

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2021

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THE MEETING: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. SelectBoard members Rich Donaldson, Jon Collins, and Bronwen Tudor plus administrator Amanda Campbell were present. There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting of July 27, 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.

- **Bill Webster, Treasurer:** Bill provided an overview of the Town's financial status (actual spending vs budget). He noted both overspending and unknown or unprogrammed expenses identified over the year. He had provided the Board members with a monthly summary of detailed financial data which he thinks will be easier to read/understand. He also provided a projection for the remainder of the year based on May data. Bronwen suggested the Board should look closer into how the FAC and Board generate and execute the budget.
- **Assessing Items:** Pat Dow was in town 8/5 preparing for field work. He will be around town following up on specific issues.

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:

- MMA informed the Town that the State has requested an additional 30-day extension for acceptance of ARP\$\$ (American Rescue Plan).
- Received a resignation letter from Wendy Keith-Hardy from the TOPMB.
- Received Me BMV notice that Alex is qualified as a Truck Level agent. It's the highest level of qualification.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Broadband:** The draft lease agreement was received and forwarded to the LLC. Terry Taylor and Amanda have been working on a draft affordability fund.
- **First Church:** Dave Polito provided a summary of his findings from walkthrough visits. It was noted that he also made some minor repairs, especially rerouting the downspout to help alleviate the water problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Route 127 Corridor Management Plan:** I (Rick Cliffe) attended to discuss two issues; Selectboard concurrence with the proposed signage developed by the ad hoc committee and Selectboard feedback on the List of Issues and Tasks Going Forward (not discussed). I explained the rationale for each of the proposed signs. I noted that definition of what constitutes a sign has become an issue. Bronwen and Rich questioned whether I have coordinated with Charlie Collins and/or MeDOT. I said not personally but reviewing proposed signage with MeDOT is the next step. Both indicated that a closer working relationship is essential. John Jones asked to comment. He cited his New Jersey DOT experience. He said he had talked with a couple of MeDOT engineers who advised Maine doesn't have a checklist of what is included in a Corridor Management Plan. They said the Route 24 Corridor Management Plan is a good example. John indicated he had sent the Route 24 plan and the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) to team members. John talked to Patrick Adams, DOT Bicycle engineer, about signage, who said DOT provides bicycle related signs free of charge but installation is not included. John also noted that State accident data does not indicate a need for signage.
- **Washouts on Route 127:** Rich noted a washout on the shoulder of 127. He called the problem in to DOT and they came to investigate immediately. He was advised that a crew with necessary equipment will be here next week to take care of it.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Bronwen discussed a couple of issues from the Conservation Commission meeting. September 11 will be Coastal Cleanup. The Transfer Station will be accepting the refuse. Also, she advised that Nancy Kinner is looking for a project for her students. Bronwen said there might be a data collection opportunity at Todd's Landing.
- Rich noted that any proposed ordinance changes should be brought to the Board ASAP so they can be reviewed by Counsel.

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 24. 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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