

Town Council Meeting
June 23, 2020

Open Town Council Meeting: Town Council Chair Mark Ketch opened the Town Council meeting: Councilors present were: Councilor Ketch, Councilor Lugdon, Councilor Richard and Councilor Wade. Councilor Clemons was excused. Town Manager Melissa Doane was also present.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the minutes of June 9, 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilor Richard. Vote 4/0

Citizens Request: none

Manager's Report: Melissa attended the Virtual Town Hall Meeting held by MRC on June 17, 2020. This meeting is available on their website for public viewing. The results of the meeting indicated that MRC is very hopeful that they will have the plant opened for operation by attracting new investors and new managers. In the meantime, solid waste is being taken to Juniper Ridge and they are working with PERC to possibly offer another solution.

Melissa has been meeting regularly with John Milligan regarding potential road projects for the summer of 2020. The largest project is correcting drainage issues for Highland Avenue and Bullen Street. Highland Avenue was reconstructed in 1997 and is not in bad shape. The cross culverts that are active are plastic and seem to be holding up well, however, the sediment needs to be cleaned. There are a few sections of the road that need to be processed as unused cross culverts are either still there or the material has settled, causing some mounding in the road. Bullen Street needs 3 cross culverts replaced with some additional ditching. John worked with Melissa to put together a reclaim and pave bid. The bid would include two options for the Town Council to consider should they move forward. Option 1 is to reclaim the entire road, use as a base, and then pave with 2" of mix. Option 2 is to reclaim 2" of existing road, use as a base then pave with 2" of mix. John will be available to start the road work as soon as voter approval is provided. Councilors were in favor of Melissa getting the information out to the paving companies this week and the RFP will have both options.

Melissa has spoken with RSU 34 and they will be moving forward with their open budget meeting on June 24, 2020 at Old Town High School. It is their experience that there is not a large turnout and that they will be able to accommodate 50 people with social distancing.

Beginning Tuesday, July 7, 2020, the office will be open for regular hours. Customers will still be asked to make appointments and only one customer will be served at a time. Signs and taped lines will be used once the office reopens.

Guidelines have been received from the Secretary of State's office regarding the procedures for the election to be held July 14, 2020. The restrictions include that voters be kept 6 feet apart. Due to the limited space in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, the election will be held at the Fire Station. Chief Gifford and the department will be moving the trucks out of the bays and that will become the voting area. The Secretary of State will be providing masks and other safety gear, and voters are requested to wear masks. Melissa will be processing the absentee ballots on Monday, July 13th.

The Town Reports are printed and available.

Melissa invited Councilors to attend the presentation of the 2020 Maine Spirit of American Foundation Tribute to Ann Delaware, which will be presented on Wednesday, June 24th.

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: Bids for the town owned Parlin Street property are due by July 16, 2020. Melissa indicated that there have been several inquiries regarding this property.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the following warrants, seconded by Councilor Wade:

#85 in the amount of \$17,880.00

#86 in the amount of \$12,989.40

The next council meeting is set for July 7, 2020.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilor Ketch, seconded by Councilor Lugdon. Vote 4/0