

**Town Council Meeting
November 22, 2022**

Open Town Council Meeting: Council Chair Mark Ketch opened the Town Council meeting. All Town Council members were present. Due to technical difficulties the meeting was not livestreamed.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes from 10/9/2022, seconded by Councilor Delaware, Councilor Clemons noted several misspellings, vote 3/0 (Councilor's Ketch and Wade were absent 10/9/2022)

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa stated that she spoke with the newly elected State Senator Peter Lyford last week and provided him information regarding school choice. She requested that he provide support in assisting the Town of Bradley with phasing out school choice or the state providing assistance to the Town to fund. Melissa plans on meeting with House Representative James Dill after the holiday to ask the same.

Melissa provided to the Town Council the complaint that has been drafted regarding the land use violation of 114 Cram Street. Melissa has approved the draft and they are now awaiting a court date. Mr. Wing will be summoned via civil service.

While working on the 2021 personal property tax collections, Melissa discovered that there was a tax assessed to Timepayment Corp in regards to payment processing equipment for Milligan's Landing Embroidery. The business moved from Bradley to Old Town prior to 2021 and personal property should not be assessed. Melissa is requesting an abatement. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to abate the personal property with a value of \$4600 and tax amount of \$69.92, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 5/0.

The Viola Rand School did a food and Thanksgiving drive recently, they requested a donation from the Town. Melissa stated that there is a payment in the amount of \$100 in the warrant presented to cover the cost.

Also in the warrant is a payment to Thornton Construction. As reported earlier there is additional work that is needed in the spring for the Blackman Stream Restoration Project. The original invoice was for \$287,000; she withheld \$15,000 for the work completion. Melissa requested and received a signed contract outlining the needed work for the spring or summer of 2023. This work includes, completing the fishway entrance modification, evaluating the weir system and elevation after the spring water run-off, installation of chinking, fabric and fill to the weir system, verification of footer boulder installation on the weir system, and possible removal of stone against the downstream face of the dam. Melissa has received the approval from the State of Maine for the full reimbursement of all expenditures for the construction and engineering totaling \$294,486.40, which will include a future payment of \$1000 for engineering services for the completion work. Councilor Clemons asked if leak repairs to the entire dam

were made. Melissa stated she did not know however would inquire. Councilor Ketch asked what would happen if the system did not work as designed, Melissa was unsure; adding she was hopeful it would.

Melissa reported that she had emailed photos of the new tanker to the Town Council and the fire department to provide an update on the progress.

Councilor Lugdon asked about the meeting schedule that was provided. She stated that it was for informational purposes only, she had provided the list of known meetings to Cindy and April and wished to share with them as well.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Melissa asked for a summary of the RSU 34 Facilities meeting held in November as she was not able to attend. Councilor Ketch outlined that the RSU had applied for 8 grants in regards to ADA upgrades throughout the facilities, the expansion Leonard Middle School has been put on hold for 5 years and they have hired Carpenter Associates to do a Capital Improvement Plan. He also explained that there was further discussion regarding current staffing including workforce issues, and upcoming retirements. Councilor Wade spoke about the workforce issues that the RSU are having with lunch workers. Melissa stated that she has received a few inquires about Viola Rand School Closing, she explained that is discussed yearly. The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2022 at 7:00 am.

Councilor Delaware reported that she attended the Viola Rand Veterans breakfast, there was 14 veterans present. The event was well planned and she enjoyed the children. She also reported that just over 50 lunches were served at the monthly luncheon.

Town Council members reviewed the RFP's received regarding the fire truck leasing. They discussed interest rates; payment amounts and term lengths. Manager Doane informed Council that the Council has budgeting for the truck for 3 years, the amount saved thus far equals \$91,000. This amount could be used as a down payment as a payment is not going to be due until 2024, which would be in the next years budget. Councilor Wade stated that they Council has been anticipating a payment amount of \$65,000 with the down payment and the interest rate of 4.54 from Northeast Bank, the town could likely have a 5-year term rather than 7. Councilor Wade made a motion to move forward with the RFP from Northeast Bank, use the \$91,000 saved and request a shorter term, seconded by Councilor Lugdon, vote 5/0.

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

Next Meeting: Councilor Ketch stated the next meeting is set for December 6, 2022. He reminded Council that the Boston Cane presentation will be that same evening at 5:00 pm

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