

Town Council Meeting
8/2/2021

Open Town Council Meeting

Councilor Lugdon opened the Town Council Meeting, excused from the meeting was Councilor Ketch all other members were present.

Review of Minutes:

Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/20/21, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Citizens Request:

None

Manager Report:

Melissa received notification from Mark Gallagher of edf renewable that they were once again not successful in their most recent RFP regarding the potential large solar project located in Bradley. His email states that there were 56 submissions and only 8 contracts awarded. He further stated that they were shortlisted again, meaning they were close and they believe that the Public Utilities Commission plan to run two rounds of RFP's and they plan to resubmit.

Melissa received confirmation from Jon Doty that the cost for the Town of Bradley to participate in the Community Connections printed material would be \$150 for ½ page, \$200 for a full page and \$275 for 2 pages. Councilor Delaware stated that the deadline for submission was August 12; she would like to hold off until the next issue.

Melissa also provided an email from David Walker that described his recommendation for the additional funding for education that was received. He suggested adding the \$73,226.67 to our existing balance of \$61,686.40 for a total of \$134,913.07 that could be used to reduce future assessments.

Melissa wished to apprise the Town Council of a situation regarding the mowing contract with Greenleaf and Sons. There has been ongoing issues regarding mowing consistently and mowing quality. As of late the grounds had not been mowed in 2 or more weeks. She spoke to Troy Greenleaf today and he is apparently handling all the mowing which is not usually the case. He stated today he was going to work hard to catch up and maintain a better schedule. The contract is set to expire in October of 2021, she would suggest that the Town Council consider going to RFP in September. This would provide contractors, including Mr. Greenleaf an opportunity to see the grounds.

Melissa stated that she plans on attending the Maine Town and City Management conference in Sugarloaf next week.

Melissa had a meeting this morning with Husson College and they are very interested in providing an intern to assist with the website updates and possibly assisting the town with meeting live streaming capabilities. They plan to be back in touch in September to formally start the process.

New Business:

Councilor Wade made a motion to approve the 2021 Penobscot County Assessors Return, seconded by Delaware. Councilor Delaware asked for information on what the assessors return represented. Manager Doane and Councilor Lugdon explained that the county budget, which operates all county services such as the courts, sheriff's department and jails, is paid by each town in the county based on valuation. The Town of Bradley payment for this year was \$186,490 which was an increase of \$15,153 from last year, vote (4/0).

Councilor Clemons made a motion to approve the 2021 Municipal Valuation Return, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote (4/0).

Unfinished Business:

Melissa had provided to Town Council the 3 proposal that were received regarding municipal solar and would like some feedback and direction. Town Council wished to have further time to review the proposals and perhaps invite the proposers to answer questions.

Councilor Delaware stated that she is working on getting an estimate from Gossamer Press to print the booklet for Great Works Stream. The grant opens up on November 15.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the municipal warrants as presented (#8 in the amount of \$761.00, #9 in the amount of \$1887.00, #10 in the amount of \$7470.00, warrant #11 in the amount of \$30,888.24 and warrant #12 in the amount of \$6439.14), seconded by Councilor Delaware, vote (4/0).

Set Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for August 31, 2021. Manager Doane reminded Town Council that there will be warrants that require signatures on the 17th.

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