

**Town Council Meeting**  
**July 23, 2019**

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

**Review of Minutes:** Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/9/19 as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

**Citizens Request:** None

**Managers' Report:** Melissa reported that she had received official notification from Peoples United Bank that Bar Harbor Bank & Trust will be taking over the services from Waterville to Orono. This includes the Town of Bradley services, which include the fire station debt, all investments and the general fund banking. Melissa met with representatives last week and they also notified her that the Milford Branch which will be closing at the end of October as Freshies wants to use the space. Melissa's concern is that she does deposits daily and traveling to Orono will add significant travel and time away. She often goes a few times a day depending on if a need for change is needed. Melissa will be scheduling another meeting with the representatives in September, there was a suggestion of the bank providing a carrier service to perform deposit services, however that has not been confirmed. As of June 30, the general fund has just over a million dollars, investments of \$560,000 and the fire station debt of \$554,000. The fire station debt rate is 3.75% and has a 5% prepayment until 2024. Councilor Clemons asked if Bangor Savings had been used previously. Melissa stated that the Town had, however they moved to their new location on Stillwater Ave which caused a location concern.

The tax billing for the 2019 commitment was completed last week with no issues.

The tax liens for the 2018 taxes were filed on Wednesday July 17, 2019.

Melissa has a meeting scheduled with the mowing contractor Greenleaf & Sons tomorrow morning at 8 am.

Champion the Cure will be using the municipal parking lot as a resting point on August 17 and Pedal the Penobscot will be doing the same on September 8. Both agencies have provided the required insurance documentation and have signed the release from liability forms.

The audit for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year has been scheduled for Tuesday September 17.

The shim of High Point Place was completed last Tuesday, the chip seal is slated to be completed on August 15. Melissa has sent out flyers to the residents of High Point Place explaining the treatment.

Maine Municipal Association has prepared by way of nomination a voting ballot for the Executive Committee, the nominations include James Gardner Jr, Town Manager of Easton, Jon Beekman Chair Selectboard, Town of Fayette, David Cyr Town Manager of Mars Hill and Ivan McPike, Mayor the Town

of Hampden. A vote is either required of the Town Council or provide authorization to the Town Manager to cast. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to allow the Town Manager to fulfil the voting requirements, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 5/0.

Melissa has had some communication with David Walker Superintendent of RSU 34 regarding the Town Council's desire to learn more about school choice and changing the option allowing Bradley students to participate. She will work on setting up a meeting with him and members of the Town Council. Councilor Ketch asked for clarification regarding the school choice concern. Melissa reported that when the consolation took place, Viola Rand had students up to grade 5, however now it is only to grade 2. Students were allowed school choice as the Town did not have a Jr. High or High School. The consolidation agreement requires that the Town pay the difference between the RSU per student cost and the other schools per student cost. That difference was significant this year and Town Council asked Melissa to investigate if school choice needed to be a continued option for Bradley students.

Melissa will be attending the Municipal Review Committee meeting tomorrow in Brewer to learn more about when solid waste will be accepted at the Fiberright facility. It was reported to her earlier that mid-July was the target, however she has yet to receive notification of acceptance.

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** Melissa requested Town Council's signature on the Tax Commitment Books and the return for the County Tax.

Councilor Ketch asked if there had been any issues with the mowing services, Melissa reported that there had not.

**Municipal Warrants:** Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant #3 in the amount of \$5312.70, warrant #4 in the amount of \$5089.73 and warrant #5 in the amount of \$46,382.79, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 5/0.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting was set for August 20, 2019, Melissa reminded Town Council to come to the office to sign the municipal warrants so that the staff could get paid and bills paid on August 9.

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