

**Town Council Meeting  
December 8, 2020**

**Open Town Council Meeting:** Councilor Mark Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; all members were present.

**Review of Minutes:** Town Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the 11/24/2020 Town Council minutes, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

**Citizens Request:** None

**Managers' Report:** Melissa reported that she received notice from Electronic End in Brewer that they will no longer be offering the service of electronic disposal. She will be researching the area for a vendor that offers a similar service. This disposal is very well used in Bradley with almost 6000 pounds disposed of in September this year.

The electronic sign now has power, sign services came today to install the board and provide training to Melissa, however they need assistance from the IT Vendor, SJ Rollins to get the correct IP address. She is hopeful that by the end of next week the sign will be completely operational. The old sign was removed today.

Cindy and Melissa will be finishing up the work on the annual newsletter, Bradley Broadcast. This letter is mailed to all 04411 zip code recipients. There will be content regarding the open municipal seats available as well as other opportunities to volunteer in Bradley. If Town Council has any thoughts of other items that should be brought to residents' attention please let Melissa or Cindy know.

The fire department received a grant from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation in the amount of \$40,000. This grant will be used to fund new turn out gear. Chief Gifford reported that they have ordered 15 sets of gear to replace gear that is 10 years or older. The Town Council thanked Chief Gifford and the King Foundation.

The audit for the year ending June 30, 2020 has been completed. The net assets increased by \$125,086 and the ending undesignated fund balance increased to \$1,488,872.45. There was no management letter or concerns raised from the audit.

The Municipal Review Committee will be having their annual meeting on Wednesday December 16 at 1:00. This will be a virtual event; if any member is interested in attending please let Melissa know or visit the MRC website.

The Old Town Elks has made a request for a donation for their project graduation. In April of 2019, the Town donated \$250.00 out of the recreation account. Town Councilor Lugdon made a motion to donate \$250.00, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Melissa has been approached by the Chemo Pond Association to assist with achieving a consistent water level of 125.8. Melissa has spent the last few weeks speaking to state representatives from many agencies that have been involved with the issue in the past. Once she has received all the information, she will be scheduling a zoom meeting with the interested parties including the Town's of Eddington and Clifton to see if there is a resolve. She reminded Town Council that there is a roll dam on Blackman Stream that was originally owned by the Orono Veazie water district, the dam was abandoned in the late 80's and now basically does nothing to assist with the water level. In the 90's an order was established by DEP that the roll dam be responsible for the water level. Due to the deterioration that is no longer occurring in addition there have been significant droughts as of late causing further water level issues. Councilor Clemons who lives at Chemo Pond added additional information detailing the history of the water level issues, and the roll dam. Town Council all agreed that Melissa should dedicate time in help reach a resolve including communication with Maine Forest and Logging Museum who is the owners of both dams on Blackman Stream. Town Council also would like to be involved with the meeting that involves all parties.

**New Business:** Councilor Lugdon made a motion to provide year end bonus to the staff, Cindy and Terry in the amount of \$250.00, Melissa \$350.00 and Dean \$150.00, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Councilor Ketch asked if there were any plowing issues, Melissa stated that there has not. Last week the large amount of rain caused some minor flooding issues, however the drainage was able to catch up relatively quickly

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Municipal Warrants:** Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant #38 in the amount of \$1085.25, warrant #39 in the amount of \$8296.71 and warrant #40 in the amount of \$135,956.69, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 4/0.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting was set for December 22, 2020

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Lugdon, seconded by Councilor Ketch, vote 4/0.