

REPORT ON THE SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Prepared by Rick Cliffe

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THE MEETING: There were 2 members of the public present on Zoom.

The minutes of the meetings of October 27 and 29, 2020 were approved. Official minutes 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.

- **Assessing Issues:** The Board held a special workshop on 10/29 to analyze the data and establish the MIL rate for the 2020/21 property taxes. The new rate is 8.1 (was 7.8), an increase of 0.3 (3.8%). Property tax bills are being mailed this week.

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:

- **Emergency Communications:** Amanda attended the Sagadahoc County Commissioners meeting today (11/10). Commissioners agreed to award a consulting contract for review and recommendation of upgrade to the county's emergency communications. The initial draft is due 90 days after award. Amanda advised that Sheriff Merry noted, during his report at this meeting, that there has been a recent uptick in phone scams, in particular the one advising that a grandchild has been arrested and needs (money) help. He advised to make sure you verify the situation before sending money.
- Received a funding request from Maine Public (broadcasting). It will be provided to the FAC for potential inclusion in next year's budget.
- Received a notice identifying potential benefits of Maine Community Solar and community solar farms.
- TOPMB invited the Board to attend their meeting, 11/17, 5 pm, to discuss Todd's Landing. The meeting will be held on Zoom and is open to the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Vacation & Sick Time Policy.** The Board agreed to hold a workshop, Wednesday, 11/18, 4 pm, to review, and potentially update, the current Town policies.
- Town counsel sent a message asking if the Town wants to purchase title insurance for the Landing property. There was a short discussion concerning the need/value of title insurance. Rich Donaldson volunteered to talk with MMA about the issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Date & Time	Event	Place	Comment
Wednesday & Thursday, Nov 25/26	Town Office to be CLOSED		Thanksgiving Holiday

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 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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