

SELECTMEN MEETING

7:00 pm

Tuesday July 25, 2023

Fayette Central School

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Jon Beekman, Michael Carlson, Toby Pond (7:04)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE Brent St. Clair, George Boff, Town Manager Mark Robinson, Code Enforcement Officer and Recording Secretary Jessica Leighton, Deputy Treasurer Crystal Rose, Rebecca Greenberg

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Michael Carlson reported that he was mistaken when he reported that the next solid waste committee was a week away. He could report that the Transfer station lost over \$100,000 over the last fiscal year.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mark reported that it's been a relatively tame two weeks at the office. Road work is being continued on Bamford Hill Road. He hopes some have been able to see that work and he appreciates what the crew has been able to get done with all the rain we have had. We are short staffed due to vacations, and it's been steadily busy.

NEW BUSINESS

23-81 Municipal Building Heat Pumps

Motion to approve the use of ARPA funding to pay for heat pump installations for municipal buildings in association with Efficiency Maine Grant/rebates made by Michael Carlson, Brian Holman seconds.

Discussion: Mark said that bids were in, and he would prepare them for next meeting. Mike asked if we could move the vote to August 22nd so that he could be present to vote.

VOTE: 5 – 0

23-82 Truck Repair/Extended Warrantee

Brian motions to approve the extended bumper to bumper warranty as outlined by Allegiance of Hampden for the 2023 International Truck, seconded by Jon Beekman.

Discussion: Jon asked if this was a good deal. Brian thought that it looked like one. He asked if this included the transmission components. Mark emphasized that he said that he emphasized the Board wouldn't accept it unless it covered everything, including the transmission. If the board wanted to make their approval conditional on including the transmission, he was fine with it.

VOTE: 5 – 0

Motion to approve the equipment repair purchase as outlined by Freightliner of Bangor for the 1999 Sterling Truck made by Toby Pond, seconded by Lacy Badeau.

Discussion: Mark said the reason this quote is presented is because we wanted to look into what it would cost to replace the entire rear axle of the 1999 truck. Used options were gathered, but this quote

looked like a good price for new parts. \$30-40,000 is what the town would be looking at to replace the emissions systems, which is always a problem in newer trucks. Jon asked if we replaced the body on this truck, Mark wasn't sure. Toby asked if we had gotten any other garage estimates. Mark said that he hadn't gotten any other garage installation estimates, but that they had a very difficult time finding parts.

VOTE: 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Toby Pond)

23-83 Investment Strategy Letter Request

Motion to approve the issuance of a the investment strategy letter as prepared made by Michael Carlson, seconded by Jon Beekman. Discussion: Jon would like to add „Signature of Officer authorized to execute this agreement, with date/signature, and title lines.“ In the future, Jon would like to put out an RFP for all banking services, as he feels Androscoggin hasn't shown that we should be loyal to them.

VOTE: 5 – 0

23-84 Warrants

Motion to approve the Town payroll and accounts payable warrants #2 made by Toby Pond, seconded by Jon Beekman. No discussion.

VOTE: 5 – 0

23-85 Minutes

Motion to approve Board of Selectmen minutes for June 13, 2023 and June 27, 2023 made by Toby Pond seconded by Brian Holman.

Discussion: None

VOTE: 5 – 0

23-86 Board of Selectmen Comments

Michael Carlson noted that we are at a 40% take rate for Matrix. The ten percent left to cover equates to roughly 70 people. There is no official deadline for MCA, but the goal is by the end of September. He hopes we can get there for the beginning of August.

Brian Holman wanted to note that he had a chance to go up Bamford Hill and he was pleased with the work that was being done.

Lacy wanted to note that Toby brought up the idea of a recreation committee, and that she sees some interest in this forming. She would like to see the other recreational committees in town (FOSH, School and Home, and the Library) come together to be able to plan and participate in bigger events.

Mark would like to have a discussion when there is a full board again, the idea of restructuring how committees are done in town needs to happen. He wants to see a town Starling Hall committee formed and figure out a way to navigate that while keeping FOSH a separate entity. There needs to be a way to navigate tenant liability when it comes to holding town sanctioned events that benefit Starling Hall, and he will have a discussion with Marcus Ballou about this.

In addition, he wants to follow up with Jon Beekman's idea of forming a Conservation Commission. Not only dealing with the East Road properties, but all town owned land and looking at this with a universal perspective.

He noted that Toby brought up the idea of a recreation committee last week, and Fayette used to have a lot of support recreationally in town. There used to be an active recreation committee that produced events and activities.

Lacy wanted to note that she doesn't want FOSH members to think that they are being forced to join a committee. Mike noted that FOSH got a grant to hire a facilitator between FOSH and the Board of Selectmen, and that will probably factor into this soon.

Jon wanted to make another suggestion in regards to Starling Hall and other committees that we do some sort of focus group or open discussion on committees. He feels that committees succeed best when there is passion in the topic. Rather than force committees to be formed, start with a brainstorming session where we can identify who is looking to volunteer and what interests there are.

Lacy also thinks that there may be people who want to get involved more sporadically as well, and this may be the way to show people how to get involved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION to include Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Leighton made by Michael Carlson seconded by Brian Holman.

Discussion: None

VOTE – All in favor

Executive session entered at 7:45pm.

Executive session out at 8:24

Motion to serve the letter related to Map R003 Lot 29 via the Kennebec Sheriff's Department's Civil Division made by Toby Pond seconded by Jon Beekman.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: 5 – 0

Motion to adjourn made by Jon Beekman seconded by Toby Pond.

Discussion: None

VOTE: 5 – 0