

SELECTMEN MEETING

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM
Tuesday October 5, 2021

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Jon Beekman, Nathaniel Sparling, and Toby Pond joined 4 minutes in.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, Brent St. Clair and Michael Carlson and Joe Young

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS Michael Carlson provided an update on the Connectme Authority meeting from September 29th. There are no senate appointments yet to this meeting because the Senate is busy with redistricting. The US Treasury came out with the capital funds guidance how State directors should administer the funding allocation program. They changed the definition of unserved communities of those less than 100 megabytes download and 20 upload. They avoid the use of the FCC mapping rather relying on the local maps being collected and the infrastructure package is still in limbo status. They are working to streamline the grant process but nothing is applicable now. We have been advised to get grant requests out by November 24, 2021. Brian Lippold said the pole survey should be done by next week and after that the strand map can be produced. Peggy Schaeffer the Director of the Connectme Authority gave a power point presentation and emphasis will be placed on future proof projects they do not want band aids they prefer fiber to the home route vs coaxial cable. Higher emphasis is placed on rural communities and the wealth of the communities is considered their preference is for regional development not for individual towns. Their target is 100 over 100 symmetrical where they define being unserved is 50 over 10. Preferences for universal access and communities with bad service like us will be given priority for first grants. Lower density communities get a higher priority. There is no definitive formula on funding but the hope would be 25% Federal funds 25% state funds 25% local and 25% service provider funds. The bottom line is we will have to come up with a commitment to funding this project and there is increasing frustration with people in the Town that have been communicating with Michael about the survey that went out with the real estate tax bills were frustrated. ARPA funds need to be spent by end of 2024 and capital project funds by end of 2026. It would have been preferable to have had a referendum question as opposed to the survey. There is frustration that internet improvement are not going anywhere and there is frustration one person he spoke with said his wife will lose her employment as a customer service representative for LL Bean because she has terrible internet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lacy informed the Board of the State's request for more information from our Comprehensive Plan. Jon Beekman reported the building committee endorsed the contract from Artifex formerly Ames Associates and forwarded it to Mark. Lacy asked to have that in the next packet. Toby reported that there was some suspicious activity in the Watson Heights area.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mark continued the earlier discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan update and stated that KVCOG will need to address these issues. Mark stated the 120 acre conservation of the Hewett property is 2/3's of the way to the funding goal as reported by the Kennebec Land Trust. Mark reported that he was not in the office last week, Crystal Rose, Denise Cotnoir and Jessica Leighton ran the store. Mark commented on the quality of the MMA conference. Tax bills have been issued with the surveys. Response has been robust. Brian Lippold reported that he should have an RFP ready by the end of the month. Brian stated that everything had fallen in place as he had anticipated for us. Mark informed the Board that the appeal regarding a Lovejoy Pond property has been put on hold as the attorney

representing the appellants requested a continuance which was granted. The CEO has been doing a great job and activity is robust. Lacy asked if we are seeing a slow down in real estate sales. Jon asked if the KVCOG bill had been paid. Mark stated that today Crystal addressed with the administrative assistant.

Old Business None

New Business

21-121 ARPA Update- Mark Updated the Board regarding the status of obtaining the \$122,000 in ARPA funding. The Board discussed the pursuit of Kennebec County ARPA and supported the idea of a letter be written to the County.

21-122 Truck Replacement- The Board discussed the level of funding and discretionary authority given to the Town Manager to pursue a vehicle in Norridgewock. Brian and Nathaniel agreed to go with Pat Wheeler, Matthew Chalmers and Mark. Nathaniel Sparling made a motion to give Mark the authority to purchase the Truck with a purchase price not to exceed \$22,000 seconded by Jon Beekman. Vote in favor 5 opposed 0

21-123 Return to ZOOM Meetings- Lacy addressed the Board regarding the decision to return to ZOOM. So when to convene meetings of the Broadband group, Building Committee will need to be determined whether in person or Zoom. The majority of the Board expressed a desire to meet with the Broadband group after we received the survey results and draft RFP from Brian Lippold and Building Committee to meet at the next meeting on contract. Jon wanted to ensure that all discussions take place at meetings not via e-mail. There was a debate over whether the role of Selectmen are as gatekeepers or facilitators. Jon stated that each Selectperson should take a freedom of access course and to add under the administrative ordinance the chair does not have discretion alone to determine the agenda.

21-124 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #7 made by Toby Pond seconded by Nathaniel Sparling vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

21-125 Minutes

Motion to approve meeting minutes for September 7, 2021 made by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman vote 5 in favor 0 opposed. Motion to approve meeting minutes for September 21, 2021 made by Brian Holman seconded by Nathaniel vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

21-126 Board of Selectmen Comments- Jon encouraged everyone to participate in the Starling Hall to go meals.

21-127 Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405 The BOS will enter executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405. (Section 6 A Personnel Matter)

6. Permitted deliberation. Deliberations

Enter Executive session at 7:55 on a motion made by Brian Holman seconded by Toby Pond

Exit Executive session at 8:21.

Brian Holman made a motion to remove the sand and broken up asphalt from the Asa Hutchinson Road put down gravel and prepare the road for paving. Seconded by Toby Pond. Mark interjected that he would pursue to reclaim the hill and hot mix pave the hill. Brian rescinded his prior motion to directed Mark to pursue to reclaim the hill and hot mix pave the hill. Toby approved to rescind and seconded the new motion. Jon asked if we have the budget. Mark will do his best to keep it in budget.

Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed

Jon Beekman asked if the Board could approve the contract for a new Town Office. Toby informed the Board of the Boondockers issue and stated that he would not be checking on these individuals as all have been reputable and respectful of the property unless the Town brings a concern directly to law enforcement. Brian agreed with Toby. Brian asked if the Town would be held liable if anyone would be injured on this right of way.

Nathaniel Sparling motions to adjourn seconded by Brian Holman VOTE: 4-0 8:50 p.m.

SELECTMEN MEETING
7:00 pm VIA ZOOM
Tuesday October 19, 2021
Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Jon Beekman, Nathaniel Sparling, and Toby Pond joined at 7:04 p.m..

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, Jed Davis, Adam Lyons, and Michael Carlson and Joe Young

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS Michael Carlson requested that he be given the opportunity under committee reports to provide an update on the most recent WKLCBA meeting. Joe Young gave an update regarding Starling Hall. FOSH contracted Fabian Oil to install a new heating and air conditioning system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Michael Carlson informed the BOS that the WKLCBA has recently reviewed a draft of an inter-local agreement prepared by Preti-Flaherty for all Towns represented by WKLCBA. Michael asked if the BOS if they have been given the authority to enter into an inter-local agreement? Readfield BOS already has it and he wanted to make sure the BOS has that authority. Fayette, Vienna, Mount Vernon, Wayne and Readfield are the Towns that remain in the WKLCBA. Michael asked if Pole mapping had been completed Mark stated that it had. Jon asked if the BOS had the authority. Mark stated that an inter-local agreement exists for the operation of the Transfer Station and that went before a Town Meeting for approval. Michael informed the BOS that the RFP process should be completed by the end of October which would bring us into the RFP phase that includes a pre-bid meeting a week after the RFP is issued. The next round of ConnectMe grants will be opened on or around November 24th. The biggest issue with that is that it needs to come up with a Town Commitment that would require a Town Meeting and Town Approval for going to bond or some form a local funding authorization. In order for us to qualify for grants by November 24th we will need some kind of special public hearing and special town meeting to authorize the Town to go to bond and at least to show the funders that the Town is willing to commit funds as part of the grant application. Next round of Spring and Fall of 2022. Jon relayed the solid waste and recycling committee met last week and the group is going to add more invited towns and add commercial business opportunities. Recycling rates have been very good. Lacy complimented the staff at the Transfer Station.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mark let the BOS know that he has signed the letter of engagement for the next financial audit. Mark stated it would be his intent to start the process for 2022-23 budget committee work and road committee work. Mark remarked that some of the division of duties are back in the swing of things with the return of additional staff.

Old Business None

New Business

21-128 Town Office Architect Contract- Mark reviewed the work done by the building committee. Jed Davis Committee Chair shared his perspective on the work done. Jon Beekman made a motion to approve the contract for price quoted by Artifex that was unanimously recommended by the committee seconded by Toby Pond.

Jon offered that he received very positive feedback when he researched the references for the Artifex firm. Brian Holman shared that he did not believe the contract should be approved because it included Starling Hall as a considered site. Given the Hall is surrounded by wetland and the lot is very small. Nathaniel concurred. Jon Beekman stated that Artifex included its review of the site in its price. Brian Holman stated that we should not include it whereas MDEP has determined the site limitation. Jed asked that we find out what it is going to reduce the contract by if Starling Hall is eliminated. Brian asked to have it removed. Lacy inquired about the mention of other Town property. Jon clarified that it was an addition to the Town Office at the Town Office site and Starling Hall as a location. Jon amended the motion to approve the contract with the stipulation the Chair of the Building Committee reached back to Artifex to amend their proposal to remove Starling Hall from the contract and adjust their price seconded by Lacy. Brian Holman not in favor as it is not in writing and would want to wait until they respond with another contract drafted and dont mind giving his approval before the next meeting as long as he has a revised contract. Joe Young stated that if you already have removed Starling Hall as a location than you might as well go with a build plan at the current location rather than fool around with any kind of analysis. That should save you quite a bit of money because you are not trying to coordinate different peoples expectations of what you would get out of each site. Jed stated if the savings is as significant by staying at the current site then lets get a new contract that specifies that then hopefully it can be signed before your next meeting. Jon amends his motion have the BOS have the capability to sign it at the Town Office. Toby seconded Vote 4 in favor 1 opposed (Sparling)

21-129 PFAS Forever Chemicals- The Board discussed the recent press regarding PFAS and their presence on land in Fayette. Lacy led the discussion and their are a few locations in Town that may have contaminants in them. Nathaniel mentioned that Leeds and Monmouth are two closest locations that are superfund sites. Jon stated Drinking Water Professional Community has known about this for quite some time.

21-130 Truck Replacement- Mark informed the BOS of the ongoing search and needed approval for more that the \$22K for a Rowe Ford 2011 truck where the asking price was \$30K. Jon Beekman motioned to increase the authority to not exceed \$32K seconded by Brian Holman Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

21-131 Asa Hutchinson Road- Motion made to direct the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Allstate's Construction Inc. to reclaim and pave the hill section of the Asa Hutchinson Road for the quoted price not to exceed of \$36,871 by Brian Holman seconded by Nathaniel Sparling.

21-132 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #7 made by Toby Pond seconded by Nathaniel Sparling vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

21-133 Minutes

Tabled to the next meeting

21-134 Board of Selectmen Comments- Brian Holman complimented the ditching done on the Fayette Ridge Road. Toby asked if we had the sander from the 2003 1 ton. Mark indicated that we did not. Lacy wanted to pass along appreciation for the Fayette Fire Department and their continued work throughout the pandemic. Lacy asked that we look into an electronic sign.

21-135 Executive Session pursuant to MR.S.A. Title 1 §405 The BOS will enter executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405. (Section 6 A Personnel Matter)

6. Permitted deliberation. Deliberations on a contract

Enter Executive session at 7:59 on a motion made by Brian Holman seconded by Toby Pond

Jon asked if other members of the public should be included in the ES. Mark explained that with respect to the content discussed at the request of the presenter the discussion be limited to the presenter, Casco Bay Advisors and the 4 Selectmen. Nathaniel asked why Lacy could not attend and

Mark provided the explanation. Nathaniel made a motion to permit Lacy to sit in the executive session Lacy expressed her appreciation for the motion but chose to leave the meeting.

Vote 4 infavor 0 opposed

Exit Executive session at 9:40.

Toby Pond made a motion to direct the Town Manager to enter into a letter of intent to redzone Wireless to receive a Redzone proposed contract to be reviewed by the Town Attourney to present to the BOS seconded by Jon Beekman. 4 in favor 0 pposed 1 abstention (Badeau)

Jon Beekman motions to adjourn seconded by Toby Pond VOTE: 5-0 10:10 p.m.

SELECTMEN MEETING
7:00 pm VIA ZOOM
Tuesday November 2nd, 2021

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, Michael Carlson, George Joseph, Rich Polsiniello, Mark Bender, Mark Jarrell, Marty Maxwell, Joseph Maxwell, Tammy Maxwell, Jim Wright, Dan Kimble, Mary Ann Hayes, Heather Young, Ray Braithwood, Joe Young, Brent St. Clair, Joe Longtin, Casco Bay Advisors Brian Lippold, Jim McKenna Redzone Wireless, Andrew Weeks, Nathan Stooke Whisper ISP.

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

COMMITTEE REPORTS None

TOWN MANAGER REPORT Nothing eventful to report beyond getting ready for the Today's election.

Old Business None

New Business

21-136 Redzone Wireless Presentation-

21-137 Truck Replacement
Tabled to the next meeting

21-138 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #9 made by Nathaniel Sparling seconded by Brian Holman vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.

21-139 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for October 5th made by Jon Beekman seconded by Nathaniel Sparling vote 5 in favor 0 opposed Correction to Toby's name to be made

21-140 Board of Selectmen Comments- Toby asked about Asa Hutchinson paving status. Brian asked about Pat's plan to deal with wing rows on the edge of the road.

21-141 Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405 The BOS will enter executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405. (Section 6 A Personnel Matter)

6. Permitted deliberation. Deliberations on a contract

Enter Executive session at 7:59 on a motion made by Brian Holman seconded by Toby Pond

Jon made a motion to authorize members of the Broadband Committee to meet with the Board and Town Attorney.

Lacy informed the Board that she will leave the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Seconded by Toby Pond

Vote 1 in favor 3 opposed

**Brian Holman motioned to permit Mary Denison to enter into Executive Session
seconded by Nathaniel Sparling**

Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Enter at 8:55 p.m.

Exit Executive session at 9:29 p.m.

Brian Holman made a motion to direct Attorney Mary Denison to tweek the Redzone Wireless contract preparation to for our next regularly scheduled meeting seconded by Nathaniel Sparling.

Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Jon Beekman motioned to convene a special town meeting at a date to be determined to secure grant money and use of Town undesignated and designated funding to fund broadband internet expansion. Seconded by Brian Holman. 4 in favor opposed

Jon Beekman motions to adjourn seconded by Toby Pond VOTE: 4-0 9:42 p.m.

SELECTMEN MEETING

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM

Tuesday November 16, 2021

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Jon Beekman, and Toby Pond joined at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, and Michael Carlson

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS Michael Carlson read the following statement:

Statement regarding the Town of Fayette's consideration of broadband internet solutions:

Author: Michael E. Carlson, Town of Fayette resident,
Member of the Fayette Broadband Committee and,
Volunteer member of the Western Kennebec Lakes Collaborative Broadband Association
("WKLCBA"), unanimously appointed and approved by the Town of Fayette Board of
Selectmen

Date: November 14, 2021

This statement is in response to actions taken by a majority of the Town of Fayette Board of Selectmen at the November 2, 2021 meeting immediately prior to entering into executive session regarding the RedZone proposal to expand broadband internet access in the Town of Fayette.

A motion was made to allow certain individuals to participate in the executive session in order to offer knowledge, experience and perspective that could potentially influence any decision made regarding the RedZone proposal and/or the future of broadband internet in Fayette. One of those individuals was unanimously appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve the Fayette residents as the Town's representative to the WKLCBA when no Board member was willing to volunteer. The motion was voted down 3 to 1 with almost no discussion and without adequate justification from those opposing the motion or input from the Town's legal counsel who was present and available to comment if requested.

By excluding those willing to voluntarily share information, knowledge and experience, the Board deprives Fayette residents of a forthright and objective discussion about broadband internet's future in the Town. Instead, other concerns are allowed to guide and dictate the direction the Town will take without placing the wishes of the residents first. Respectful people can disagree respectfully on what is in the best interests of Fayette; however, the intentional and unjustified exclusion of those willing to volunteer to serve the Town, is not only a sign of disrespect but discourages open participation of other residents in voicing their opinions and taking an active interest in Town affairs.

I strongly encourage the Board to thoughtfully re-examine its intent of excluding residents and volunteers whose sole desire is to improve the Town and improve the lives of the residents. To do so otherwise increases the risk of negative long-term financial impacts in favor of short-term cost savings. In other words, let's not be penny wise and pound foolish.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Carlson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lacy stated that we are waiting on KVCOG. Michael Carlson the attorneys are updating the draft of the inter-local agreement. Readfield received approval to do it all. Spectrum is funding a media campaign thru a 3rd party to oppose a fiber to the home initiatives taken by the Town. Jon said the committee will be bringing up the issue again at the next meeting. Brian Holman stated the building committee voted 5-2 to ignore the Board's wishes to bring up again using Starling Hall as a considered site for a new Town Office. Brian stated that he would like to see the survey as the East line is the only room on that lot for a building and should have Kachnovich drive a pin so we know how much of the lot has not been filled. Because there is no point in spending even a \$1,000 on land we do not own. Brian Holman stated that he would like to call the architect back in (Artifex) and find out what they plan on doing even if the land is buildable as that land is all filled. Brian asked if the subgrade prepared properly before they dumped gravel in there before they got their permit by rule parking lot extension. Jon Beekman stated that he had a copy of Clyde Walton's survey and would send out to Mark to distribute he received it at a meeting at Sara Reed's house. Brian referenced a land swap and Jon stated that they were conveyances from 2 parties. Brian asked if anyone knows where the pin is on the east line which no one knew at the meeting. Mark stated he would reach out to Toby.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mark reviewed his perspective on the election and challenging situations regarding mask wearing and difficulty had by both the Election Warden Kirstie Ludwig and Mark. Happy to see the election over and done. Mark reported that the copier/scanner went down for nearly a week causing warrants not to be prepared for tonight's meeting. Mark reported he will be meeting with Mary Denison and Brian Lippold on Monday to address the Redzone contract. The WKLCBA draft RFP will be issued soon for the BOS meeting on November 30, 2021. Lacy asked if we should get a lower tech scanner in the event this happens. Good segway to announce the Kennebec Emergency Management Agency will be bringing the Town Office a new generator at no cost to the Town. Related Brian Lippold will be submitting a grant for the purchase of the MDOT tower and 30% share for the Redzone contract. Brian Holman asked if we have had a Tower person to inspect the Tower. Mark stated that the Office of Information Technology person he was working with has yet to respond and there was another business recommended by Redzone out of New Hampshire that could assist for a fee. The owner reached out to Mark and requested the OIT information. Toby asked if the printer needed to be replaced. Mark stated this it was service issue. Toby asked about the generator issued by the County. It is a wheeled gas powered generator the Town would have Archer Electric do the install. Lacy reminded the board of the idea for an electric sign. Toby suggested a sign be located on the Town property at the former Mac's Garage location that can be wirelessly changed from a smart phone. Jon Beekman suggested that Archer Electric install both at the Town Office and Garage so the generator may be used at either location.

Old Business None

New Business

21-143 Truck Replacement- Many thanks to Brian Holman for putting the Town in touch with Hight Ford in Skowhegan the vehicle he had heard about led us to a used vehicle that was owned by the owners son a 2012 F250 in mint condition with 73,000 miles it does everything that Road Foreman Pat Wheeler wanted the new truck to do. This is a replacement for the 2006 Chevy purchased in 2016. The truck comes with a plow and will fit the bill to plow the tight areas and narrow drives we are responsible for and allow the big trucks to sand all with out having to get in these tight corners. The Truck is also an extended cab to shuttle the crew when necessary. Brian Holman asked if the truck could be scheduled for undercoating. Mark said it will be done. Lacy Badeau reminded the Board of its preference that the Truck spend its nights in Fayette vs travelling with The Road Foreman to his residence in Chesterville. Mark asked the Board about the storm event scenarios if the BOS would have flexibility or did they want it to stay here every night? Brian Holman stated he would like it to stay every night and they come in like everyone else. Toby Pond stated so long as Mark as Road Commissioner made the determination of when the crew would be dispatched to come in and plow then he had no problem with keeping the Truck in Fayette. Mark said that usually the person checking the roads during a

storm scenario is the Road Foreman. Mark will go out if there are issues with a particular road or driver. Jon Beekman asked if Pat was on call 24-7? Mark stated that theoretically he is. Mark added that while we have been looking for a new truck Pat has used his personal vehicle for the last 2 to 3 months and throughout his tenure when we were down this truck he deployed the use of his own truck to plow and haul. Mark stated that the issue is not a matter of truck rather a matter of keeping miles off the vehicle. Toby Pond stated that he would have preferred a diesel and bigger truck but this will get us through for now. Brian Holman stated that if Pat used his vehicle he owes the Town as he puts on over 6000 miles a year on the truck the town owns including gas. Lacy Badeau affirmed it is about keeping the mileage down and wear and tear. Toby Pond stated he would prefer to leave it up to Mark to determine if the Truck goes home the night before a storm and the majority of time it stays at the garage. Jon Beekman concurred. Brian Holman disagreed and the only time the trucks should leave the line is when they access Sandy River Road via East Road through Chesterville.

21-144 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #10 to be signed at the Town Office by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in Favor 0 opposed

21-145 Minutes

Tabled to the next meeting

21-146 Board of Selectmen Comments- Jon Beekman asked Mark if we have ever taken advantage of the MMA driving simulator it is pretty effective. Jon Beekman asked for BOS consensus for him to pursue the MMA risk reduction grant. Laser guides for plow wings. Toby Pond stated the KSO is looking to help with Turkey Baskets. Mark stated he redirected the KSO civil division to Sue Morin to help reach needy families. Brian Holman suggested using the local food banks. Lacy Badeau discussed postponing FOSH to December 14th meeting. Jon Beekman asked that all the cemetery information we get to digitizing the records. Toby Pond concurred.

Adjournment

Jon Beekman motions to adjourn seconded by Brian Holman VOTE: 4-0 8:20 p.m.

SELECTMEN MEETING
7:00 pm VIA ZOOM
Tuesday November 30, 2021

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Jon Beekman, and Toby Pond

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, Brent St. Clair, Nancy Cronin, Jed Davis, Adam Lyons and Michael Carlson

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS Brent asked how we were doing with the boiler at the school. Mark stated that he was not involved with the boiler but believed it has yet to operate this season. The one firm that is most familiar with the boiler is unavailable due to their work load. Michael Carlson asked to be allowed to participate in the executive session if related to broadband.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee Chair Jed Davis reported that the Building Committee has reviewed the most recent proposal from Artifex on the heels of the Board of Selectmen decision that eliminated the Starling Hall Lot as a possible site for a new town office. The committee voted 5-2 (Holman, St Clair) to carry forward the recommendation from Ellen Angel of Artifex that the Board of Selectmen still consider Starling Hall as a location for a new Town Office. Their proposal is only \$1,000 less if the Hall site is eliminated from the proposal. Nancy stated that part of the responsibility is to openly consider those things that are citizens care about and asked the BOS to reconsider and include Starling Hall lot. Brian Holman referenced the survey that shows the lack of room on the lot. The lot is not big enough and asked to honor the Boards decision to exclude the Hall site. Brent St. Clair stated that the original contract in September was 25,600 to do both lots then when we asked them to give a price to just evaluate the Town Office site alone the price was 26,130 and thinks Artifex is playing games with the price and wants the grange hall site happen as a feather their portfolio. Brent recommended that the Town thank Artifex for their bid and then have the Committee go before the Planning Board with a plan to develop the site at the Grange Hall for a new Town Office and see what constraints exist. Let the Planning Board decide whether it is legal or not. If found legal and suitable then it goes before MDEP for permit by rule. We can do that we do not need Artifex to do that for us. Jed Davis stated a correction to what Brent said that the original price was \$ 27,130 the current proposal is \$26,130. Nancy Cronin stated that it was really important the Committee and Board do its due diligence and get documented that the Starling Hall site was evaluated and deemed unsuitable and would be concerned about people crying foul if the Selectmen did not look at everything. So its more about the due diligence and less about where things are going to go. Toby shared his thought that he sees the importance of supporting the history and building just not as an everyday Town building. Town meetings, bake sales, keep me warm dinners to be held there but not as an everyday Town use building. Toby stated that he would rather see the Town look into other land to be developed for the purpose of a new Town Office and not be fighting about this same issue 50 years from now. If we build a brand new building on a piece of property we have not explored. Dean Pepper has 20 acres currently under contract and it does not mean other people are not willing to sell property where a new building that is current and will stand for years to come and stand by the decision for not choosing Starling Hall as a location. Jed Davis stated he agreed with what Nancy said. People have devoted an enormous amount of time and money in restoring Starling Hall. Jed agreed with Brent that we may have jumped the gun in hiring an architect and may be use a different process and the Building Committee should go back and consider that. But if we are going to stay on the route we started on then it makes no sense to insult these Towns people and not include the Hall for no good reason. The purpose of leaders is to deal with problems not create unnecessary problems. There

is little down-side to leaving Starling Hall included at this point. It's going to be hard to explain to the Towns people why we eliminated it before we got a report on it. From professionals Brian Holman stated that he disagreed with Jed and it would not be hard to explain. Would like to see Starling Hall completed as a Community Building as is. There is simply no room for an additional building. You cannot put a building over the culvert running east to west behind the building and you cannot put a building in the 15 foot right of way. Jon Beekman stated that he agreed with both Jed and Brian and Toby on considering other sites for a new Town Office. Jon further stated that he no longer supported the idea of the Town Office at the Starling Hall site. Jon found the discrepancies Brent referenced in the contracts and explained the differences were related to the addendums in the proposed contracts. Jon is super excited to have a dozen people talking about a new Town Office. Lacy Badeau stated that she agreed with Brian and believed it is time to move forward with completing the Hall. The building would be useful if we could use it now. Lacy stated that Friends of Starling Hall will be at the next meeting. Getting the feeling that maybe we need to back up a little bit. We don't want to move forward then have to back up or if there is an alternative site the Board wants to look at or one the Town doesn't own that has not been explored. Lacy asked the Board for feedback because we did not want to sign a contract. Jon Beekman suggested that the Board authorize the Building Committee to explore privately owned land that might accommodate a new Town Office and then go back to Artifex and have them bid on multiple sites. Brian Holman stated that the Pepper lot would be a great location because of its good visibility whereas the visibility at the current Town Office location is not the greatest. And certainly is not the greatest coming out of Starling Hall. Need to do more to further the Starling Hall building improvement along its going to take a lot of money to get this done and FOSH cannot do it alone. Jon Beekman agreed 100%. Jed Davis stated that he wondered if the next step is to take this back to the building committee to address Brent's suggested action in that it may be premature in hiring an architect and address that first then other sites. Mark interjected and asked to end the discussion whereas we are pressed for time for the meeting with the Town Attorney and Consultant.

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New Business

21-143 Truck Replacement- Many thanks to Brian Holman for putting the Town in touch with Hight Ford in Skowhegan the vehicle he had heard about led us to a used vehicle that was owned by the owners son a 2012 F250 in mint condition with 73,000 miles it does everything that Road Foreman Pat Wheeler wanted the new truck to do. This is a replacement for the 2006 Chevy purchased in 2016. The truck comes with a plow and will

fit the bill to plow the tight areas and narrow drives we are responsible for and allow the big trucks to sand all with out having to get in these tight corners. The Truck is also an extended cab to shuttle the crew when necessary. Brian Holman asked if the truck could be scheduled for undercoating. Mark said it will be done. Lacy Badeau reminded the Board of its preference that the Truck spend its nights in Fayette vs travelling with The Road Foreman to his residence in Chesterville. Mark asked the Board about the storm event scenarios if the BOS would have flexibility or did they want it to stay here every night? Brian Holman stated he would like it to stay every night and they come in like everyone else. Toby Pond stated so long as Mark as Road Commissioner made the determination of when the crew would be dispatched to come in and plow then he had no problem with keeping the Truck in Fayette. Mark said that usually the person checking the roads during a storm scenario is the Road Foreman. Mark will go out if there are issues with a particular road or driver. Jon Beekman asked if Pat was on call 24-7? Mark stated that theorhetically he is. Mark added that while we have been looking for a new truck Pat has used his personal vehicle for the last 2 to 3 months and throughout his tenure when we were down this truck he deployed the use of his own truck to plow and haul. Mark stated that the issue is not a matter of truct rather a matter of keeping miles off the vehicle. Toby Pond stated that he would have preferred a diesel and bigger truck but this will get us through for now. Brian Holman stated that if Pat used his vehicle he owes the Town as he puts on over 6000 miles a year on the truck the town owns including gas. Lacy Badeau affirmed it is about keeping the mileage down and wear and tear. Toby Pond stated he would prefer to leave it up to Mark to determine if the Truck goes home the night before a storm and the majority of time it stays at the garage. Jon Beekman concurred. Brian Holman disagreed and the only time the trucks should leave the line is when they access Sandy River Road via East Road through Chesterville.

21-144 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #10 to be signed at the Town Office by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in Favor 0 opposed

21-145 Minutes

Tabled to the next meeting

21-146 Board of Selectmen Comments- Jon Beekman asked Mark if we have ever taken advange of the MMA driving simulator it is pretty effective. Jon Beekman asked for BOS consensus for him to pursue the MMA risk reduction grant. Laser guides for plow wings. Toby Pond stated the KSO is looking to help with Turkey Baskets. Mark stated he redirected the KSO civil division to Sue Morin to help reach needy families. Brian Holman suggested using the local food banks. Lacy Badeau discussed postponing FOSH to December 14th meeting. Jon Beekman asked that all the cemetery information we get to digitizing the records. Toby Pond concurred.

Adjournment

Jon Beekman motions to adjourn seconded by Brian Holman VOTE: 4-0 8:20 p.m.

SELECTMEN MEETING

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM

Tuesday December 14, 2021

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, Donna Barrett, Elaine Wilcox, Al Godfrey, Lori Beaulier, and Joseph Young

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jon Beekman reported that the Building Committee has met since the last Board of Selectmen meeting and assignments were issued and awaiting responses back.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT The recent storm events have been addressed promptly and adequately by the crew. Tax payments have been robust.

Old Business None

New Business

21-150 Friends of Starling Hall The Board engage in a 50 minute conversation with members of FOSH regarding their effort to restore Starling Hall

21-151 Abatement and Supplementals- Motion made to approve and sign all abatements as prepared by the Assessing Agent (see the attached list) by Toby Pond seconded by Brian Holman Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed

21-152 Special Town Meeting Motion made to convene a Special Town Meeting on February 16, 2022 at 7 p.m. Town Meeting made by Toby Pond seconded by Jon Beekman. Mark explained the sensitivity regarding the date choice and timeline for approval regarding broadband grant funding. Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed

21-153 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #12 to be signed at the Town Office by Jon Beekman seconded by Nathaniel Sparling Discussion: Brian Holman inquired about the Allstates Asphalt charge. Mark explained that the quote the Board reviewed and approved was for 2/10 of a mile. Mark had Allstates go beyond Andies Drive so the hill in its entirety was reclaimed, shaped and paved. Vote 5 in Favor 0 opposed.

21-154 Selectmen Comments

Brian Holman asked if we have looked into rust proofing the used ¾ ton pick up. Mark stated he has Jon's recommendation and has yet to make contact. Jon stated that he is no longer in business. Brian asked when there would be gravel added to the edge of the pavement and marked culvert that was blocked. Mark said he would address when reasonably possible. Brian asked how the bus and truck sale is being advertised and when will they be visible. Lacy asked about Broad Band survey results Mark reported 105 Yes (50 seasonal 64 year-round) AND 161 No votes (76 seasonal 108 year round) AND 16 maybes.

21-155 Executive Session Motion to go into personnel and property interest made by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman vote 5 in favor 0 opposed enter at 8:25 p.m. Exit at 9:22 p.m. Jon Beekman motioned to authorize in-lieu of payment of \$3,000 for a public works employee at a disbursement to be determined by the Town Manager seconded by Nathaniel Sparling Brian Holman asked that it go in his

paycheck, Toby Pond indicated that the County does it at the end of the calendar year. Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed

Adjournment

Jon Beekman motions to adjourn seconded by Toby Pond VOTE: 5-0 9:29 p.m.

SELECTMEN MEETING

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM

Tuesday December 28, 2021

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, Michael Carlson, Joseph Young and Robert Rogers

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS Joseph Young inquired about the Special Town Meeting as to whether or not there will be more than 1 question on the warrant. Lacy responded that the answer was not known at this time. Joe expressed concern over the short time he would have to solicit a petition to have a question added to the warrant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TOWN MANAGER REPORT Mark relayed that the Board will have a final negotiated contract that has been negotiated by the Town Attorney and Consultant in the Town's behalf at its next meeting. Jon Beekman requested a copy of the Litchfield contract. The recent storm events have been addressed promptly and adequately by the crew. A few mailbox issues. Mark thanked the Board for their support of the holiday event for the crew that was held today.

Old Business None

New Business

21-156 Parcel Mapping Update The Board received a 28 minute presentation from Robert Rogers of his work for the Town.

21-157 Town Equipment Bid- Crystal Jackman e-mailed a bid for \$230 for the 1995 BUS and \$630 for the 2004 BUS, Wesley Bowen: For pick-up and plow \$1,127.50, for both BUS \$525 each. Ralph Black : \$1,100.00.

Jon Beekman made a motion to approve highest bid for all three busses on condition they are no closer than 75 feet from a Town maintained road seconded by Toby Pond Brian Holman suggested selling both to Crystal Jackman at a slightly lower cost to keep the busses out of Fayette. Jon amended his motion to reflect Brian's suggestion Toby seconded.

The Board approved selling the 2 BUSES to Crystal Jackman and Truck to Wesley Bowen. Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed

21-158 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #13 by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman Vote 5 in Favor 0 opposed.

21-159 Selectmen Comments

Toby Pond asked what could be done to help facilitate getting a sander on the pick up truck. Mark stated that it was not the Road Foreman's intention to use the 2012 ¾ ton pick up to sand rather plow only. Mark said he would research it. Brian Holman stated you could put a small poly sander on the truck. Toby Pond stated that the sander could be used for many locations not just intersections. Brian Holman asked on the status of rust proofing the 2012 truck. Mark stated that Mathew Chalmers has recommended New Hampshire Oil as

opposed to fluid film and would look into it. Brian asked about old truck caps and to sell them if they do not belong to any of the guys. Lacy thanked all of the staff for their dedicated work over the past year.

21-160 Executive Session Motion to go into personnel and property interest made by Toby Pond seconded by Brian Holman vote 5 in favor 0 opposed enter at 8:01 p.m. Exit at 8:44 p.m. Jon Beekman
The Board approved selling the 2 BUSSES to Crystal Jackman and Truck to Wesley Bowen. Se conded by Toby Pond Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed

Adjournment

Jon Beekman motions to adjourn seconded by Nathaniel Sparling VOTE: 5-0 9:47 p.m.

SELECTMEN MEETING

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM
Tuesday January 11, 2022

ROLL CALL OF SELECTMEN Lacy Badeau, Brian Holman, Jon Beekman, Nathaniel Sparling absent during regular meeting Toby Pond (Toby joined the executive session at 8:40 p.m.)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE George Boff, Brent St. Clair, Michael Carlson, Joseph Young and Stephen Linder.

PLEDGE Stated

PUBLIC COMMENTS Joseph Young inquired again about the Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles as to whether or not there will be more than 1 question on the warrant. Mark requested that both Joe Young and Michael Carlson be included in tonight's executive session as the discussion will likely give Joe Young the information he has requested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lacy Badeau referenced KVCOG's response to complete the tasks requested from the State. Jon Beekman building committee met last week to follow up on other property for a new town office.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT The Public Works response to recent storm events have been addressed promptly and adequately by the crew with no known equipment issues. Mark reported the Budget Committee will meet with the School on January 18, 2022.

Old Business None

New Business

22-1 Property Secession Request The Board received a 18 minute presentation from Stephen Linder regarding his request to secede from the Town of Fayette.

22-2 Prioritization of Selectmen Priorities – The Board decided to table the discussion whereas there was not a full compliment of the Board.

22-3 Warrants

Motion to approve Town and School Accounts payable/payroll warrants #14 by Nathaniel Sparling seconded by Brian Holman Vote 4 in Favor 0 opposed.

22-4 Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes of November 30, 2021 made by Brian Holman seconded by Nathaniel Sparling Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

Motion to approve Minutes of December 14, 2021 made by Brian Holman seconded by Nathaniel Sparling Vote 4 in favor 0 opposed

22-5 Selectmen Comments

Jon Beekman asked Mark to review the content of the Board's packet. Jon asked if the person reneged on buying the busses. Mark stated the he more or less talked the Crystal Jackman the awarded bidder out of purchasing the busses. She had no interest in the 1995 once she saw it and thought she could drive the 2004 to the Town of Corinna with out any problems and convert it to a camper. Brian Holman stated he had a difficult time passing through North Road with Wesley Bowen's trucks and items restricting the road.

22-6 Executive Session Motion to go into personnel and property interest made by Jon Beekman seconded by Brian Holman. Jon Beekman asked to amend his motion to include Michael Carlson and Joe Young to attend the executive session with the Town Attorney. Brian Holman withdrew his second from Jon Beekman's amended motion Lacy seconded the amended motion vote 3 in favor 1 opposed (Holman) enter at 8:01 p.m. Exit at 8:43 p.m. No Action Taken

Mark stated that the bid opening will be completed on January 17th and the Board will have the results and recommendations from Casco Bay Advisors hopefully by the next meeting on January 25th. Lacy asked for increases in health benefits.

Brian Holman had asked if the MMA had insurance for a Town-owned fiber network. Mark stated that he asked that same question a few months ago and the answer was no. Jon Beekman concurred based on a presentation he had received as a member of the MMA Executive Committee.

Adjournment

Jon Beekman motions to adjourn seconded by Nathaniel Sparling VOTE: 5-0 9:11 p.m.