

**Town Council Meeting**  
**April 2, 2019**

**Open Town Council Meeting:** Council Chair, Mark Ketch opened the Town Council meeting, all Town Council was present. Also present was Town Manager, Melissa Doane.

**Review of Minutes:** Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the 3-19-19 minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Richard, vote 4/0 (Ketch absent 3-19-19).

**Citizens Request:** None

**Managers' Report:** Maine Forest and Logging would like the Town to consider becoming a sponsor for their annual events and informational booklet. Melissa presented the levels of sponsorship available. Councilor Strout stated that advertising was more for businesses. Councilor Wade asked if the Town had done anything prior, Melissa stated it had not; no further discussion.

Melissa would like to do an official presentation of the dedication and Spirit of America Resolution to the Volunteer Fire Dept on April 25<sup>th</sup>. She would like to have an informal catered event at the station and have the Town Council present. Due to Town Council conflicts, Melissa will try to schedule the event for May 9.

Melissa met with school board member John Milligan last week and was informed that there was a discussion at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the possible leasing the Viola Rand School to an outside agency. This action is in discussion only; no decisions have been made. The Town Council further discussed student enrollment, the expectancy of the change of use and or closure and the condition of the building/property.

**New Business:** Councilor Ketch asked if there had been any further discussion regarding the citizen survey that was submitted, highlighting those that offered to share skills with the community. Melissa stated that the group had taken the information to the planning board for use in the recreational section of the comprehensive plan. She believed the group did plan to continue to meet and invite those that expressed an interest in sharing with the community.

**Unfinished Business:** Town Councilor Lugdon made a motion to approve the deeds releasing the towns interest in the properties of Shirley Mitchell and Earl Violette due to payment of the foreclosed taxes of 2016, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

Melissa explained that both taxpayers had paid all outstanding taxes. The other two properties of land only assessed to the same party, Jenny Boynton Monroe was served a letter providing her until April 29, 2019 to make payment, the service was received on March 14, 2019, no payment or communication has taken place.

Melissa informed the Town Council that All States was planning a visit April 3, 2019 to Deer Run Lane, Baker Lane and Ten Road to look at the chip seal, due to the impending storm she is not sure that will occur. Councilor Ketch asked how the road was performing, Councilor Lugdon stated that the road itself is doing well, there are no cracks, however there is a dust; it is hard to determine if that is from winter sand or the road treatment. Melissa stated that she did feel the sealing treatment worked, the surface is the question, to her it is like a clay base.

Councilor Richards stated that the garage on Main Street that had been addressed before has a lot of what appear to be junk vehicles. Melissa stated she had emailed Dean last week asking him to investigate it again. Melissa will follow up with him tomorrow.

Councilor Ketch asked if Melissa knew anything about the trailer that has "free" written on the side. Melissa stated that the land was owned by Joseph Norman, which has transferred to his granddaughter. When Mr. Norman owned the land, he leased the land James Cote, who passed away 2 years ago, however, Mr. Cote's family was staying the trailer. Mr. Norman's granddaughter removed the tenants for nonpayment and now is trying to get the trailer removed.

Councilor Lugdon stated that the occupant of 114 Cram Street is now writing on his camper trailer with florescent colored paint. Melissa will have Dean monitor the situation.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant #69 in the amount of \$1114.50, warrant #70 in the amount of \$5173.04, warrant #71 in the amount of \$4511.25 and warrant #72 in the amount of \$1,011,092.35, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 5/0.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting was set for April 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Ketch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Strout, vote 5/0.