

Town Council Meeting September 13, 2022

Open Town Council Meeting: All Town Council members were present except for Councilor Anne Delaware who participated remotely. Town Manager Melissa Doane and the Fire Chief Eric Gifford were present as well.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes from 08/30/2022 seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 5/0

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Town Manager Melissa Doane reported that she had attended the first meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Commission to study EMS on September 1, 2022. She mentioned that the meeting was very interesting and as suspected the main issue does come to funding. It was discovered that no funding has been requested from the State Legislature and that is something that should be determined. Sam Hurely, the director of Maine EMS gave an excellent presentation. It appears on the onset that his department which works under the umbrella of the Department of Public Safety is technically responsible for all EMS programs in the State of Maine. They receive funding from the State of 1.2 million dollars which is obviously not nearly enough to do all that would be needed to operate an efficient system. Manager Doane would like to have the focus be on restructuring the State of Maine EMS to receive more staff and funds. The commission meets again on Thursday September 15, 2022; Town Manager Melissa will be attending via zoom as she is in Biddeford for the remainder of the week for the Maine Municipal Associations Executive Committee retreat. Councilor Lugdon asked if all participants has shown up for the meeting in which Manager Doane responded that the County representative and a physician on the panel did not attend. Manager Doane also noted that the meeting was recorded and could possibly be found on the Legislatures website.

Town Manager Doane did sign the contract with the Department of Marine Resources to act as the pass-through entity regarding the Blackman Stream Project. The final request from DMR is \$354,400 which includes the repairs that have been outlined previously, engineering and a 20% contingency. We are waiting for the final approval from the Maine Procurement Office which she hopes will be this week. They are going to start the project as soon as they can.

Manager Doane had met with the Superintendent Matt Cyr and Assistant Superintendent John Doty, from this conversation she took that they will support Bradley's plea to phase out school choice however, they will not be the lead. Mr. Cyr did reach out to the Commissioner of Education and she supplied an email that indicated that a change can be made to the regional school unit plan and would need her approval. She did not state that she would or would not approve the change, in which Manager Doane is under the impression that she will need to look

at the information more closely. Town Manager Doane had forwarded the email on to Greg Im, the municipal lawyer, he will do further investigation. Town Manager Doane does still plan on attending the school board meeting on the 21st of September.

During the meeting with Mr. Cyr and Mr. Doty they did discuss long range facilities planning. They would like to have a representative from Bradley to have a seat on the advisory group. Manager Doane wondered if any Town Council members would be interested in attending. There will be discussion regarding the long-term plan for Viola Rand School. Councilor Ann Delaware said she would attend as well as Town Manager Melissa. The meeting is scheduled for 7 am at the Leonard Middle School on October 4, 2022.

Town Manager Melissa Doane would like to have a motion from the Town Council to designate her as the Voting Delegate for Bradley at the MMA Annual Business Meeting. Motion made by Councilor Ludgon, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 5/0.

The onsite work for the 2021-2022 municipal audit is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

The new fire truck is in transit from the Freightliner to a local dealership, so it should be arriving soon. Which is great news.

On September 12, 2022 Town Manager Melissa Doane attended the first meeting of the steering committee regarding the City of Old Town's EMS Community Assessment Grant. There is not much to report out of that meeting as it was just establishing the timeline and procedures that are expected to take place.

New Business: Town Manager Doane had copied a letter that was sent in from a Bradley resident Anita Farris, in which she provided to each Council member, the letter was in regards to the resident of 114 Cram Street. Ms. Farris asked what would happen if the town "sees a dime" of the money that is owed for the previous clean up. Melissa stated that those funds would be placed back into the general fund as the lien represents the fined amount granted by the court order and the cost of the clean-up. Ms. Farris also asked what can truly be done, while Manager Doane is not exactly sure what she is referring to, the only authority the Town of Bradley has over Mr. Wing actions is regarding land use violations, which by Maine Statue has procedures. According to Code Officer Dean, Mr. Wing has taken down several of the signs after being served the notice of violation from the Sheriff's Department. Town Manager Doane also wrote an additional letter to Mr. Wing as he wrote a nasty letter to her, she simply encouraged him to come into compliance with the land use ordinance because if the Town was once again forced to take legal action there would be no leniency. In regard to his behavior to citizens, those issues are a civil issue in which the Town has no authority over and they would need to bring those complaints to law enforcement. Councilor Ketch asked what can be done to stop the process of the violations from reoccurring. Manager Doane responded that it would have to be brought up

to the Judge if they were to go to court to see what they can do to keep him from having the violations from reoccurring.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Ketch was wondering if the marking on the sidewalk was part of the work that is going to be getting done on the sidewalks, in which Manager Doane did respond that yes, the markings on the sidewalk from Bullen Street to Cram Street are part of the work to be done with the grant that was issued.

Councilor Lugdon asked about if a solution was made about the absentee box as far as getting it paved, Town Manager Doane responded that she spoke to Zach who is the gentlemen that was cleaning up the sidewalks on Main Street and the temporary solution for now is to remove the stone that is in front of the box and put down crushed rock until they can put pavement down maybe next year.

Councilor Ann Delaware will plan on a senior lunch sometime in October, she will announce the date at a later time.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made motion to accept the municipal warrants, second by Councilor Lugdon, vote 4/0. Delaware was not in the meeting in person so she was not able to vote on them, as she did not see what the warrants were for.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for September 27, 2022

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