

MINUTES
JOINT SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town Office Conference Room
July 24, 2017

PRESENT: Mapleton - Joshua Cheney, Grant Clark, Matt Gregg, Dave Dunlavey, Barry Buck. Castle Hill - Chair Maylen, Kenney, Herman Condon, Gerald McGlenn, Robert Vigue. Chapman - Patricia Sutherland, Milford Maynard, Terrance Hanlon, Charles Beaulieu II.

ABSENT: Chapman - Isaac Braley. Castle Hill - Beth Pickens.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager David Dionne, Treasurer Theresa Denbow, Fire Chief Richard Wark.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Isaac Nelson

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM by Chair Maylen Kenney. A quorum was present.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting March 30, and April 4, 2017: *Motion by Vigue to approve the minutes of March 30, 2017 and April 4, 2017 as written. Second by Sutherland.*
Motion Passed 13-0.

Taken out of order:

New Business:

F. Other Business

i. *Food Sovereignty, Mr. Nelson* - Isaac Nelson presented to the board the possible adoption of food sovereignty ordinance which would allow local farms and people to grow their own food and sell it without having to go through the federal and state government. Nelson stated that you cannot legally sell your neighbor homemade jams, jellies nor can you sell them a pound of farm raised beef. Nelson stated that the towns have to create an ordinance that allows it. The ordinance would be voted on at town meeting by the citizens. Discussion about the fact that people at farmers markets are allowed to sell their products as well as whether or not people have to have liability insurance to sell their products. *Motion by Dunlavey to table this so that Dionne can conduct more research to bring to the next regular board meetings. Second by Sutherland.*
Motion passed 12-1.

Old Business:

A. *Discuss Fire-Truck Purchase:* Chief Richard Wark spoke to the board stating that the board voted to allow \$30,000 to be spent on the purchase of a new Fire

Department Pickup Truck. He stated that he found a truck quickly for \$26,500, which fit the departments needs and had to move quickly on it before it was sold to someone else. He also stated that he received permission from Chair Sutherland before making the purchase. Wark stated that the truck was already red so it didn't need a paint job but that it still needed the lettering and the lights installed. Wark stated that the lights and lettering were installed and the vendors had been paid using the fire departments operating funds, because the board voted not to allow the use of the remaining funds not utilized from the allowed total purchase price of \$30,000. Wark stated that the truck was not complete and could not be used as an emergency response vehicle without the installation of emergency lights and the lettering. Wark asked the board to rescind the previous vote not allowing the remaining \$3,500 to be used to install lights and lettering. Gregg stated that he had issues with the purchases stating that he felt that Chief Wark was wasting money and did not have the best interest of the towns. Maynard stated that he felt the total opposite and that he respected Chief Warks decisions and the Fire Chief. Discussion ensued. *Sutherland made a motion to rescind the past motion on the fire department pickup truck. Second by Kenney. Motion passed 12-1.*

Motion by Sutherland to allow the use of \$3,288 in reserve funds to pay for installation of lights and lettering on the fire departments pickup truck. Second by Vigue. Motion Passed 12-1.

B. Other Business: None.

New Business:

- A. *Consideration of Paving Bids:* Dionne informed the Board that he had received and opened the 2017 paving bids from Soderberg, Lane and Trombley. All were pretty close to each other. Last year's low bidder, lane, had placed a bid for \$72 with tack. This year's low bidder, Soderberg bid \$72.85 with Tack, an increase of \$.85 per ton. Dionne also stated that all bids came in with the required documentation. Dionne stated that Road Commissioner Chris Woodworth has expressed a minor concern about Soderberg as they are up and coming. Buck suggested the Woodworth travel and inspect some of the roads that Soderberg has paved. Vigue stated that he felt that Soderberg was very responsible. *Motion by Dunlavey to accept Soderberg's bid with the caveat that if they do shoddy work we let them go and award the rest of the paving project to the 2nd highest bidder. Second by Buck. Motion passed 13-0.*
- B. *Consideration of Old Fire Truck Bids:* Dionne stated that we've received two bids on the old fire department pick-up truck. Frank Martin from Ashland was the high bidder at \$3,200, thereby satisfying the board's requirement of \$3,000 minimum bid. Dionne stated that recreation director, Jacob Graham has sent a letter to the boards which he enclosed in their packets, requesting that

consideration be made for the rec department and the use of the vehicle would receive for their many programs. Sutherland spoke stating that she had read the letter and felt that it was very compelling. She stated that Graham has developed our rec program and felt that he should have the truck to use instead of using his own personal vehicle to pick up the school meals in Presque Isle every day as well as delivering equipment needed for the various programs offered. Discussion ensued about the cost to upkeep the truck as well as the insurance and the fact that Jacob does not nor has he ever submitted a mileage reimbursement form.

Motion by Buck to accept bid of \$3200.00 from Frank Martin. Second by Gregg.

Motion Failed 5-8.

Motion by Sutherland to keep the pickup truck with the towns and allow the rec department the use of it during the recreation season. Second by Maynard. Motion passed 10-3.

- C. *Consideration of Score Board Gift:* Dionne informed the board that Jacob Graham had approached him about a month ago asking if it would be okay to give the go ahead to Mapleton Oil along with a few other businesses in the community, to purchase and install a newer scoreboard at the baseball field. It would be at no cost to the towns other than what will be periodic maintenance. Dionne stated that he had reviewed the warrant articles from the annual town meetings and all three communities have given the board's authority to accept gifts on their behalf. *Motion by Sutherland to accept the gift of a scoreboard for use by the recreation department at the baseball field. Second by Dunlavey. Motion passed 13-0.*
- D. *Discuss Unifirst Agreement:* Dionne stated that one of the first tasks he was asked to work on was the Unifirst contract Jon had signed for 5 years and which had been installed about two years ago. Dionne stated that he had a meeting with the manager and asked if we could get out of the contract and there was no way he was going to let the towns off the hook for the loss of revenues. Dionne stated that after again rereading the contract, it appears to just buy-out it will cost about \$8,000. Dionne said the scenario that makes the most sense to him would be to reduce the time usage on these carpets from year-round to seasonal, and then in January we can look at breaking the contract with their language which would bring us from \$8,000 to about \$3,500 to buy out. *Motion by Dunlavey to let Dionne negotiate as he deems necessary. Second by Vigue. Motion passed 13-0.*
- E. *Discuss Assessor Agent's Position:* Dionne stated that the salary committee met to discuss the Assessor Position's rate of pay as well as the hours required to fill the position. Dionne stated that the salary committee recommended she be offered \$23.00 per hour at 20 hours per week. *Motion by Dunlavey to offer the Assessor's agent position to Maggie at the rate of \$23.00 per hour and for 20 hours per week. Second by Sutherland. Motion passed 13-0.*

New Business:

F. Other Business

ii. *Introduction of New Select Board Members* – Select Board member Beth Pickens was absent.

Manager's Report:

- A. *2017 Goals Review*- Dionne stated that he had found the goals Jon had brought to the board for approval for this year. Dionne said that he would like to bring this back to the board and see if they could reprioritize the list since there has been a few months lost with the transition. Kenney asked the board if they were happy with the current list and if there was anything that they would like to add or remove. The board discussed the RSMS and the time involved the project, deciding that they would remove this item from the list. The board also stated that they wanted Dionne to continue with the list as is for the remainder of the year and to create his own next year.

Set Next Meeting Date: TBD

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm by Chair Kenney.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Denbow, Treasurer

Approved 1.16.2018