny Boynton/Joanne Gallant (passed) total due \$263.46; land is located by Eddington Town Line
Jenny Boynton/Joanne Gallant (passed) total due \$1802.31 land is located near 281 Main Street
Shirley Mitchell total due \$479.94, trailer located at 127 Penney Lane
Earl Violette total due \$3759.69, home located at 661 Main Street

Town Council required that Melissa send one more letter via civil service in an attempt to get payment.

Melissa spoke with Dean regarding the Cross Road/GPS issue, he does not know how to correct the GPS mapping error.

Emera has followed up with Melissa to see if there had been any issues regarding the LED streetlights. Melissa reported there were no issues and provided them approval to move forward with the full installation of LED lights.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Councilor Strout noted the letter from the Dean regarding the property that was in violation of the land use ordinance (268 Main Street). Melissa stated that they had come into compliance however she noticed a significant number of vehicles behind a fence; she is going to continue to it with Dean. Councilor Wade also mentioned that those vehicles may be on a leach field to the property.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant #62 in the amount of \$3399.50, warrant #63 in the amount of \$2487.00, warrant #64 in the amount of \$5630.16 and warrant #65 in the amount of \$113,090.17, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for March 19, 2019, Councilor Ketch asked to be excused.

Municipal Budget: Councilor Wade asked if the Town had ever looked into solar power. Melissa stated that she knew that that the municipality could not sell to grid, the power needed to be used to power municipal buildings. He would like to investigate to see if there are any grants available and if there could be additional savings.

Melissa stated she had not made any changes since the last meeting, the largest amount she is waiting for the final number from the County.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Lugdon seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 5/0.