

**Town Council Meeting**  
**May 25, 2021**

**Open Public Hearing:** Councilor Ketch opened up the public hearing regarding the June 8, 2021 annual referendum.

**Public Comment:** None

**Town Council Comment:** Councilor Lugdon talked about how disappointing it is that there is no interest from the residents to participate with any public hearing. Councilor Delaware stated that residents may not feel comfortable as they do not know how easy it is to approach the board. She talked of an event in which the room was full when residents wanted ATV access that was granted. Manager Doane added that that simple meeting granted what residents wanted. Councilor Clemons discussed without participation it to be assumed that residents must feel completely satisfied with the operation of the Town.

**Close Public Hearing:** Councilor Ketch closed the Public Hearing

**Open Town Council Meeting:** Councilor Chair Ketch opened the Town Council meeting.

**Review of Minutes:** Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the minutes from 5/11/2021. Seconded by Councilor Wade vote, 5/0.

**Citizens Request:** None

**Managers' Report:** Melissa reported that the rebates in the amount of \$10,400 have been received for the heat pump installation. The final cost for the 4 heat pumps was as expected, \$3,300. The use of the oil is obviously noticeable, the last delivery totaled less than 3 gallons. This use was before the installations. The oil use will be different at the fire station as the bay is heated by the boiler.

The RFP for the property located at 6 Pine Street has been advertised in the Penobscot Times and the Bangor Daily News. There has been some interest in the property.

The public hearing regarding the RSU budget meeting is May 26, 2021 at 7:00 in the Old Town High School. The budget as presented the Town of Bradley Assessment is \$1045.27 less than last year. The amount does not include the school tuition amount which the Town is obligated to pay out of municipal tax revenue.

On May 19, Melissa interviewed with the nomination committee for the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee, she has been chosen to be a proposed slate for a continued 3-year term on the Executive Committee.

Regarding the lifted mask mandate, she has not had an opportunity to talk to the staff regarding their desired operational procedure. Once she has spoken to them, she will make the necessary changes to

notify the customers and residents. In regards to the June 8 Election, it could have likely been done at the municipal office as there is not a large voter turnout expected, however the Election items are at the Station so set up will just be easier to do there.

Melissa received an e-mail from a researcher at Dartmouth College requested that the Town allow him access to the wooded area of the Knapp Cemetery to reinvestigate a study done in the 80's. The information provided was that the excavation is with hand tools only with no removal of trees. He hopes to come to the site this summer to do geophysics to find the original site. If grant funding is received, he and a team of 6 to 7 people would do the study. Melissa does not see any issue with this. The Town has an indemnity and release form and would also likely need to request some type of insurance.

Melissa has been attempting to gain information regarding American Recover Plan funds that the Town is slated to receive. She believes the amount to be received is between \$150,000 to \$155,000. She participated in a webinar last week and learned that funds can be spent on:

- COVID-19 response, mitigation and prevention (setting up vaccine sites etc.)
- Loss of revenue due to COVID, using the last 3 full fiscal years average revenue and a growth factor of 4.1, which she estimates to be \$658,595 compared to 2021 revenue which to date is \$671,303; therefore, no loss of revenue
- Assistance to households/businesses through town grant funding due to hardship determinations. This option would likely require additional staff to monitor the program.
- Assistance to the travel and tourism industry.
- Low Income infrastructure building upgrades to low-income qualified census tract areas; Bradley is not included.
- Broadband, water and sewer
- Premium pay to workers that performed in person work, interaction with others, handled items by others. The premium pay must not allow worker to go 150% above the 2020 state average income.

Ultimately these funds will be distributed by the State. She will continue to attempt to learn more and hopefully provide a use for the funds. Councilor Lugdon asked if MMA had offered any guidance, Melissa stated that the webinars that she has attended have been promoted by MMA, however are national. She is sure MMA will offer specific guidance as there are surly many communities such as Bradley that does not meet the specific criteria. Councilor Clemons stated that broadband would be well received at the Chemo Pond area. The Town Council agreed that broadband study and application may be a viable spending. Manager Doane would like to find a project that is able to benefit as many taxpayers as possible.

The Spring Clean up is scheduled for next Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. To date 15 stickers have been sold. She will be onsite to monitor sticker use and loads. She will be strictly be enforcing the rule regarding material being containerized for easy disposal. Councilor Clemons suggested that a Facebook post and email be sent reminding residents of the clean up and the necessity for containers.

**New Business:** Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the Election Warrant for June 8, 2021 as discussed in public hearing, seconded by Councilor Delaware vote, 5/0.

**Unfinished Business:** Councilor Lugeon made a motion to accept the updated Town of Bradley Personnel Policy as amended and presented, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 5/0. Councilor Wade mentioned that page numbers should be added for easy reference.

Councilor Delaware requested that the cabinet that is to be built be large enough to house some of the other historical items that the Town has been given. Manager Doane stated that she has not talked to a carpenter, however does have the sizes of the items Oscar Emerson wishes to dedicate. She will look into a cabinet.

Councilor Ketch asked how the staff liked the heat pump. Melissa reported that she has not received any comments from them regarding the heat or cooling. Councilor Wade mentioned that he was in the office while Melissa was on vacation and he provided the staff with information on how to run on the dry mode for cooling.

Councilor Delaware stated that the Bradley Four Seniors will be doing a drive thru lunch and food in need pick up on May 26.

Manager Doane stated that the Annual Town Report will be out tomorrow and wished to give a shout out to her step daughter Brandi Doane McCann who helped her with the cover.

**Municipal Warrants:** Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrant #79 in the amount of \$3073.50, warrant #80 in the amount of \$6033.26 and warrant #81 in the amount of \$106,160.18, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote, 5/0.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is set for Wednesday June 9, 2021

**Adjourn:** Councilor Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Delaware, vote 5/0.

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