

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2021

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted on Zoom. SelectBoard members Rich Donaldson, Jon Collins, and Bronwen Tudor plus administrator Amanda Campbell were present. There were 5 or 6 members of the public in attendance. I didn't get an actual count.

The minutes of the meetings on March 23, March 30 and April 12, 2021 were approved. They will be posted on the Town website.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- **Solar Task Force:** Nancy Kinner gave a quick status report from the task force. Kathy Gravino is the chair. The group has been collecting regulations, Maine legislation, Town energy bills and terminology. The focus has been on Net Energy Billing, environmental impacts, and alternate approaches to savings. The task force plans to do a cost/benefit analysis to determine potential savings.
- **Route 127 Corridor Management Plan:** Rick Cliffe briefly summarized work being done by this ad hoc committee. Two types of map have been drafted, one paper and the other a Google Earth based fly-over. Three committee members have started informal review of road characteristics and identification of potential bicycle/pedestrian hazards along the road. Rick requested and the Board approved \$5,000 be added to the budget to purchase/install up to 4 signs, coordinate with schools, community organizations and enforcement (sheriff), and consider traffic control devices such as roadway striping. Rick was asked to coordinate with the FAC. During the Public Comment section, Bob Trabona asked about this committee's posting of meetings and whether it was appropriate for an "unofficial committee" to request funds. He also questioned whether the proposed signs might encourage more people to bicycle and/or walk along 127.
- **Broadband:** The Board scheduled a workshop with Georgetown Broadband LLC (GBL) for April 20th to continue discussions.
- **Office Equipment:** The Board authorized Amanda to use \$1606 from the Office Equipment Reserve to purchase a new computer and ancillaries.
- **Todd's Landing:** The Board authorized Stephen Mace to utilize \$3000 from the Todd's Landing Reserve to create 2-3 new parking spaces. Stephen described the plan.
- The Board approved appointment of Alex Neese as Motor Vehicles Municipal Agent; transferring responsibility from Amanda.
- **KELT Exempt Status Request:** The Board approved KELT's request for exempt status on three properties recently transferred to them. They purchased Rouse Island from the Boy Scouts of America. 17 acres obtained from Wren. 112.75 acres from Zorach.
- **Town Meeting Update:** Hearings are scheduled for May 18 (school budget) and May 19 (municipal budget). Candidate's Night will be May 6. All will be on ZOOM. Nancy Kinner has agreed to assist with moderating all of the virtual hearings.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website.

The most interesting items were:

- ME DOT informed the town of federal infrastructure funding proposals. The memo was forwarded to Road Commissioner Charlie Collins.
- Sagadahoc County informed the Town of an upcoming medication collection. The nearest site will be at the Bath Police Department. Flyers are posted at the Post Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shellfish Warden: The Board approved an updated job description to reflect carrying a weapon. It results in a change to the insurance premiums of \$81 per 3 months. The change will take effect July 1st.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 27th. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. Contact Amanda Campbell or Alex Neese at the Town Office to get the Meeting ID and Password.

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