

**Town Council Meeting**  
**May 10, 2021**

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

**Novel Energy-Community Solar Presentation:** Matt Dovenburg from Novel Engery Solutions presented information regarding joining one of their community solar farms. He has done an assessment of the Town's electricity usage and provided an estimated savings of \$2780 per year by joining. He stated that Novel Energy is family owned and is based out of Minnesota. He has been working in northern Maine and has 7 schools and 10 towns that have joined. He explained that as subscribers the Town will receive solar bill credits directly on the power bill, this provides the Town to take part in solar energy without having to invest. The guaranteed savings is 15%. Councilor Lugdon asked where the assets were and how far before it is completed. Mr. Dovenburg explained that the project is in Trenton and Manchester and it is expected to be completed within 12 to 18 months. Councilor Ketch asked for clarification regarding 10-year subscription. It was explained that after 10 years the customer may provide 24 months' notice and be removed without penalty, it is also possible to transfer the subscription to another business in the Versant area. Councilor Wade asked for information regarding system failure. Mr. Dovenburg stated that there is technology that will provide them with specific information on what is failing. He also stated that it is not in their interest to have any failure, the farm needs to be operational and productive. Councilor Clemons asked if residents would have the same wait time for savings, it was explained that they would. It was also offered that if the Town refers residents there is incentives for the referrals. Eric Gifford from the audience asked what happens to the panels in 20 years. Mr. Dovenburg explained that the panels are removed and recycled. If there is still interested from the landowner to continue to lease replacements will be added.

**Review of Minutes:** Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes from April 26, 2022, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

**Citizens Request:** None

**Managers' Report:** Melissa provided Town Council with the final list of questions and discussion points that were presented to the City of Old Town regarding the ambulance service. She also did a few additional cost share options using Councilor Wades information he presented at the last meeting. The meeting is Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Old Town City Hall.

Melissa received an update from Bill Varney regarding Chemo Broadband. They did not get the grant award with the Town of Clifton. They will do another application in October. He stated that regardless of a grant award, they have started the pole assessment. If they are not successful with the next grant, they will use the funds from both Clifton and Bradley and do the project himself and re-coop his funds through subscriptions. Councilor Clemons stated that some residents in the Chemo area are signing on for Stalink.

The nomination papers were due back today and Charles Clemons has submitted signatures to be placed on the ballot. The absentee ballots will be ready on Friday May 13. A public hearing will be held on May 24 regarding the June 14 referendum. The Town Reports will be sent to the printers tomorrow. Councilor Lugdon asked for clarification regarding the public hearing. Melissa stated it the voter's opportunity to ask questions regarding the article questions, there is no changes to the ballot.

Melissa stated that her term with the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee ends in December. She would like to have authorization from the Town Council to submit a nomination to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. This committee meets 10 hours a month during legislative sessions with a few additional meetings as deemed necessary. The committee establishes MMA's public policy positions on all matters of direct and statewide municipal interest for representation in the State House. Councilor Delaware made a motion to approve Melissa's nomination to the LPC, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

Melissa reminded Town Council that Councilor Delaware previously had mentioned her desire to do a historical book regarding stories of the Great Work Dam camp owners. She has completed that project. April assisted project and received a quote of \$400 to print them. Councilor Delaware has offered to pay for the project in full, however Melissa would like Town Council's permission to ask the public if they would like to contribute to the printing. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to allow the Town to request donations for the printing, seconded by Councilor Wade. Councilor Ketch asked what would happen if more request for fundraisers were received, Melissa stated that if they are significant to the Town of Bradley the Town Council should consider them. Councilor Ketch also asked what if more money is received than needed. Melissa explained she had prices to print up to 500. Once that amount is received the fundraiser will stop. Vote 4/1 (Delaware voted no).

**New Business:** Melissa asked what the Town Council thoughts were in regards to the community solar subscription. Councilor Lugdon stated he would like to learn more about the company and community solar. Councilor Delaware felt that it was a long wait to receive the savings. Councilor Clemons stated he would show the presentation to his son who works in solar energy.

**Unfinished Business:** Councilor Delaware reminded the Town Council that the senior luncheon is May 25 and the Historical Committee Tea is May 19.

Councilor Ketch asked for an update regarding the Boynton Street cross culvert. Melissa stated she was not sure, however would follow up.

**Municipal Warrants:** Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the municipal warrants as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 24 with a public hearing regarding the referendum articles. Councilor Wade asked to be excused.

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