

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 1, 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, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett, Nick Merry and Michael Nemi. Absent: Angelo Terreri. Guest: Neil Wilson, Joanne Wilson, Richard Nadeau, Barbara Nadeau and Andrew Mckinley.
- 2. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Add Drew Mckinley as item 3-3.
- 3. Skillings Woods Road Drainage – Neil Winslow:** Several years ago, there was a drainage problem near the intersection of Skillings Woods Road and County Road involving a drainage line that went a long distance under a resident's yard and into the woods. Apparently, a change took place that sent the flow of water into a ditch alongside the road instead of through the long underground pipe. Mr. Winslow is the owner of property further down Skillings Woods Road and reports that his driveway has been eroded by the increased flow of water coming down the side of the road. Kurt Schaub was unsuccessful in finding a drainage plan for this subdivision and road. The board will meet on Wednesday the 10th at 5:00 at 48 Skillings Woods Road to evaluate, Drew Mckinley of 15 Fortin Drive was here for a similar issue so the board will also take a look at 15 Fortin Drive as well.
- 4. Old Business/Projects:**
 - 4-1: Turner Center Road bridge:** Kurt Schaub reported on June 17th that the DOT was planning to post the bridge on Turner Center Road that goes across the Nezinscot River, just west of Lower Street. The 25-ton weight limit has apparently been imposed. Kurt Schaub spoke to Joyce Taylor, Chief Engineer at the DOT, she said they could have another look at it from the standpoint that only one truck being permitted on it at a time, with that it could allow more vehicles through without having to detour. She promised to conduct that level of review but could not confirm when. Board would like to set up a meeting with DOT, Kurt Schaub will arrange.
 - 4-2: Paving and Construction:** Spencer has not yet been able to get to Trask Road. The plan is to use up the balance of 2024 Paving/Construction funds on gravel and culverts, which will free up 2025 funds to cover Trask Road. Kurt Schaub has been in touch with Dennis Spencer, and he is aware that we're also pretty much ready for pavement on Merrill's Mills.
 - 4-3: Boofy Quimby Hall:** The Building Code Evaluation and the BQMC Hall that was put together by Tom Perkins/Dirigo was provided to the board. Tabled this item until Angelo Terreri was present. Board asked Kurt Schaub to reach out to the Fire Marshall office to get

more information. Barbara Nadeau asked for permission to be able to go into hall and just and reflect, motion and second to grant Barbara permission, unanimous vote. **4-4: Transfer Station:** DEP believes our facility now exceeds two acres of impervious surface which is why they require the extensive application process. It was suggested that Kurt Schaub look into possible getting some funding from the Climate Change Funds that are available. Also suggest seeing if the Leavitt Institute Roof could qualify for any of these funds as well. **4-5: Leavitt Institute Roof:** Randy Langley has been up on the roof to measure now putting paper on it.

- 5. New Business: 5-1: MMA Legislative Policy Committee** – The board has been asked to vote for a write-in candidate for the MMA Policy Committee – Selectmen Jon Beekman from Fayette. Motion and second to vote for write-in candidate Jon Beekman, unanimous vote.
- 6. Regular Reports: 6-1: Fire Department:** Department responded to 38 fires for the month of June bringing the total to 246 for the year. Now have 3 qualified members. Crews participated in the end of the year fire alarm drills at the schools. **6-2: Rescue Department:** Total calls for the month of June were 120 bringing the total calls for the year to 601. Had Binder Lift training this month. CMP Electrical Safety Training: 3-EMT's cross trained, 2-licensed and 1 waiting to do clinical time. Lisa will be on vacation from July 20th – July 30th. **6-3: Town Manager: 6-3a: Financial Reports:** Preliminary year-end Revenue and Expense reports provided to the board. Revenues are presently \$155,279 over budget, without utilizing any of our Fund Balance allocation. Expenses are presently \$208,000 under budget, though that is likely to change with final year-end billings and one payroll that will be charged back. Will still be substantially under budget. Affecting several areas will be the impact of the anticipated FEMA reimbursement, which will be applied to offset expenses in several departments. **6-3b: Humane Society Agreement:** A copy of this year's agreement with the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society for review. Their charges have changed very little over the years. This year is a modest increase due to a slight rise in population. Motion and second to accept the agreement, unanimous vote. **6-3c: Poverty Abatements:** When lien notices were sent out in mid-May we had a few inquiries about Poverty Abatements, and two applications were actually submitted. Both have been provided with information on the Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral program, as both are elderly and appear to have limited incomes and assets. Under that program, taxes are paid by the state program, and the state refunded once the homeowner sells the property or passes away. This program is one that was expanded when the tax freeze was repealed. **6-3d: 2013 International:** As directed at the last meeting Kurt Schaub negotiated with the sole bidder on the 2013 International. The initial bid was \$20,100, eventually settled on

\$31,500. The truck is now part of the fleet in the Town of Chesterville. **6-3e:**

Employment: The new position for the Highway Department has been advertised. The deadline is July 12th, and we have one application so far.

7. Consent Agenda: Motion and second to accept the consent agenda, unanimous vote.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca M. Allaire, LCC