

BOARD OF SELECTMENT MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024

6:00PM

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order by Kurt Youland and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Warren Hood, Angelo Terreri, Kurt Schaub and Lisa Bennett. Guests: Denis and Debbie Rioux, Rodney Harlow and Tim Harlow.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Denis Rioux as 3-3, Harlow's as 3-4 and add Roadside Mowing as 5-3e, motion and second to add the above to the agenda, unanimous vote.
- 3. 3-1: Marijuana Business License Renewal – Medical Retail Store – Vacationland Cannabis Company:** This application is for renewal of the operating license for Vacationland Cannabis Company, the business is in good standing and there are no complaints of record. Motion and second to open Public Hearing, unanimous vote no comments from public, closed public hearing. Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **3-2: Marijuana Business License Application – Medical Cultivation Facility:** This is a new license, Joel Lagace, who is operating in the building at 1464 Auburn Road that was constructed for the purpose of medical marijuana cultivation. The operator meets the standards of the ordinance and there are no complaints of record. Motion and second to open Public Hearing, unanimous vote, no comments from public closed public hearing. Motion and second to approve license, unanimous vote. **3-3: Denis Rioux – Fire on Upper Street:** First he would like to say he is grateful for the outpouring he has received from this community. But he felt that the Fire Department could have handled things differently and does not want to see any other community member have a similar experience. Denis's house has concrete walls, and it was built to withstand, and he is not sure why the department felt the need to use an excavator and knock down the walls as they were not on fire. The house was built so that if there was a fire that the walls would remain standing so the house could be rebuilt fairly quickly and now it cannot. He also said he was not sure why the department foamed his electric car in the garage as the garage was not on fire. Denis stated that the insurance company claims the department did more damage than the fire and the State Fire Marshall made a comment that he has never seen a foundation ruined. Denis understands that this type of construction is not as common stick-built and just hopes that the department will get some more training on this type of construction, and that the department members be more careful about comments

they make when on scene. He hopes the department can learn from this. **3-4: Harlow's:** Rodney stated they are making progress and wanted to know if the town could reduce the fine imposed to Tim Harlow through the courts. The board does not believe they can change the fine as it is court ordered, they will check the legality and get back to them. Rodney felt like it went to court quickly but it was pointed out that the town had asked them to clean up 3 years ago and year after year nothing was done, so it ended up in the courts.

- 4. Old Business/Projects: 4-1: Skillings Woods Road Drainage Complaint:** This site was reviewed on Wednesday, July 10th. Though there is some roadside repair work to be done by the town road crew, the bulk of the problem is age of drainage that is outside the road right of way, along with settling of fill material that was brought into the site when the residence was built in 1998. **4-2: Fortin Drive Drainage Complaint:** This site was also reviewed on Wednesday; July 10th and conditions were found to be consistent with the subdivision/road plan that was approved in 2005. The problem would be improved by a culvert located adjacent to County Road but would be the responsibility of the owner/owners to install, which is consistent with other driveway culvert installations throughout town. **4-3: Projects:**
 - 4-3a: Boofy Quimby Hall Improvements:** Motion and second to go ahead with the wall, with specifications at next meeting, unanimous vote.
 - 4-3b: Transfer Station:** New Operations Manual drafted, motion and second to submit as presented.
 - 4-3c: Leavitt Institute Roof** – No further news from Randy Langley at this time.**4-4: Route 4 Safety Meeting:** Representatives from the DOT met with Kurt Youland, Warren Hood and Kurt Schaub on July 9th to discuss improvements they are considering enhancing safety along the Route 4 corridor. Among the improvements being considered are more central turning lanes; reconfiguring the intersection with Upper Street and Lower Street so they come into the roadway as T intersections instead of the current angled approaches; and narrowing sections to slow traffic. They also reported the Weston Road signal has been bid and that nothing would be done with the Turner Center Road intersection until after the Weston Road signal impact at this intersection is evaluated. Work at 219 and Route 4 also is imminent. The group, which included Deputy Commissioner Dale Doughty and Chief Engineer Joyce Taylor, is planning a presentation to the full board when plans are further along.
- 5. Regular Reports: 5-1: Highway Manager** – All looks good **5-2: Code Enforcement** – The board just wanted to make sure the new Lobster Shack was in compliance. **5-3: Town Manager: 5-3a: FEMA – December Storm** – Reviewed damages, equipment time and labor again this past week. Had to estimate volume/depth of washouts, and separate brush cleanup efforts from road repairs.

- 5-3b: Heating Fuel Bid:** It was suggested we send this out sooner. A separate diesel bid will be prepared. Board would like to add that a bid can be split. Also need to change General Turner Hill, it says 91 should be 19. Motion and second to send bid out with the above changes, unanimous vote. **5-3c: Nezinscot River Bridge:** DOT has been in touch and stated the replacement of this bridge will take approximately 180 days, they confirmed that this is now a 2025 project. **5-3d: Highway Job Opening:** Received 3 applications and will be interviewing all of them. **5-3e: Orchard Way:** It was brought up that there are some drainage issues resulting from the past pond issue., which is now running into a residence lawn. Motion and second to have the town fix the issue, 4 in favor Kurt Youland abstained. **5-3f: Roadside Mowing Bid:** Motion and second to send out as presented, unanimous vote.
6. **Consent agenda:** Motion and second to approve with a correction on the last minutes Neil and Joanne Winslow not Wilson, unanimous vote.
 7. **Executive Session – Personnel – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405(6) (A):** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:40pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 8:15pm, unanimous vote.
 8. **Executive Session – Legal -pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A 405)6) (E):** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 8:15pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 8:30pm, unanimous vote.
 9. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:30pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC**