

**Town Council Meeting
October 29, 2019**

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council meeting with all councilors in attendance. Town Manager Melissa Doane was also present.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes of 10-15-2019, seconded by Councilor Wade. There was a correction to the minutes to reflect current school choice to read 6-12 grades versus 8-12. Motion passed 5/0.

Public Comment: Broad Street/West Street Development: Manager Doane stated that Bradley resident Erin DeGrasse had inquired about the development of the ballfield. In the past, Manager Doane has had discussions with John Milligan about returning the area to a useable ballfield. Milligan gave a presentation of potential development of this area and indicated that Sargent Corporation Construction Camp would be interested in taking on this project. Discussion centered around what could be oriented on the site. The site has been surveyed and could fit two legal size fields. Milligan outlined some of the development aspects, including a discussion of costs for infield mix, dugouts, fencing, details of acceptable baseball/softball layouts, and school versus recreational use. His recommendation would be to include a baseball and softball field at a minimum.

Councilor Richard questioned how much of a need these fields are to the community. It was indicated that RSU 34 has the highest per capita of boys and girls participating in the area. Options for current facilities include Old Town Rec Department, Milford and Old Town fields. Resident Erin DeGrasse indicated the need for soccer and football practice areas that aren't available due to the amount of current usage of the existing fields. Milligan indicated that there was room to incorporate those areas in the layout of the property.

Councilor Wade questioned parking availability. Manager Doane indicated that there was significant parking potential on the property within a short walk of the proposed fields. The area is already cleared and handled parking in the past.

Residents expressed a desire to include walking paths which is a goal to help make Bradley an Age Friendly Community designee.

Discussion included the fact that NOAA, which deeded the property to the Town of Bradley, had covenants in the deed that would prohibit certain usage. Manager Doane will be in touch with NOAA to initiate the process and see what restrictions may apply. Manager Doane also discussed that the funding could be placed on the June 2020 referendum. Milligan stated that the camp starts the third week of June and runs for five weeks. He indicated that he will get initial figures and layout within the next few weeks. The design will include all features discussed and will be able to be used when discussing options with NOAA.

Citizens Request: none

Manager's Report: Melissa reported that in September legislation passed allowing for increased agent fees on motor vehicle registrations. The law allows the town to charge a \$5.00 agent fee for renewals and \$6.00 for new registrations. For the town to take advantage of this additional revenue, a motion needs to carry allowing agent fees to be increased within the limits of LD917. Councilor Clemons questioned what happens with online registrations, to which Doane indicated that we get no agent fee income, only excise tax from those registrations. Motion to approve the increase was made by Lugdon, seconded by Richard. Vote passed 5/0.

The Viola Rand School has requested that the Council consider donating to their Thanksgiving dinner baskets again this year. Last year's donation was \$100.00. A motion to approve a \$100.00 donation this year was made by Richard, seconded by Clemons. Vote passed 5/0.

Doane provided information from the October 5th Fall Clean Up. This year 18.48 tons were collected in addition to the 26 ton collected at this year's Spring Clean Up. Melissa will continue to monitor and verify stickers during upcoming clean up weekends.

Melissa has spoken with assessing agent Mark Gibson regarding marijuana growths. He stated that since there are no sale comps to set declared values, he will now consider acres with marijuana growth as improved acres. Doane further explained that for a rural piece of land an improved acre may hold a value of \$10,600.00 and the subsequent acres \$8000.00 per acre. Gibson will now be assessing a value of \$10,600.00 to all growth acreage.

Melissa has been working on the RFP for the proposed municipal sign and would like clarification on whether the RFP should include the sign and installation or just installation. It was decided to table the discussion until further research could be done. Doane will send the draft RFP to councilors to obtain feedback.

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: Melissa received three RFPs on new depository bank options, since People's United in Milford has closed. The proposals came from Bangor Savings Bank, Bar Harbor Bank and Trust and Camden National Bank. Melissa recommended going with Camden National Bank after reviewing their offer as well as their proximity to the office. A motion to accept Camden National Bank as the new depository was made by Councilor Ketch, seconded by Wade. Vote passed 5/0.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrants #28 in the amount of \$1,344.83, #29 in the amount of \$7,763.47 and #30 in the amount of \$7,904.26 and was seconded by Councilor Wade. Vote passed 5/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for November 12, 2019.

Adjourn: Councilor Ketch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richards. Vote passed 5/0.