

SELECTMEN MEETING

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM

Tuesday January 25, 2022

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Jon Beekman, Toby Pond absent Nathaniel Sparling.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, Brent St. Clair, Michael Carlson, Joseph Young, Ellie Andrews, Brian Patterson.

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS Joe Young the Friends of Starling Hall updated its by-laws and allocated 1 Board of Selectmen Member seat and asked the Board of Selectmen to consider appointing 1 Selectmen to serve on the Board of Directors. Jim Wright asked about the Red Zone contract. Mark responded to say that Red Zone gave Fayette a proposal that was unique to Fayette and did not participate in the other bidding process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS None

TOWN MANAGER REPORT January 17, 2022 the Broaband bids were opened at the Western Kennebec Lakes Broadband Group Meeting. A total of 3 bidders, Mary Denison and Brian Lippold met with Mark to discuss warrant article construction and recommendations moving forward. Brian stated it would be permissible to announce that the 3 bidders were Axiom, Matrix and Charter Spectrum. Both Matrix and Spectrum gave presentations to the Fayette public last summer/fall. Mark reported that he has received the resignation of Public Works employee Michael Cote whom has served us since 2017. Both Lacy and Nathaniel conducted an exit interview. On Wednesday of last week I had a 56 minute conversation with David and Robert Manter. The Manter's rehashed their 50 year plight and issues of Young Road the road where they reside and in addition there was a new conversation that focused on the road that I live on, Lovejoy Shores Drive. Mr. And Mrs. Manter believe that the process that was used to accept and maintain this road was unlawful, improper and the Town should not be maintaining the road. At the end of the conversation I asked if they had any request of me? To which they declined and left it to me to decide what to do with this information. So with that I am memorializing the conversation by telling you Board of Selectmen that this was discussed and when the minutes will reflect the conversation and once accepted by the Board at the next possible meeting.

Old Business

22-2 Prioritization of Selectmen Priorities – Mark stated the Town is in the best financial position it has ever been in to date. This Board has a lot in front of them, a lot of expenditures and investments to consider so the subsequent discussion should be how best to proceed and what is given priority. The BOS engaged in a 48 minute with the Budget Committee.

21-157 Equipment Sale --Mark stated he redistributed the flyer and only received one bid. Jon Beekman suggested not to open. After the Board discussion they supported Jon's suggestion.

New Business

22-7 Special Town Meeting— Mark stated in the meeting he had with the Town Attorney and the Broadband Consultant that he discussed with the timeline required to convene a referendum style town meeting regarding Broadband and the grant round closing on March 20th for this grant round. Brian Holman stated that he would prefer a referendum Town Meeting. Lacy asked Mark to check the school calendar. Joe Young asked that the Board hold two public hearings on this. Lacy suggested using the March 18th workshop.

The Board suggested Mark look into it. Mark said he will have the bid tabulations and referendum questions from Mary Denison the Town Attorney.

22-8 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #15 by Jon Beekman seconded by Toby Pond Lacy asked about double payments to school staff Mark stated he thought it might be in-lieu of health insurance payments but that he would confirm with the Bookkeeper. Brian asked why there were two checks for Patrick Wheeler Mark stated the second check was a correction whereas Mr. Wheeler worked on a holiday. Vote 4 in Favor 0 opposed.

22-9 Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes of December 28, 2021 made by Brian Holman seconded by Jon Beekman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Motion to approve Minutes of January 11, 2022 made by Brian Holman seconded by Toby Pond Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

22-10 Selectmen Comments

Jon Beekman asked Mark about the new truck status Mark stated it would be here sometime in June. Jon Beekman asked Mark about the generator status. Mark stated the generator has been delivered and now waiting on the electrician. Jon Beekman asked about the status of LED street lights.

Mark stated that he ordered them through CMP and believed they have been installed. Jon asked that a list of all town-owned properties be given to the Board of Selectmen. Jon inquired about website work Jon asked about who is doing the work and Mark responded that it was a shared role between Jessica and he. Toby asked what the drop dead date would be for getting the plexiglass up at the Town Office. Joe Young offered to help.

Brian Holman addressed posting roads and asked that the Board make it a standard practice to post the roads on January 1st. The Board discussed the matter further then Brian Holman made a motion that this year and every year following we post the roads February 1st. Seconded by Jon Beekman Toby Pond said he would be more inclined to see it February 15th this year. Jon Beekman relayed a chat note from Brent St. Clair regarding a wood hauler on Sandy River Road who leaves early in the morning so had no problem with the motion. Lacy suggested a compromise of the next meeting on the 8th. Vote in favor 3 opposed 1 (Pond).

Brian Holman asked if Mark had spoken with Wesley Bowen regarding vehicles on the side of the road. Mark stated he delegated that to Matthew Chalmers who said it was addressed and had no concerns. Brian asked about the rust proofing of the truck. Mark stated the New Hampshire oil is on order and will be used once received.

22-11 Executive Session Motion to go into executive session for personnel matter made by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman. enter at 8:37 p.m. 4 in favor 0 opposed Exit at 9:25 p.m.

Jon Beekman to establish a referendum date on March 18, 2022 at the school seconded by Toby Pond

VOTE: 4-0

Adjournment

Jon Beekman motions to adjourn seconded by Brian Holman VOTE: 4-0 9:27 p.m.