



**Selectmen's Meeting
May 1st, 2019
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: *Chad Hanna, Kristine Poland, Paul Yates.*

Also Present: *Chris Hall (Town Administrator); Candy Congdon (Lincoln County News); Stewart Hanley; Chuck Hanson; Todd Maurer; John Prine.*

The meeting was called to order by Chad Hanna, at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Poland, seconded by Yates, to accept the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 17th. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Bid Opening:

Bids were opened for grading the Town's gravel roads as follows:

- Hagar Enterprises, grading \$ 2,260; gravel, \$ 702.
- Hanley Construction, grading, \$ 7,047.43; gravel, \$ 755
- O.W. Holmes, Inc., grading and gravel, combined: \$ 4,725, with raking extra at \$2,600.

Concern was expressed whether Hagar's bid was so low that it might exclude some of the work expected to be performed. It was moved by Poland, seconded by Yates, to authorize Hanna, as Road Commissioner, to meet with Hagar to confirm their understanding of the work, and on the basis of that meeting, to decide whether to award the work to Hagar. Motion passed 3 – 0.

New Business:

Todd Maurer and John Prine, principals in the 1812 Farm events hall and catering business in Bristol Mills, requested time to make a presentation regarding a ten-year history of disputes with an adjoining property owner. They presented a history of working with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to contain harassment of their patrons, vendors and themselves, including a video clip of the neighbor. They recognized that this is a civil (and perhaps criminal) matter, not one in which the Selectmen can directly intervene, but as claims had been made regarding (non-existent) Town ordinances they wanted to present their story.

Hall presented a proposal from Calderwood Engineering for oversight of the Upper Round Pond Road bridge project, previously awarded to Hagar

Enterprises for construction this year. It was moved by Poland, seconded by Yates, to accept their proposal of \$14,500. Motion carried, 3 – 0.

Maine Bicentennial: Hall reported interest in the community in hosting a tall ship following the July, 2020 international gathering of tall ships in Casco Bay, part of the Maine Bicentennial festivities. Selectmen agreed he should go ahead and explore what the requirements would be for hosting such a visit, without at this time committing to an invitation.

Maine Adult Use Marijuana Program: in 2017, the Town had voted to ban retail marijuana establishments, pending adoption by the state regulating such facilities. Hall reported that preliminary draft rules had now been published for public comment, and showed the current draft which has little role for municipalities other than a municipal decision whether to allow such facilities. Chair Hanna noted that when final rules are adopted it will be appropriate to take the matter back to the Town. He asked Hall to report once final rules are adopted.

Grant for hearing aid: a resident had requested assistance with purchase of a hearing aid. As these are not covered by the state's General Assistance rules, the trustees of the Bibber Trust had agreed to pay one-half of the cost if the Town would pay the other half from the Worthy Poor Fund. It was moved by Yates, seconded by Poland, to authorize a transfer of \$950 from the Worthy Poor Fund to cover a check for the same amount for the hearing aid (referred as case #4).

Old Business:

Previously budgeted capital spending items:

- (i) Hall reported that the FCC had now approved the Town's request for new digital radio frequencies, and had presented a revised quote for the purchase of radios for the School, Parks and Highway Departments. It was moved by Poland, seconded by Yates, to accept the bid from Radio Communications Management, Inc., of \$ 20,645.21. Motion passed, 3 – 0.
- (ii) The Parks Department had selected low bidder Sprague Metal Fabrication, Inc., to replace the fire escape in the Lighthouse Keeper's apartment at Lighthouse Park. It was moved by Yates, seconded by Poland, to approve the Parks Department paying Sprague the sum of \$6,118.30, such sum being within the Parks capital spending budget approved at Town Meeting. Motion approved, 3 – 0.
- (iii) Hall reported that Osman Page had updated their quotation for new desktop computers and dual screens for the Town Office. With higher prices, it had been decided to defer for one year the replacement of the Town Administrator's laptop, and to proceed with the other purchases. Poland asked Hall to inquire whether Windows 365 would be available on the new laptops, as a number of applications likely to be useful to municipalities require the new operating system. He will do so, but

asked that the hardware purchase proceed quickly so that delivery and installation could occur before the summer busy season. It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Yates, to accept the bid of \$5,374.95 from Osman Page, Inc. motion passed, 3 – 0.

Committee Appointments:

Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee: Hall presented a proposed Terms of Reference for the Committee, to include reporting back to Selectmen not later than the end of February, 2020. He presented names of nine volunteers to serve on the Committee, and noted that Lindsay Currier had volunteered to serve as the staff appointment to the Committee.

After discussion, it was proposed by Poland, seconded by Hanna, to appoint the following as members of the Committee:

- James Albright
- Charles Farrell
- Mark Eelman
- Jef Howell
- John Lappen
- Sandra Lucore
- Mary Piasecki
- Patricia Porter
- Todd Richards.

Motion passed, 3 – 0.

Planning Board: The Planning Board requested the appointment of Jason Lord and Joseph Yost as Alternates.

It was moved by Yates, seconded by Poland, to appoint Lord and Yost for one-year terms as Alternates, to serve through the Town meeting of 2010. Motion passed, 3 – 0.

Regular Business:

Building permit applications were reviewed and approved for properties at Map 002A, lot 045-A-3; Map 004, lot 148-8; Map 004C, lot 011; 029; Map 007, lot 103; Map 010, lot 023-G.

A Special Entertainment Permit was reviewed and approved for an event at the 1812 Farm.

A Catering Permit was reviewed and approved for the Damariscotta River Grill to cater an event on May 11th at The Chamberlain House in Round Pond.

Warrants: Selectmen reviewed and signed the Warrants for payroll and accounts payable for the Town Office, Fire and Rescue, Parks and Recreation and the Bristol/South Bristol Transfer Station.

Correspondence: Hall reported correspondence with a resident concerned at the infestation of brown tail moths in Town. He noted that Dresden had recently voted to request a declaration of a Public Health Emergency by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which could generate funding for control measures. Hanna recommended Hall consult with Health Office Nathan Powell.

Notice had been received of the pending closeout of the FEMA process for the storm of October 2017.

Hall also reported correspondence from Legislative leadership regarding the Maine Food Sovereignty Act. He recommended the Town take no action to adopt an ordinance, as the major farm-to-public sales in Bristol are of meat and poultry products which are specifically exempted from local control under the Food Sovereignty Act.

DigSafe has notified the Town of impending work to clear the drainage catch basins in Bristol Mills along Route 130. Hall understood this to be part of the work of preparing for the repaving of the state highway.

Hall reported that, following the discussion at the meeting of March 27, he had conveyed an invitation from the Selectmen to the School Board to meet jointly with the Selectmen on June 5th. He suggested that topics for discussion might include the upcoming review of the AOS 93 Interlocal Agreement, and long-term planning for growth at the school. From the floor Hanson reported he had just come from the School Board's meeting that day, and supported the proposed meeting as the School Board does not record or broadcast its meetings, and has not been publishing its minutes until their approval sometimes 5 weeks later.

Hanna gave notice of forthcoming Public Meetings as follows:

- Parks & Recreation Commission: Tuesday, May 7th, 6 pm at the Ellingwood Information Center
- Fish Committee: Thursday, May 9th, 6 pm at the Town Hall
- Planning Board: Thursday, May 16th, 7 pm at the Town Hall
- Harbor Committee: Thursday, May 23rd, 6 pm at the Town Hall
- Selectmen: Wednesday, May 15th, 7 pm at the Town Hall

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8.40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hall
Town Administrator