

Town Council Meeting
12/22/2020

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council meeting, all Council was present.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/8/2020, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Citizens Request: Resident Ann Delaware stated that she is interested in serving on the Town Council for the remainder of the vacant seat of Karen Richard. It was discussed that the Charter allows the Town Council to fill one vacant seat and that it was the intention to fill the seat at the first of the year. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to appoint Ann Delaware to the open Town Council seat, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 4/0.

Ann stated that she would like to work on getting Route 178 paved. Melissa stated that she just received notification from Maine DOT that they will be doing a 5/8" surface treatment during the summer of 2021. In her opinion this is not an appropriate repair however a band-aide. Councilor Ketch asked if anything would be done to the sidewalks, Melissa stated that there would not be, the only time that DOT will consider the sidewalk if a total reconstruction is done.

Managers' Report: A reimbursement has been received from Maine Municipal Association for the insurance claim regarding the power surge that occurred in August. The reimbursement was \$5634.54 which was \$1000.00 less than the total cost due to the deductible. This \$1000 was taken from the capital reserve account.

MRC Annual meeting was via zoom on December 16, Melissa was appointed to the MRC board with a term starting in January 2021. The board has met with a potential new buyer for the facility and is in the process of signing a memorandum of understanding. This understanding will be agreed upon by the MRC board, the bond holders, and the buyer. It is an obvious goal for 2021 for re-open the plant.

Automatic foreclosure letters were sent to 6 taxpayers as their 2018 real estate taxes remain unpaid. The automatic foreclosure date is January 17, 2021.

The electronic sign is now operation, Melissa has been able to create messages from the server, however, needs additional assistance to get mobile access.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Councilor Ketch mentioned that the Water Districts run off that was occurring on Boynton Street has now been shut off.

Councilor Ketch asked for an update regarding municipal solar. Melissa stated that she recently had been contacted by Revision Energy and she has forwarded the electric bills to them for review. According to the Town's Purchasing Policy and RFP will be needed. Melissa found information regarding the needed information for the proposals and work on getting one together for 2021. Councilor Clemons mentioned that the Town of Milo is just finishing a large solar farm that will power 10,000 homes. Councilor Wade has spoken to Revision Energy and was told that the substation for our grid is at capacity so a large project in the area is not likely.

Town Council requested that the monthly Treasurer Report be emailed to them rather than printed. Ann Delaware stated she would like to have her printed as she does not have internet. Melissa stated that she may have to have access to Zoom in the future as the COVID cases continue to rise there is a possibility of another mandated shut down; Ann stated she is able to use Zoom with her phone.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant # 41 in the amount of \$1,198.45, warrant #42 in the amount of \$7,778.52 and warrant #43 in the amount of \$31,816.34, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for January 5, 2021

Adjourn: Councilor Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 4/0.