

## **Town Council Meeting May 5, 2025**

**Open Town Council Meeting:** Councilor Lugdon acting as Town Council Chair opened the Town Meeting, all Town Council members included Councilor Wade and Councilor Clemons, also present was Town Manager Melissa Doane and Fire Chief Eric Gifford. Councilor Ketch and Councilor Hatch were excused.

**Review of Minutes:** Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the minutes of April 21, 2025, seconded by Councilor Wade vote 3/0.

**Citizens Request:** Resident Ann Delaware stated that there will be no historical Bradley in May, however there will be an annual meeting on June 10, 2026. She also stated that the next senior luncheon is scheduled for May 20, 2026; this will be last one until September.

**Manager's Report:** Melissa stated that she received an update regarding the flexposts being installed on Cram Street. The representative from BACTS reported that they are hopeful for a June installation, which will work well as the street sweeping will be done by then. Melissa added that she had contacted the contractor about sweeping several weeks ago to be sure that Bradley was on the list for May; they stated Bradley is on the list, it will be coordinated when Route 178 is done.

Melissa also followed up with Versant regarding the street lights. They have installed the street light for the municipal office entrance on the wrong pole; they are coming back this week to fix. Versant has also changed the arm on the light across the street from Cram Street from a 4-foot to an 8-foot arm. If this doesn't work the alternative is to have a new pole placed at a minimum of \$2090 plus anchors and ground work.

Melissa reported that Barrett, the alewife harvester, has reached an agreement with the landowners on the opposite side of Blackman Stream from the cemetery lot to use the site for the harvest. He was not successful in reaching an agreement with the Maine Forest and Logging Museum. Barrett has established his equipment at the site and is working with Dean to improve access to the stream. At the last meeting, Melissa reported that efforts would be made to prepare the property adjacent to the cemetery for use. However, upon inspection, it was discovered that signage from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission is posted on the property indicating that the soil is not to be disturbed. Melissa contacted the Commission and confirmed that a preservation easement was placed on the property in 1995 due to archaeological findings. The Commission is working to determine if road access can still be placed on the property without disturbing the easement area.

Melissa reported that seven bids were received regarding the shim and overlay of Penney Lane and Elm Street. John Milligan has reviewed the bids and recommends Wellman Paving which was the second lowest bid with a difference of \$3216.00. The reason for the recommendation is the longevity and experience of the company. John will start working on some preparation work on Elm St that will improve the drainage. Councilor Wade made a motion to move forward with Wellman Paving, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 3/0. He also will be working around town on other projects such as ditching and pot hole repairs.

The spring cleanup was this past weekend, April provided to Town Council the detail on the residential usage and revenue received which was \$1480.00. The tonnage delivered was just over 17 tons which she estimated to be a cost of \$2700.00.

The annual town report is complete and was sent to the printers today.

Melissa reported that absentee ballots regarding the June 9, 2026 annual referendum will be available on May 8, 2026.

Neil Bonneville, the solid waste contractor approached Melissa and offered to do a 10-year contract with a 3% increase each year. Councilor Wade made a motion to move forward with a ten-year contract, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 3/0.

**New Business:** Melissa reported that the next meeting of May 19, 2026 will also include a public hearing regarding the referendum articles for the June 9, 2026 referendum.

Councilor Clemons asked if there were any nomination papers returned for the two Town Council positions. Melissa reported that Michael Wickett and Ethel Hill have both returned nomination papers and are on the June 9, 2026 ballot.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Municipal Warrants:** Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the municipal warrants as presented, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 3/0.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting was set for May 19, 2026 which will include the public hearing for the June 9, 2026 referendum articles.

**Online Comment:** None

**Executive Session:** Councilor Lugdon made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant 1 MRSA 406 6F to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 3/0. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 3/0.

**Adjourn:** Councilor Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 3/0.