

**Town Council Meeting
September 29, 2020**

Open Public Hearing: Councilor Chair Ketch opened the Public Hearing regarding general assistance appendix A-H

Public Comment: None

Close Public Hearing: Councilor Chair Ketch closed the public hearing regarding the general assistance appendix A-H.

Open Town Council Meeting: Councilor Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; all members were present except for Councilor Richard.

Review of Minutes: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the Town Council minutes of 9/15/2020 as presented, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 4/0.

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa stated that Pine Tree Solar would like to come to the October 13, 2020 Town Council to do a presentation on municipal solar use and potential build. They had submitted a proposal pre-COVID and the Town Council had expressed an interest in learning more about roof vs ground installation cost and savings.

The fall clean up was held on September 19, it was a crazy busy day with vehicles lined up past the Government Road at 7:15. In speaking with the drivers that unloaded the material they estimate 32 ton of debris was collected and disposed of. The bills have not been received to verify that amount. The trucks that Sullivan's Waste supplied filled up very quickly and there was a period of 30 minutes to 45 minutes in which there was no drop offs being done. This delay caused some residents to wait 1 to 2 hours. The residents it affected the most was those from Chemo Pond as they were not able to return with a second load. Melissa had requested the Councilor Clemons ask those residents a number that were not able to do return and he reported 4 residents were not able to do so. Property owners were very understanding however frustrated. There was an incident in which the manager of Penny Lane Estates became upset when I told them we would not be taking loads as he presented. It was a huge load and none of it was in containers causing a long delay and pretty much filled up a dumpster. Regarding the sticker use, she recorded each sticker number used which was 96 with an estimated 130 loads completed. In the future it will be especially important to stress the that items must be in containers or will be turned away as it takes too long for unloading. Melissa also reported that 5881 lbs. of electronics was collected during the cleanup.

The Municipal Review Committee is looking for their yearly nomination for board members. Melissa received a call from the executive director Mike Carroll, and he suggested that she consider sending in her nomination. Melissa explained that I would need to request approval from the Town Council as she sits on two executive committee boards that can at times take her away from the office for extended

periods of time. He stated that once the plant is opened and operational the meetings should only be quarterly with an annual meeting. The Town Council was in favor of Melissa submitting her nomination.

Melissa received notification from PDF Renewables that they missed the pricing for the Bradley Solar Farm project. Mr. Gallagher stated that there will be a second RFP coming before the end of the year and they are very optimistic about being able to provide additional cost savings measures to position themselves for success.

Melissa emailed the region 1 FEMA representative David Pharr and received notification that all grant awards for the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters have been awarded. Bradley did not receive funding for the replacement of the 1989 tanker. Official notification is expected sometime in October at which time he will be able to review our application and provide guidance. She has spoken with Chief Gifford and he is very concerned as the tank and pump in the truck are failing. They responded to a call in Milford in which the truck stalled several times. Melissa has directed him to search our possible used vehicles or something with a lower cost. He will be reporting to Town Council when he gets more information. Councilor Wade stated that he had a contact at the Castine Fire Department that was recently awarded funding for a vehicle, he suggested that Chief Gifford contact him for grant information. Melissa agreed that as much information received would be a positive, however she is doubtful that the truck will make it through another grant application period. Councilor Lugdon stated that it may be necessary o looking at borrowing funds for the truck, adding that the bonds for the municipal building and post office will be paid off, therefore the budget effect would be minimal.

The absentee drop box has been installed the total cost thus far is \$528.00. Melissa has ordered a sign from Sullivan's Sign which she is hopefully will be ready this week. As of this afternoon 145 absentee ballots have been requested, she expects the ballots to be here this week.

The road work for the summer of 2020 is almost complete with 3 small culvert clean outs and repairs left to do. Streets Paving will be paving the end of the Martin driveway on Cram Street and a cross culvert on Penny Lane that was replaced. Melissa will provide exact figures when everything is completed, however she anticipates being between \$10,000 and \$20,000 under budget for everything.

Earlier Melissa had reported that the fire station was subject to a surge due to an accident on route 178 on August 17, 2020. Emera has reportedly denied the claim, so it therefore has been forwarded on to Maine DOT as it was one of their trucks that went off the road. Chief Gifford met with an adjuster yesterday and Melissa is hopeful that this will be a success the repairs to date are estimated to between \$8000 and \$10,000. This includes the fire station surge protector \$4500, generator control panel, \$2100, door fuses, \$180 and the boiler controller in the amount of \$1200.

The fieldwork on the 2019-2020 financial audit was completed today, Melissa would anticipate a final audit by November.

Regional School Unit director position, there was no nomination papers returned, it will therefore be necessary to hope for a successful and willing write in candidate.

New Business: Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept the General Assistance Appendix presented in public hearing, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 4/0.

Councilor Lugdon made a motion to accept an abatement presented by assessing agent Mark Gibson. The abatement is for personal property valuation of \$91,720 with a tax value of \$1366.33 for CCM Holdings Inc. This is the business of Blue-Collar Yard Pros which official dissolved in 2019, seconded by Councilor Ketch, vote 4/0.

Melissa is requesting Town Council approval on the municipal warrant calling the November 3, 2020 election for the one RSU Director position. Town Council approved by signing the election warrant.

Unfinished Business: Town Council signed the final foreclosure policy which was approved at the September 15, 2020 meeting.

Councilor Ketch asked if any information was obtained regarding the hydrant continually running on Boynton Street. Melissa stated that the water district was aware of the running water and reported it is necessary to keep the flow of substances flowing.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept municipal warrants #22 in the amount of \$1029.00, warrant #23 in the amount of \$8391.55, and warrant #24 in the amount of \$27,551.48, seconded by Councilor Wade, vote 4/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for October 13, 2020.

Adjourn: Councilor Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Clemons, vote 4/0.