

## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2023

7:00 P.M.

8:30 P.M.

ERIC DURGIN

CORY HALE

KAREN JAMES

Meeting called to order with Cory and Karen present, Eric was unable to attend the meeting. Ethan Norcross and Greg Sawyer were also present for portions of the meeting.

Board reviewed warrants and signed with no changes.

Board reviewed minutes and accepted as read.

Board signed an abatement decision and pole permit.

**Tearcap Project** - Bob Sturgeon is updating pricing to reflect the revised scope of work. Bob, Cory, Eric, Karen and Greg met at the site to review the revised project scope. Everyone agreed to perform the initial project scope from the beginning of Tearcap to approximately the Norris Farm, but not as far as Phase 1 indicated on Sebago Technics plans. Instead, we will extend the project down Hampshire St from the beginning of Tearcap, removing any obvious rocks within the roadway, reclaim existing paving, regrade existing gravel, shim with fine grade and place new pavement. We think the culverts have been upgraded on Hampshire Street, but if any need extending, Bob will identify them in his revised submission. The intent is to go as far as possible for the bid price of \$347,878 but if it makes sense to go a bit further for a better stopping point, we are open to negotiation. The board agreed to waive the required bond on the project to allow additional funds to use on the road reconstruction.

### Fire Department -

1. Ethan has several policies for the department, the board decided to review the policies at the workshop scheduled for June 22 at 7pm to get Eric's input. They discussed implementing a ten-year plan for the department. Our fleet is aging, the newest truck being 10 years old.
2. FEMA Grant – The October 2023 grant will focus on tanker replacement. Ethan had a phone conference with Lance Harbour, he stated the town is a good candidate for the grant due to our size and the age of our apparatus. The cost share to the town is 5%.
3. Dept of Forestry Truck located at station one has not been used for several years. Ethan has contacted the Department of Forestry and is working on returning the apparatus to them so we can remove it from our insurance and free up space at the station. He stated the tools would be relocated to other vehicles in the fleet.
4. Air packs have been unified in both stations. Discussed donating the retired SCBA's to a program that will send them to Ukraine if the town is released from all liability.
5. Phones and Computer – Discussed cancelling the landline that is at station one and replacing it with a cellphone. The cancellation fee is approximately \$130.00 for the landline and adding an additional device to our wireless plan is less than the monthly landline price. Everyone agreed that is the best way to proceed. The fire department should have a dedicated computer, discussed that in August the town would have a laptop available that could be dedicated to the fire department decided to proceed with that.

## Road Commissioner

1. There is a truck owned by Tuck Earthworks a 2006 Freightliner with an 11' dump body it needs some minor repairs but comes with a plow, wing and chain that can be sold. The truck cost is \$25,000, with estimated repairs of \$5,000, decided to hold a public hearing for permission to use \$30,000 from the Public Works Reserve account. Any funds from the sale of the plow etc will be placed back into the reserve account if approved at the public hearing.
2. Greg requested an ad to be placed looking for a place to dump fill near Tearcap and Hampshire St. The excavator is being delivered on June 12.
3. King St. – the Dunphy's sent a letter to the road commissioner and board regarding the recent erosion of there river front property located on lot R14-5 from the May storm. Cory and Greg met with area residents and discussed adding a culvert across the Linscott's property and do some additional ditching along the roadside.
4. Culvert located at Ben Murphys should be upgraded, but since it is part of the FEMA declaration we need to wait before we can upgrade it. Greg will try and repair what is there and add some riprap to help stabilize the area.
5. Flail Mower – received two estimates Richard Humphrey for \$1500 a day and Tuck Earthworks for \$140 hourly which is \$1120 for an 8-hour day. Greg said he would like to try this on the River Rd, board agreed to the project, and was awarded to Tuck Earthworks.
6. Notch Rd – Brent Day asked Greg if he could assist with traffic control while they remove several large pine trees within the right of way on the Zelman property. Greg agreed, this will help with the maintenance on Notch Rd.
7. Greg asked about dumping over the banking on the So Hiram lot, the board deferred the decision back to him.

Schnell – Micro Brewery – Emma explained the planning board met with the three attorneys on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and reviewed the finding of facts that is being submitted to the court. No one seemed to have any objections, waiting for the court to review and get back to the planning board on the issue.

Tax Liens – for 2022 taxes will be recorded on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the staff will need to process a special warrant on the 7<sup>th</sup> to cover the fee.

Tax Acquired Properties – the Supreme Court has handed down a ruling regarding excess revenue collected on the sale of TAP. This will affect Maines current tax law. There are some LD's in legislation that may address this new ruling.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylou Stacey.