

Town Council Meeting
June 7, 2022

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Chair Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; all members were present. Also present was Town Manager Melissa Doane and Fire Chief Eric Gifford.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes from May 24, 2022, seconded by Councilor Clemons vote 4/0 (Wade excused 5-24-2022)

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa reported that 82 stickers were sold for the spring cleanup. April worked the event and reported that there were no issues. Residents did not have any concerns with only having a receipt. The event was from 7:30 to 12:30; April reported that by 11 it was done.

Melissa reminded Town Council that the municipal election is next Tuesday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the fire station. The State of Maine Primary is also being conducted. The town reports became available last Tuesday, Councilor Delaware and herself presented the first report to Heidi Gifford whom the report was dedicated. Cheryl Leonard arranged for the students to do an appreciation assembly for Heidi. Heidi has submitted to Town Council a thank you.

Melissa had provided information on a grant in which she applied for and was awarded. The grant will assist pay for new equipment for her office to hopefully eliminate some neck and arm pain she has been having. The new equipment included a chair with better lumbar support, a larger monitor and foot rest. This equipment was suggested by an MMA insurance loss control representative. Councilor Clemons and Councilor Wade suggested that Melissa purchase the sit and stand desk option.

Melissa provided to Town Council the new terms for joining the community solar program offered by Novel. As stated, the new terms are for 12 months after giving notice the original term was for 24 months' notice. Councilor Clemons stated that his research provided that each company is operating very much the same. Councilor Lugdon was in favor of the agreement as it included the street lights. Councilor Wade suggested that the Council should act quickly so that the wait time is less. Councilor Delaware made a motion to enter into the community solar agreement with Novel, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 5/0.

Melissa has submitted her interest in serving on the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State of Maine.

Melissa would like to have permission to close at 1:30 on June 30 so that she and the staff can complete the fiscal year close. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to allow the closure, seconded by Councilor Clemons vote 5/0.

New Business: Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the 2022 Penobscot County Mitigation Plan. Melissa had previously emailed the plan to the Town Council as it was a large file to download and print. Seconded by Councilor Delaware, vote 5/0.

Councilor Clemons stated that he had read that new legislation was passed on May 8 that essentially freezes the real estate taxes on elderly taxpayers. The taxpayer has to apply each year and the state reimburses the municipality for the loss of tax. Melissa had not heard of the legislation, however will do some research and bring it back to the Town Council.

Councilor Ketch inquired about the emails sent and received to his townofbradley.net account, he wondered how frequently he should be checking. Melissa stated that she was unsure, however she sent items randomly and often there is no response required but just information provided.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Lugdon asked if Melissa had heard any more from the City of Old Town regarding the ambulance agreement. He reported that he watched the City Council meeting from Monday June 6 and the board went into executive session to discuss ambulance service. Melissa stated that she had not heard any more from the City.

Councilor Ketch asked if there would be paving over the cross-culvert repairs being done. Melissa stated that there would be, however it would be once they were all complete.

Councilor Delaware that the first 300 books of "Let's Go Upstream" had been given out and the additional 200 have been ordered.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for June 21, 2022.

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