

Town Council Meeting August 30, 2022

Open Town Council Meeting: All Town Council members were present; also present was Town Manager Melissa Doane and Fire Chief Eric Gifford

Review of Minutes: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes from August 16, 2022, seconded by Councilor Wade. Councilor Delaware noted a few corrections from the minutes, \$250,00 was typed; it should read \$250,000 in addition the minutes state that the fall cleanup was set for October 2nd and not the 1st of October. Manager Doane reported that she in fact did report that, however has the correction in her Manager's Report. Vote 4/0 (Ketch excused from 8/16/22 meeting)

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Town Manager Doane stated the fall spring cleanup has been set for October 1, 2022 and not October 2, 2022. It will be held from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm with the same procedures as in the past. The only difference for this cleanup is that Sullivan's will be taking 2 tires per resident, which has not been done in the past. The Town of Bradley will need to pay the disposal fee for the number of tires collected at the clean-up.

On September 8, 2022, Manager Doane will be participating in a payroll training in Waterville and April will be attending an Election training in Bangor. The office will therefore be closing at 3:00 pm that day. Cindy will work her regular shift. Initially they thought there was going to be a Zoom option for this training. Melissa has updated the electronic sign, face-book page, list serve, as well as put signs on the door to let residents know about the early closure.

Manager Doane's first meeting with EMS Blue Ribbon Commission will be this Thursday September 1, 2022 at the State House in Augusta.

New Meadows Environment submitted the invoice regarding the engineering for the Blackman Stream project. The invoice was in the amount of \$10,630. The total raised for the engineering was \$14,000. These funds were received from the Chemo Pond Lake Association, the Town of Eddington, the Town of Clifton, the Town of Bradley, and the Maine Forest Logging Museum. As the project progresses Melissa will work with the partners to determine the best use for the remaining funds. The engineer also submitted a probable cost of \$242,000. DMR has stated to add an additional \$10,000 for engineering and site review. Melissa is meeting with Thorntons Construction to review their cost estimates and hopefully sign the contract with DMR this week. Her conversation with DMR today was that they want to have the project completed by September 30, 2022.

Manager Doane provided a photo of 114 Cram Street to the Town Council. The photo was taken August 30, 2022. On July 27, 2022, Dean sent a notice of violation via certified mailing to notify the resident that the property is in violation of the land use ordinance due to the number and size of the signs on the property. Per the land use ordinance, a resident may display one sign no bigger than 8x10. The resident did not claim the certified letter; therefore, Manager Doane will have the letter delivered by the sheriff's department. The notice will specify that the resident will have 30 days to come into compliance. If he does not, the Town Council will have to provide direction to the CEO to either continue to attempt to work with the resident or move forward with a court proceeding. Councilor Ketch, asked if the Town would be able to remove the signs themselves, Manager Doane, stated that the Town would have to receive authorization to remove the signs from a court order. The resident will likely be given a specific timeline to come into compliance, if not the Town can go ahead with the clean-up in which the Town would charge the resident. Currently there is a lien on the property for the last clean up in the amount of \$32,000.

New Business: Councilor Lugdon, asked about getting the absentee ballot box paved in front of it to make it more accessible. Melissa acknowledged that it should have been done when the walkway was fixed, however she didn't think of it. She therefore has asked Zach Carlow, who does some of the work for the Town, to provide an estimate. He currently is working on cleaning up the sidewalks in the village.

Councilor Wade asked for an update regarding the fire truck chase. Manager Doane stated that the check in the invoice is for payment on the chase. Melissa suspects it will be delivered to them sometime in September/October.

Councilor Ketch, congratulated Manager Doane on her re-certification with the MTCMA, as she was one of the selected few to be re-certified.

Councilor Ann Delaware had attended the School Board meeting; she grabbed a copy of their "Welcome to our School Board Meeting" agenda and gave a copy to each member of council. The next meeting for the School Board is September 21, 2022 @ 6:30pm at the Leonard Middle School. Councilor Ketch is going to attend the meeting. Manager Doane has a meeting set up with the Superintendent Matt Cyr, and Assistant Superintendent John Doty from RSU34 to talk about school choice on September 7, 2022 so they can all have an agreement together before the School Board Meeting.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Wade made a motion to accept the updated Foreclosure Schedule Policy as present, changes noted by Manager Doane. Seconded by Councilor Clemons. Vote 5/0.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for September 13, 2022. Councilor Ann is excused from this meeting; however, she is going to try to attend the meeting re-motely.

Motion to adjourn: Councilor Ketch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Lugdon. Vote 5/0