

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chair Badeau at 7 p.m.

Roll Call of Members –Brian Holman, Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau , Jon Beekman and Toby Pond.

Attending Members of the public –George Boff, Brent St., Ted Marshall Kennebec Emergency Management Agency, Bob Gasper and Gary Hinkley from the Manchester Board of Selectmen

Pledge of Allegiance – Stated

Public Comments –None

Committee Reports –None

Town Managers Report-None

Old Business-None

New Business:

24-15 FEMA training for elected officials

The two hour training was led by Ted Marshall of the Kennebec Emergency Management Agency.

24-16 Board of Selectmen Comments None

24-17 Warrants Motion to approve Town payroll and accounts payable warrants #17 made by Jon Beekman seconded by Michael Carlson vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

Adjournment

Jon Beekman motioned to adjourn seconded by Lacy Badeau Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed 9:15 p.m.

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chair Badeau at 7 p.m.

Roll Call of Members –Brian Holman, Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau , Jon Beekman absent Toby Pond.

Attending Members of the public –George Boff, Brent St.Clair, School Committee Chair, Nancy Cronin, George Joseph, Lana Sturtevant, Courtney Lyons, and Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Leighton.

Pledge of Allegiance – Stated

Public Comments –Brent St. Clair reported that Axiom was in town in response to the MCA request for proposal.

Committee Reports –None

Town Managers Report-The Town was denied its \$200,000 MDOT stream grant request for the echo lake smelt Brook application. The Town was awarded a \$125,000 resiliency grant to engineer and upgrade the Hales Brook culvert on Fayette Corner Road that did not withstand either last May or December’s rain events.

The Town has applied for another \$50,000 resiliency grant that is purposed to replace heating systems at the Fire Station and Public Works Garage. The Fire Chief had to call ABT Heating again due to the failure of the propane heating system.

The 2006 Sterling Truck and 2015 Western Star were both sent to Allegiance (formerly Daigle&Houghton) The 06 due to electrical issues and Western Star for computer control issues that could not be diagnosed with our device.

Pete Coughlin of MDOT has started the review of Campground Road for potential acceptance of the Road.

Representatives from FEMA in the office last week, they left material for anyone who may wish to contact anyone that had damage. Deadline to apply was April 1st, 2024

Old Business-None

New Business:

24-19 Special Town Meeting Request Fayette Superintendent Joseph addressed the request for a special town meeting and the need for an expedited process. Motion made by Jon Beekman to convene a special town meeting on March 19, 2024 at 7 p.m. for the purposes described by Superintendent Joseph seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

24-19a School Facility Use Fayette School Committee Chairperson Nancy Cronin updated the Board that the school is reviewing its use policy and has temporarily suspended private usage under the advice of the Schools attorney until the School Committee has updated its use policy and use plans for the future. For now, use will

need to be supervised by a staff member. Nancy advised the Town to consider revising the Recreation account. Superintendent Joseph expressed the need for a recreation program to charge for services pickle ball, baseball, scout group use etc.

24-20 Draft Mass Gathering Ordinance Fayette Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Leighton reviewed the concerns that led to drafting a proposed ordinance as they were reviewing the current Land Use Ordinance. A Mass Gathering Ordinance is a stand-alone ordinance separate from the Land Use Ordinance administered by the Board of Selectmen not Planning Board. The joint Land Use Committee decided to bring this draft to your attention for future consideration. Upon a lengthy discussion the Board decided to table the draft ordinance to a future consideration in the Fall.

24-21 Items for June referendum ballot Jess Leighton updated the Board on all other ordinance work and what might be desired to be handled by secret ballot. Jessica recommended that the Short-term rental be dealt with at the secret ballot election on June 11th and all others dealt with at the regular town meeting on June 13th.

24-22 Repeater Bid Results Jess Leighton reviewed the Town Managers bid award recommendation for Yankee Communication for the amount quoted. Motion made by Jon Beekman for a sum not to exceed \$7,000 and include an annual maintenance cost with Yankee seconded by Brian Holman Vote in favor 4 in favor 0 opposed

24-23 Board of Selectmen Comments Jon Beekman commented on the positive Northeast bank statement. Michael Carlson informed the Board that the MCA opened the RFP process for the Fayette and Wilton grant with a closing date in April. Lacy reminded the Board that there are multiple public hearings coming up. The Board will be meeting April 2nd at Starling Hall. Jon Beekman said the County budget is coming together and looking at substantial increases.

24-24 Warrants Motion to approve Town payroll and accounts payable warrants #18 made by Brian Holman seconded by Michael Carlson vote 4 in favor 0 opposed.

24-25 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of January 23, 2024 made by Michael Carlson seconded by Jon Beekman vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Motion to approve minutes of February 6, 2024 made by Brian Holman seconded by Jon Beekman vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Adjournment

Michael Carlson motioned to adjourn seconded by Jon Beekman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed 8:36 p.m.

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chair Badeau at 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call of Members –Brian Holman, Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau , Toby Pond absent Jon Beekman.

Attending Members of the public –George Boff, Brent St.Clair, School Committee Chair, Nancy Cronin, School Superintendent George Joseph, Kristen Laverdiere, Andrew Sturtevant, Lana Sturtevant, Courtney Lyons, Richard Darling, Randy Cote, Scott Pelletier, Randy Cote, Dan Kimble, Chris Teitlebaum, School Business Manager Crystal Rose and Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Leighton.

Pledge of Allegiance – Stated

Public Comments – Scott Pelletier asked when the proposed ordinances would be discussed. Mark stated two weeks from now the Board of Selectmen will consider whether or not a ballot question for June 11, 2024 will have short-term rental or just the typical elected positions. Scott Pelletier stated that it seemed like only a handful of people are making the decisions and the rest of the Town does not know what’s going on. Mark responded to say that the information is distributed via a town-wide list serve and is on the Town website if you do not have access to the internet and do not have or use an e-mail on a regular basis then you are going to be hard pressed to get information in a timely manner about what is going on in Town. Otherwise call the Town Office. Chris Teitlebaum read a prepared statement to the Board about the Short-term rental ordinance. Dan Kimble inquired about the status of fiber optic cable installation at his house. At the end of the meeting comments were received the end of the meeting under Selectmen comments Randy Cote addressed the Board with a concern about a drug rehab center in Winthrop and its proximity to Winthrop Schools and making sure the Board was on guard from that happening here?

Committee Reports –None

Town Managers Report- As reported two weeks ago you were informed of the failed stream crossing grant on echo lake road, well that same site received another significant round of damage from the most recent rain/snow storm Rob Prue of Pine Tree Engineering has been asked to give a preliminary estimate for us to use in the next grant round. Two meetings were recently held with Rob, Dennis Spencer and Nate Manzer along with Brian Holman and David Hutchins regarding the Bamford Hill and Fayette Corner projects. The bad news is related to the costs of grave drainage product and reconstruction costs and those costs will need further consideration.

In closing, the Town Manager acknowledged there was a lot of negative chatter on the private community facebook regarding a school bus accident and it is important for the Fayette public to understand that this issue is exclusively a school matter and not the business of the Town. This scenario is often misunderstood regarding the role of the Board of Selectmen addressing school matters. In short, the Selectmen have zero authority over the School Committee or School Staff for any reason or at any time. State Law went to great lengths to protect Schools their staff and it’s elected officials from Town officials. The one and only role of the Selectmen related to authority over the school is in the approval of Town Meeting warrant articles for Town Meeting that’s it.

Old Business-None

New Business:**24-26 Underwood Memorial Library Appointments**

Motion to appoint Andrew Sturtevant and Kathryn Van Houghten to the Board of Trustees for the Underwood Memorial Library made by Michael Carlson seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

24-27 Abatement and Supplemental Taxes

	Name	Map & Lot	Assessment	Mil Rate	Tax	Reason
Abatements			Difference			
2023-12	No Name	No M&L	\$41,500.00	0.01335	\$ 554.03	House Assessed in error
2023-13	Shelley L. Gilley	R07 Lot 75-A	\$48,900.00	0.01335	\$ 652.82	Assessed in error
Supplement				0.01335	\$ -	
2023-2	Michael Foley & Blazka Zgek	R04 L 49A	\$226,100.00	0.01335	\$ 3,018.44	Supplement Missed H
2023-3	Arthur & Marilyn Young	R08 L 54A		0.01335	\$ 940.68	TG Removal
2023-4	Steve & Lori McHugh	U14-65	\$41,500.00	0.01335	\$ 554.03	Supplement of Hse to

Motion to approve the following abatement and supplemental tax corrections as prepared by the RJD Assessing Agent made by Toby Pond seconded by Michael Carlson 4 in favor 0 opposed.

24-28 Generator Bid Results

Mid Maine Generator - \$11,478

Generators of Maine -\$10,050

Archer Electric- \$10,830

Motion to approve Archer Electric bid of \$10,830 seconded by Toby Pond seconded 3 in favor 0 opposed

24-29 Board of Selectmen Comments Toby Pond directed his comments to Scott Pelletier "hoped that in the future that things are addressed differently by the school and hope that the public sees our transparency on this board. I apologize as a representative of this board that another entity was keeping you as a parent in the dark." Brian Holman asked about the status of road posters? Mark intended on keeping them up with exception of Bamford Hill and Fayette Corner. Randy Cote asked that his culvert be addressed. Scott Pelletier inquired more about the road work.

24-30 Warrants Motion to approve Town payroll and accounts payable warrants #19 made by Brian Holman seconded by Michael Carlson vote 4 in favor 0 opposed.

24-31 Minutes Not available

24-32 Executive Session- regarding a property interest Pursuant to: M.S.R.A. Title 1 §405. Executive sessions6. Permitted deliberation. Deliberations on only the following matters may be conducted during an executive session: C. Discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition or the use of real or personal property permanently attached to real property or interests therein or disposition of publicly held property or economic development only if premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency; [PL 1987, c. 477, §3 (AMD).]

Motion to enter

Michael Carlson motioned to enter executive session seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed 7:56 p.m.

Exit time 8:26 p.m.

Adjournment

Michael Carlson motioned to adjourn seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed 8:26 p.m.

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
April 2nd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Holman following the Starling Hall workshop at 7:38 p.m.

Roll Call of Members –Brian Holman, Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau via zoom, Toby Pond absent Jon Beekman.

Attending Members of the Public –Belinda Bothwick, Mary Ann Hayes, Joseph Young, George Boff, Chris Teitlebaum, Joel Swimm, Jim Wright, Brad Miller, Director of Programs and Services of Maine Preservation, Adam Lyon, Courtney Lyon, Mark Jarrell, Renee and Richard Keen, Jim Wright, Elaine Wilcox, Lori Beaulieu, Joy Beekman, Brent St. Clair, Jessica Leighton, Code Enforcement Officer and Pam Zeutenhorst of Envision Prosperity.

Pledge of Allegiance – Stated

Public Comments – James Wright asked about updates on Land Use Ordinance and Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Mark Responded to inform Public Hearings would be held on April 30th and May 14th to receive this information. Belinda Bothwick provided details of the intent of the short-term rental ordinance.

Committee Reports –Toby informed the Board of a bad chimney fire on Fellows Farm Road.

Town Managers Report- We completed and submitted a community resiliency grant last week. The Broadband effort continues, the MCA will be receiving a recommendation to award the grant to Consolidated Communications (CCI). Grant is for funds to provide fiber to the home throughout the entire Town of Fayette. The formal board will be meeting April 5th to render its final decision. Michael Carlson informed the Board that in the meeting he and the Town Manager attended that a special emphasis was conveyed that all unserved Fayetteans should be afforded fiber to the home to whomever is awarded this grant to be universally accessible. Hopefully we will have some pavement left after this next storm.

Old Business-None

New Business:

24-33 Secret Ballot Questions for June 11, 2024

Motion made to have the short-term rental question dealt with via secret ballot on June 11th by Michael Carlson seconded by Brian Holman 2-2 vote motion fails. Motion made to table making a decision and hold a special meeting April 9th made by Brian Holman seconded by Michael Carlson 3 in favor 1 opposed (Holman)

24-34 Planning Board Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Joe Longtin seconded by Toby Pond with regret vote in 4 in favor 0 opposed

24-35 Board of Selectmen Comments Toby let the public works guys know whether by design or mechanical failure we appreciate the back-up alarm being shut off when backing up is appreciated/ Lacy expressed her appreciation to our volunteers for all they do and how they have been working hard on issues that are sometimes unpopular. Brian Holman asked about the status of the Public Works roof? Mark said it is part of this years plan to get it done. Brian Holman asked about the chain at the Tilton **Pond boat launch has been stolen asked about getting it replaced.**

24-36 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Payroll and Accounts Payable #20 made by Michael Carlson seconded by Lacy Badeau 4 in favor 0 opposed

Adjournment

Michael Carlson motioned to adjourn seconded by Toby Pond Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed 9:19 p.m.

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
April 16th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chair Badeau at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members –Brian Holman, Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau, Jon Beekman, Toby Pond

Attending Members of the Public – Superintendent George Joseph, School Business Manager Crystal Rose, School Principal Courtney Lyon, School Committee members Chair Nancy Cronin, Kristen LaVerdiere, Lana Sturtevant, Richard Darling, and Robin Holman. Budget Committee members Chair Brent St. Clair, Katie Pepper, Ellie Andrews, Jim Wright, and Joel Swimm. Public at-large: Belinda Bothwick, Mary Ann Hayes, Joseph Young, George Boff, Chris Teitlebaum, Adam Lyon, Judy McKown, Dan Kimble, Josiah Garcia, Richard and Renee Keen, Fred Ames, Darlene Ames, Ron Hewett, Orra Lee Hewett, Gregg Delapp, Adeline Taylor, Wes Taylor, Belinda Lemay, Diane Polky, Kirstie Ludwig, Jean St. Clair, Wesley Hall and Jessica Leighton Code Enforcement Officer

Pledge of Allegiance: Stated

Public Comments

Committee Reports

Town Managers Report

Old Business: None

Old Business-None

24-37 Joint meeting of School & Budget Committee

The Board engaged in a 54 minute discussion and review of the School Budget.

24-38 Preparations for April 30 Public Hearing

The Town Manager reviewed information in the Board Packet and prepared the Board for when they would be able to opine on Town and School warrant article questions. The Board will also have an additional opportunity to address articles at the next meeting following the final public hearing May 14th to address any other changes. Jon Beekman requested that Microsoft Word versions of both the short-term ordinance and land use ordinance amendment be sent out.

24-39 Board of Selectmen Comments

Toby Pond inquired about street lights, The Town Manager responded to say that there is one street light that is paid by the Town and it is the only light working. It is the light at the school department exit across from the Tom Surrey Road. There are two other street lights in town that are disabled and not billable, 1 at the entrance of the school parking lot and the other is located across the street from the Fayette General Store. Jon Beekman asked about when the crew will be picking up trees and debris in the ditches. The Town Manager said it's on the list. Michael Carlson stated that the on-line auction for Starling Hall raised over \$8,000. Brian Holman asked if the person was found that cut the chain at the Tilton Pond boat launch? The Town Manager stated he had not filed a report to Public Safety and did not have any new information.

24-40 Warrants Motion to approve Town payroll and accounts payable warrants #21 made by Toby Pond seconded by Jon Beekman vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

24-41 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of February 20, 2024 made by Michael Carlson seconded by Brian Holman vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

Motion to approve minutes of March 5, 2024 made by Brian Holman seconded by Michael Carlson Toby Pond asked about the PW Truck fleet status? A 10 minute discussion followed

Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention (Pond)

Motion to approve minutes of March 19, 2024 made by Brian Holman seconded by Toby Pond Michael Carlson asked to include his name as making the motion to 24-28 for archer electric vote 4 in favor 0 opposed. 1 abstention (Beekman)

Adjournment

Michael Carlson motioned to adjourn seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed 7:37 p.m.

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
April 30th, 2024 at 9:08 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chair Badeau at 9:08 p.m. following the Public Hearing that started at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call of Members –Brian Holman, Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau, Jon Beekman, Toby Pond

Attending Members of the Public – Superintendent George Joseph, School Business Manager Crystal Rose, School Principal Courtney Lyon, School Committee members Chair Nancy Cronin, Kristen LaVerdiere, Lana Sturtevant, Richard Darling, and Robin Holman. Budget Committee members Chair Brent St. Clair, Katie Pepper, Ellie Andrews, Jim Wright, and Joel Swimm. Public at-large: Belinda Bothwick, Mary Ann Hayes, Joseph Young, George Boff, Chris Teitlebaum, Adam Lyon, Judy McKown, Dan Kimble, Josiah Garcia, Richard and Renee Keen, Fred Ames, Darlene Ames, Ron Hewett, Orra Lee Hewett, Gregg Delapp, Adeline Taylor, Wes Taylor, Belinda Lemay, Diane Polky, Kirstie Ludwig, Jean St. Clair, Wesley Hall and Jessica Leighton Code Enforcement Officer

Public Comments-None

Committee Reports-None

Town Managers Report -None

Old Business-None

New Business:

24-42 Report Dedication and Spirit of America

Motion made to dedicate the Annual report to Jed Davis and Spirit of America Award Posthumously to Don Simoneau made by Jon Beekman

24-43 Draft Annual Meeting Warrant Articles

4-44 Board of Selectmen Comments Michael Carlson got the 15 mile per hour signs replaced. Lacy Badeau suggested that the short-term rental and mass gathering ordinance at the same time at a Special Town Meeting. Lacy Badeau stated she would be sending review for the Town Manager. Jon Beekman asked that staff reviews have not been conducted could reviews be conducted as soon as possible. Toby Pond inquired about if the Board received copies of staff reviews. The Town Manager explained that it was like the separation of Church and State when it comes to municipal personnel and elected Selectmen. The Town Manager works for the Board of Selectmen and the Manager's review may be inspected by the Board of Selectmen however the staff work for the Manager and the Board is not afforded the privilege of review.

24-45 Warrants Motion to approve Town payroll and accounts payable warrants #22 made by Toby Pond seconded by Michael Carlson vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

Adjournment

Michael Carlson motioned to adjourn seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 1 opposed 9:18 p.m.

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
May 14th, 2024 at 8:27 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Holman at 8:27 p.m. following the Public Hearing that started at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge-

Roll Call of Members –Brian Holman, Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau (via ZOOM), Jon Beekman absent:
Toby Pond

Attending Members of the Public – Superintendent George Joseph, School Business Manager Crystal Rose, School Principal Courtney Lyon, School Committee member, Lana Sturtevant, Budget Committee members Chair Brent St. Clair, Ellie Andrews, Jim Wright, and Joel Swimm. Public at-large: Belinda Bothwick, Mary Ann Hayes, Joseph Young, George Boff, Chris Teitlebaum, Adam Lyon, Judy McCown, Dan Kimble, Josiah Garcia, Elaine Wilcox, Donna Barrows, Lori Beaulieu, Kelli Burnham, Hartley Eaton, Maggie Chadwick, John Andrews, Matt Fletcher, Lisa Andrews, Dana Whitney, George Boff, Barbara Chisolm, Mark Bender, Michelle Voter, Mark Jarrell, Janet Freeman, Dan Rooney, Rachael Adams, Joe Young, Dan Rooney, Renee Keen, Gregg Delapp, Diane Polky, Jean St. Clair, Wesley Hall and Jessica Leighton Code Enforcement Officer and Simon Thorne of Consolidated Communications.

Public Comments-None

Committee Reports-None

Town Managers Report -None

Old Business-None

New Business:

24-46 Fiber to the Home Status-Simon Thorne Senior Manager of Governmental Affairs for Consolidated Communications gave a 30 minute presentation.

24-47 Draft Annual Meeting Warrant Articles

Motion to accept **articles 3 thru 20** as written made by Lacy Badeau seconded by Jon Beekman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed.

Motion to accept **articles 21 thru 23** as written made by Lacy Badeau seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed..

Motion to accept **article 24** as written made by Jon Beekman seconded by Michael Carlson Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed. Vote 3 in favor 1 opposed (Holman)

Attachment A amendments

Jon Beekman amended the motion to accept the dwelling definition that is in the proposed land use ordinance. Seconded by Michael Carlson

Lacy Badeau provided an amended version of the ordinance.

Jon Beekman amended the motion to accept all of Lacy Badeau’s recommendations of the proposed short-term

rental ordinance. Michael Carlson agreed to second the amended motion Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed.

Motion to approve **articles 25 thru 31** as written made by Michael Carlson seconded by Lacy Badeau
Brian Holman asked to remove his stipend and associated payroll taxes from the article.

Michael Carlson amended and Lacy seconded to reflect the change as requested. Voted 4 in favor 0 opposed

Motion to approve **article 32** as written made by Jon Beekman seconded Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0
opposed

Motion to approve **articles 33 thru 36** as written made by Lacy Badeau seconded by Jon Beekman
Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Motion to approve **articles 37** as written made by Lacy Badeau seconded by Jon Beekman
Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Motion made to table **article 38** made by Michael Carlson seconded by Brian Holman vote in favor 4 0 opposed

Motion to renumber the articles accordingly based on the removal of the former article 38 made by Jon
Beekman seconded by Brian Holman vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Motion to approve the new **article 38 (formerly 39) and new article 39 (formerly 40)** as written made by Jon
Beekman seconded by Michael Carlson Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

24-48 Website Service Agreement

The Town Manager reviewed the history of the Town's website and need for an upgrade. Motion made to
approve the contract for Town Cloud a new website service provider for \$3,754.80 for a 3 year contract made
by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

24-49 Pole Permit

The Town Manager reviewed the permit request. Motion made to approve the permit by Michael Carlson
seconded by Lacy Badeau.

Motion amended to have the Town Manager sign the pole permit in behalf of the Board of Selectmen by
Michael Carlson seconded by Lacy Badeau.

24-50 Board of Selectmen Comments Lacy Badeau stated she was pleased with the sweeper work by public
works.

24-51 Warrants Motion to approve Town and School payroll and accounts payable warrants #23 made by
Michael Carlson seconded by Brian Holman vote 3 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention (Badeau)

24-52 Minutes-not Available

Adjournment

Jon Beekman motioned to adjourn seconded by Michael Carlson Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed **10:08 p.m.**

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
May 28th, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Call to Order Meeting was called to order by Chair Badeau at 7 p.m.

Pledge- Stated

Roll Call of Members –Toby Pond, Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau, Jon Beekman absent: Brian Holman

Attending Members of the Public –George Boff, Chris Teitlebaum, Lori Beaulieu, Richard and Renee Keen, and Diane Polky

Public Comments-None

Committee Reports-Jon Beekman attended the school committee meeting. A new playground will be added to the existing playground paid for by \$50K grant applied for by the Principal. The School will need volunteers at the end of June. The Gym floor will be done on June 17 school will be closed for 1 week. The old playground equipment will stay. There is a story walk at the playground built by students from Maranacook.

Town Managers Report -The Manager received a letter from the Library Director announcing her retirement. A meeting with the Board of Trustees to discuss the future plan for the Library will be held on June 11 Roadwork on Bamford Hill Road will be completed tomorrow. An amended version of STR ordinance will be posted tomorrow on the town website. Lori Beaulieu invited others to assist with the removal of swollen bladder wort from Tilton Pond. Boat launch is gated so once a boat is launched it needs to stay on the pond for the summer.

Old Business-None

New Business:

24-53 Meet the Candidates The Town Manager introduced the two candidates up for election Kristen Laverdiere for School Committee and Dana Curtis for Board of Selectman

24-54 Annual Meeting Warrant Article Motion to approve the question as written for a \$200,000 transfer by Lacy Badeau (does not proceed due to the lack of a second) Motion to transfer \$100,000 from surplus made by Jon Beekman seconded by Lacy Badeau Vote 3 in favor 1 opposed Michael Carlson

24-55 Board of Selectmen Comments None

24-56 Warrants Motion to approve Town payroll and accounts payable warrants #24 made by Jon Beekman seconded by Toby Pond Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed. 2 minutes

24-57 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of April 2, 2024 made by Michael Carlson seconded by Toby Pond Vote 3 in favor 1 opposed. 2 minutes

Motion to approve minutes of April 9, 2024 made by Michael Carlson seconded by Toby Pond Vote 3 in favor 0 opposed. 1 abstention Jon Beekman

Motion to approve minutes of April 16, 2024 made by Jon Beekman seconded by Michael Carlson Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed. 2 minutes

Motion to approve minutes of April 30, 2024 made by Michael Carlson seconded by Jon Beekman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed. 2 minutes

Motion to approve minutes of May 14, 2024 made by Toby Pond seconded by Michael Carlson Vote 3 in favor 1 opposed. 2 minutes

Addition to the agenda

24-58 Cemetery Lot conveyance Mike and Linda Reeve Fayette Mills Cemetery

Motion made by Michael Carlson seconded by Jon Beekman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Adjournment Toby Pond motioned to adjourn seconded by Jon Beekman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed **7:58 p.m.**

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 11th, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Call to Order Meeting was called to order by Chair Badeau at 7 p.m.

Pledge- Stated

Roll Call of Members –Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau, Jon Beekman and Brian Holman, absent Toby Pond

Attending Members of the Public –George Boff, Mark Jarrell, Lori Beaulieu, Richard and Renee Keen, Robert Capers, John McPhedran of MDEP, and Brent St. Clair

Public Comments-None

Committee Reports-None

Town Managers Report -Hazardous waste day is June 30th, Mike Carlson will be representing the town that day. Report of a feline sighting near the echo lake road on rt 17, believed to be a leopard in appearance. It had spots and a long tail with a white tip, be on the lookout. Election took place a light turnout of only 166 voters. Town meeting June 13 at the school at 6pm. Tom Saviello will be moderating the event as he has for many years. This will be his last as he will be retiring.

Old Business-None

New Business:

24-58 Tilton Pond Bladderwort Infestation Bigger issue than initially realized this spring. As a reminder, the Board of Selectmen last fall took action to close the boat launch. Tonight, John McPhedran is back from Maine Dept. of Environment Protection. To answer any questions the board may have. He was here last fall when it first became an issue.

Also, resident Bob Capers representing 30 Mile Water Association. Bob sent out an email to residents of the pond. Local centers of contact, Chris Riley and Lori Beaulieu, for removal. Both have received training from 30 Mile regarding the proper removal of the flowering of the swollen bladderwort, this is far more than last year, and unexpected. Silas Mohlar of 30 mile put a barrier downstream of the outlet culvert at the outlet of Tilton Pond to prevent fragments from going down stream. Jason Seiders, Fisheries Biologist of Maine Fish and Wildlife gave approval of the deployment of the netting barrier.

No evidence of growing beyond Tilton yet. There are 5 populations of this plant in the state. Three in southern Maine, Lake Arrowhead, Little Ossipee Lake, and Nelson Lake and a population in Chesterville on Horseshoe Pond which has been there for quite some time, maybe 30 + years. For the future there are volunteers that are willing to be trained with cleanup.

24-57 Board of Selectman Comments Jon Beekman recognizing the road crew clean-up of some trees that came down last year.

24-58 Warrants Motion to approve accounts payable and payroll for Town and School made by Brian Holman
Second by Jon Beekman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed.

24-59 Minutes None

24-59A Addition to the Agenda-Legislative Policy Committee MMA Motion to nominate Jon Beekman
made by Lacy Badeau Second by Brian Holman Vote 3 in favor 1 abstaining Jon Beekman

24-60 Executive session Motion to enter made by Jon Beekman at 7:38pm 4 in favor 0 opposed

Exit 8:22pm No Action taken following the exit

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jon Beekman seconded by Michael Carlson Vote 4 in favor 0 Opposed Time 8:22pm

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 25th, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Call to Order Meeting was called to order by Chair Badeau at 7 p.m.

Pledge- Stated

Roll Call of Members –Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Toby Pond absent Jon Beekman

Attending Members of the Public –Joseph Young, George Boff, Christopher Teitlebaum, Fayette Fire Chief Marty Maxwell, Lori Beaulier and Brent St. Clair

Public Comments-Brent St. Clair asked about next roads to pave and whether the Town Manager inquired about the use of the invested funds to start work while the Town applies for a bond? The Town Manager stated Yes, it is possible, David Hutchins and I will review the planned work the crew would be readying other roads for work to be reclaimed and paved in late September October. The Town report listed in the Town Report are the roads planned for work. George Boff said hello.

Committee Reports-Toby Pond informed the Board that the McNally house collapsed or is collapsing. Michael Carlson reported that the School Committee met last Thursday at Starling Hall whereas the school was unavailable. That was George Joseph's last meeting and he will be through the end of the month. School Committee Chair Nancy Cronin asked if the school could get a separate audit from the Town as she does not feel they know of how good of a job they are doing and cant discern that from current combined audits. George and Principal, Courtney Lyons will be meeting with auditors. On July 12th they are going to be doing parking lot work at the School. Gym floor was refinished although there remains, blemishes and markings under the new finish. George has been notified. Building work has been delayed a couple of weeks. Playground work will be on July 27th. Courtney is looking for volunteers. Pre-K program has 12 kids signed up updates on Heat Pumps does not have a contract in hand but expects to qualify for \$85K in efficiency Maine grants and locked in at \$12 per square foot. The pumps will serve the class rooms offices, kitchen and stage area only. Gym is not included. George anticipates 20 to 30 % savings on schools energy bills. The Committee tabled discussion of public use of facilities. The Committee had a discussion of residency affidavit update. Driveway quote was approved for \$6,500. They sold the pellet silo and did not get any bids on the boiler. Toby Pond asked if the school considered the covering of the floor yet. Mike said he would forward the idea to Courtney. Marty Maxwell inquired about heat pumps at the Fire Station. Mike asked if the Town Manager could contact Efficiency Maine. Mike added that the School Committee confirmed that there will not be any conflicts with meeting scheduling of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen meeting dates.

Town Managers Report –This week is Denise Cotnoir’s last week as she is retiring. Thursday is the end of our fiscal year as such the office will close at Noon. Mark will be away. Reminder that Sunday June 30 is the Household Hazardous Waste day Michael Carlson will serve to represent the Town on that day. In the packet is a request from some of the Parker Lake Shore residents to name an unnamed road from the 1960’s subdivision that has been used as a walking trail/snowmobile trail. Given the current legal sabre rattling between one of the residents in conflict with the rest, the request to assign an E911 name is purposely delayed by yours truly as the E-911 Addressing Officer. This will be the subject of future Selectmen meetings. Also in your packet is a request to approve a quit-claim deed for Nancy Mason for old tax liens that were not correctly discharged by the Town when the liens were paid off thus a need for an addition to the agenda.

Old Business-None

New Business:

24-61 Fire Dept. Ventilation Fan Chief Maxwell reviewed projects purchased with the use of unexpended funds in the past and requested to use the current fund to pay for a battery powered 18 inch fan. Cost to approve is approximately \$6,000. Motion made by Brian Holman seconded by Michael Carlson sum not to exceed \$6,000

Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

24-62 Year End and Town Meeting Review Lacy Badeau led a discussion in the review: broadband, bamford hill road, comprehensive plan, addressed the state mandate regarding (ADU) accessory dwelling units. Toby Pond expressed that the short term rental tabling was not a good idea and did not allow people enough time to speak. More time should have been given. Town Meeting is an outdated form of governance and should change. Toby also asked to see the Town work toward some form of waterfront property in which residents can enjoy and go to and cool off during the Summer. Michael Carlson stated that too few attend public hearings to become educated on issues before they vote and receive their information from other sources that is not necessarily correct or accurate information. Somehow need to encourage more participation.

24-63 Short Term Rental Fee Discussion Lacy Badeau led a discussion to encourage no fee for the first year. Michael Carlson made a motion to set the fee at \$0 dollars seconded by Toby Pond Brian Holman thinks it should be \$200. Toby asked who would be enforcing this. Mark stated that tonight is just about the fee who enforces this is for a subsequent discussion. Vote 3 in favor 1 opposed (Holman)

24-64 Starling Hall Engineering Proposal Mark reviewed the issue and referenced the proposal included in the Board’s packet. Michael Carlson asked that the proposal be addressed to both the Town and FOSH since it is a joint Town and FOSH expenditure. Lacy requested two additional bids. Brian Holman expressed there was a lack of a response from other firms. Joe Young clarified that the last request for proposal was for an analysis regarding an addition to the Hall to accommodate a Town Office or an expanded Town Office at the current location. Feel strongly that we do not have to go out to bid on this because we have been down the road with them for the last ten years. They are familiar with the building and anyone else they will need to start from scratch and will cost more. Brent St. Clair asked if we were required to go out to bid? Mark stated the administrative ordinance speaks to the required bidding process. Joe Young stated that this is a waste of time and slows down the process. If this was a new project I would say yes but we have worked with them for 10 years. Brian Holman unless we find the information in the administrative ordinance that forces us to I support the Artifex bid. Motion made by Michael Carlson to approve the Artifex bid contingent upon compliance with our Administrative Ordinance seconded by Brian Holman Vote 2 in favor 1 opposed (Pond)1 abstention (Badeau) Mark suggested to send out to the Town Attorney to make sure you have the latitude.

24-65 Drainage Easement Mark reviewed the issue and Easement. Mr. Stevenson is accepting of the language and will come in and sign in the presence of a notary. Pipe will need to be ordered and installed after Mr.

Stevenson has signed the easement. This has nothing to do with Starling Hall or Friends of Starling Hall only the water that flows through the property from North to South.

24-66 Board of Selectmen Comments Toby really wants the Town to invest in a Town beach. Toby inquired about the posting of the Echo Lake Road and impact on Camp Vega. Mark responded that he had Rob Prue of Pine Tree Engineering review and it was his perspective was that it was ok for the passenger busses to cross at the owners discretion and discouraged freighted box trucks but again at owners discretion he would honor this as a written professional opinion and advised the Town post the road for its own liability protection. The owner of Camp Vega was advised of the aforementioned and relayed that to its service providers. Michael Carlson asked about the status of the Fire Station Parking Lot. Mark responded that it is still the plan to have it done this year. Michael Carlson asked to have Public Works address trees in ditches of Watson Heights. Brian Holman asked if the Town of Fayette has an agreement with the Town of Wayne

24-67 Warrants Motion to approve accounts payable and payroll Warrant # 26 for Town and School made by Michael Carlson accept for \$19K page that needs more information Second by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed.

24-68 Minutes Motion to approve May 28th by Toby Pond seconded by Brian Holman 3 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention (Carlson)

Motion to approve June 11th by Brian Holman seconded by Michael Carlson 3 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention (Pond)

24-68A Quitclaim Deed for Mason Motion to approve the Quitclaim Deed as presented by Michael Carlson Second by Toby Pond Vote 4 in favor 0

24-69 Executive session Motion to enter made by Michael Carlson at 8:29 pm seconded by Toby Pond 4 in favor 0 opposed

Exit 8:53pm Motion made by Mike Carlson to approve the use of the Health Care reserve administered by Group Dynamic for unreimbursed costs not to exceed \$600. Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael Carlson seconded by Toby Pond Vote 4 in favor 0 Opposed Time 8:54pm

**FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 9th, 2024 at 7 p.m.**

Call to Order Meeting was called to order by Chair Badeau at 7 p.m.

Pledge- Stated

Roll Call of Members –Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Toby Pond, Dana Curtis

Attending Members of the Public –Mary Denison Esq., Alma Rooney and Brent St. Clair

Public Comments-None

Committee Reports-Toby Pond a suspicious person on Watson Heights this week. Michael Carlson reported that the Hazardous Waste Day went very well. Courtney Lyons postponed the playground build to August 2nd.

Town Managers Report: Year-end closing went well starting the new-year went well. Based on the volume of activity from July 1 to July 3 it should always be open for public use. The ongoing issue regarding an E911 request I am respectfully declining to proceed until the entities involved resolve their issues. A few issues with road obstructions on Echo Lake road but all in all the holiday period went well.

Old Business-24-64 Starling Hall Engineering Bid-Mark relayed he met with Mary Denison the Town Attorney regarding the Selectmen's discretion in the Administrative Ordinance. As currently written she advised that the latitude to simply accept the Artifex proposal did not exist in the ordinance.

Later in the meeting Mary Denison while still in public forum attended Michael Carlson asked if the Friends of Starling Hall were the only ones named in the contract do we need to go out to bid? Mary's response was if you're not (Town) the contracting party then the administrative ordinance does not apply. In the past the Town has paid the Engineer directly. Mark asked if Mary could opine on the Memorandum of Agreement between FOSH and the Town that was created several years ago.

New Business:

24-70 Board of Selectmen Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

Motion made by Brian Holman for Lacy Badeau as Chair and Michael Carlson as Vice Chair seconded by Dana Curtis Toby expressed Brian should be Vice Chair

Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention (Badeau)

24-71 CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Selectmen or citizen so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda. 1 minute

Motion to appoint Jessica Leighton as Code Enforcement Officer

Motion to appoint Jessica Leighton as Local Plumbing Inspector

Motion to appoint Ron Hewett as Cemetery Sexton

(The 3 motions below are contingent upon first of the year election by the Fayette Fire Dept)

Motion to appoint Marty Maxwell as Fire Chief
Motion to appoint Marty Maxwell as Fire Warden
Motion to appoint Marty Maxwell as Civil Emergency Preparedness Director
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as Town Manager
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as Tax Collector
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as Town Clerk
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as Treasurer
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as General Assistance Administrator
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as Road Commissioner
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as E-911 Addressing Officer
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as Public Information Officer
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as Registrar of Voters
Motion to appoint Mark Robinson as Deputy Moderator
Motion to appoint Dr. Rachel Criswell as Health Officer
Motion to appoint Kelly Burnham as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Joy Higgins as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Ron Quinn as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Carol Strecker as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Lori Beaulieu as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Diane Polky as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Belinda Lemay as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Marjorie Bruen as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Elaine Wilcox as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Crystal Rose as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Amy Rich as Election Worker
Motion to appoint Kirstie Ludwig as Election Warden (added by amendment)
Motion to appoint Jed Davis to the Planning Board 2 year term
Motion to appoint Jon Beekman to the Budget Committee 2 year term
Motion to appoint James Wright to the Budget Committee 2 year term
Motion to appoint Katie Pepper to the Budget Committee 2 year term

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Lacy Badeau Seconded by Michael Carlson
Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed

24-72 Board of Selectmen Comments Toby asked to have Jon's name removed from the warrant. Toby inquired about on-line registrations. Dana Curtis stated that the consumer is always going to pay this cost. Brian Holman asked if he should refrain from signing the school warrant whereas his wife Robin signed on the school side. Mark agreed that it would be correct for him to abstain in the school warrant approval. Brian Holman complimented the culvert application that was submitted for Echo Lake Road culvert. Brian Holman asked if we had inch and a half stone for the playground project. Lacy Badeau mentioned goal setting for coming year. Toby Pond really wants a Town beach. Lacy asked to consider forming a recreation committee.

24-73 Warrants Motion to approve accounts payable and payroll Warrant # 1 for Town and School made by Toby Pond Second by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention (Holman on school only)

24-74 Minutes Not available

24-69 Executive session Motion to enter made by Michael Carlson at 7:44 pm seconded by Toby Pond 5 in favor 0 opposed

Exit 8:23pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael Carlson seconded by Toby Pond Vote 5 in favor 0 Opposed Time 8:23pm

FAYETTE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 23rd, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Call to Order Meeting was called to order by Chair Badeau at 7 p.m.

Pledge- Stated

Roll Call of Members –Mike Carlson, Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Toby Pond, Dana Curtis

Attending Members of the Public –Jon Beekman, Lori Beaulier, Deborah Dubord, George Boff, Alma Rooney and Brent St. Clair

Public Comments-None

Committee Reports-None

Town Managers Report: The Town Manager reported a gentleman from Belgrade called to lodge a complaint that our Public Works truck and trailer spun a rock that cracked his windshield. The gentleman was put in touch with our insurer and recently received notice from them that they were denying his claim. Excavation work on Sandy River Road continues now that we have the excavator back from repair. During the process of requesting quotes from law firms that provide bond counsel it was learned that a special town meeting will be necessary to correct the language in the Road Bond article that had been approved at the June 13th Annual Town Meeting. The Town Manager had prepared a special warrant to consider and asked to add an action item to tonight's agenda to approve convening a special town meeting. (Chair Badeau added the item to the agenda). Yesterday the Town Manager received a petition from resident Brent St. Clair that so asks. *"On November 5, 2024 by secret ballot vote shall the citizens of Fayette request the Select Board and Town Manager to take all necessary action to sell the Starling Hall currently owned by the Town before the end of the year 2025"* Upon receiving the petition it was scanned and e-mailed to the Board of Selectmen and Town Attorney. The Town Attorney advised that it be sent to the MMA legal division. Susan Pilgrim advised that the Board needs to choose when to convene the election as it is not mandated to hold it on November 5th. The Board has at the latest the meeting of September 3rd to make the decision if it is to be held on November 5th. Lacy Badeau commented that there needed to be addresses on petitions. The Town Manager informed the Board that he and the Road Foreman have been on the lookout for a new dump body for the 2006 Sterling which has all TENCO gear. Trying to find compatible and reasonably good used is very difficult. We have also had the 1999 and 2001 trucks reviewed by the mechanics at Daigle and Houghton as a precaution to see what they advised we replace or repair to ready for the winter. Toby Pond expressed great concern about driving vehicles all the way to Bangor and paying top mechanic rates per hour when there are perfectly competent mechanics around here for less cost. The Town Manager explained that there is a level of trust in these mechanics and we have established a relationship with Daigle and Houghton staff where as we have purchased the last 3 plow trucks from them (2023, 2015 and 2006). The Town Manager explained that the best option for a body found to date is in Limerick at SA Mclean that has a stainless steel body. Toby Pond asked for the price. The Town Manager stated it was \$14,000. Toby Pond asked for more details on the body.

24-64 Starling Hall Engineering

The Town Manager reminded the Board of the draft request for proposal for engineering services he had prepared for the Board's consideration and stated the Town Attorney so advised that a new rfp process may not

be necessary if a chain of work done by Artifex could be reasonably demonstrated. The Town had paid Ames Associates in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Sometime in 2019 Ames changed its name to Artifex. Since that time all payments have been made by the Friends of Starling Hall. Jon Beekman stated that Ames was hired in 2015 and subsequently responded to and rfq for both the Town and FOSH but were paid for entirely by FOSH. Lacy Badeau reviewed the motion that was made at the June 25th meeting. *Motion made by Michael Carlson to approve the Artifex bid contingent upon compliance with our Administrative Ordinance seconded by Brian Holman Vote 2 in favor 1 opposed (Pond) 1 abstention (Badeau) Mark suggested to send out to the Town Attorney to make sure you have the latitude.* As stated the Town Attorney so advised that a new rfp process may not be necessary if a chain of work done by Artifex could be reasonably demonstrated. Motion made to award the Artifex contract amount not to exceed \$15,000 by Brian Holman seconded by Dana Curtis Vote 3 in favor 2 opposed (Badeau Pond)

24-65 Drainage Easement The Town Manager updated the Board on the progress to divert water away from the Starling Hall property on to the property of Joseph Stevenson. The Town Manager reminded the Board that this work is to divert water away from culvert piping that was installed in 1999. The Town is doing its best to be a good neighbor to address what is result of climate change combined with heavy timber harvesting that has facilitated more water heading to the neighbor to the North. Pipe has been ordered and work estimated to be completed by the end of August.

New Business:

24-76 All Age Friendly Volunteer Calling The Town Manager introduced Deborah Dubord, Lori Beaulier and Rooney to discuss the effort held at Starling Hall a 20 minute discussion ensued about the merits of services that desired to be delivered. A committee charge is anticipated to be prepared for the next meeting.

24-77 Board of Selectmen Comments Brian Holman asked the Town Manager to address bolts that were a hazard left from the removal of the wood pellet silo. Brian Holman inquired about the trees cut behind the school and ruts left by the excavator and trucks. Brian Holman asked if one of the school busses could be moved so that he could get ready to do work on the playground area. Brian Holman suggested using a log mat for a bridge crossing on the East Road property. Brian asked that whomever cuts the bolts where a shield

24-78 Warrants Motion to approve Town payroll and accounts payable warrants #2 made by Brian Holman seconded by Dana Curtis vote 3 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention

24-79 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of June 25, 2024 made by Brian Holman seconded by Dana Curtis vote 3 in favor 0 opposed. 1 abstention Curtis

Motion to approve minutes of July 9, 2024 made by Brian Holman seconded by Dana Curtis vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

24-79A Special Town Meeting Warrant

Motion made to convene a special town meeting on August 6, 2024 by Dana Curtis seconded by Brian Holman vote 3 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstention

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Curtis seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in favor 0 Opposed Time 8:12pm