

MINUTES
SELECTPEOPLE'S MEETING
LIMESTONE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2021.

SELECTPEOPLE PRESENT: Jesse Philbrick, Paul Durepo, II, Chairman, James Pelkey, Jr., and Irma Labreck Vice Chairman Fred Pelletier

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Pelkey, Jr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, and Chairman Pelkey, Jr led the group in prayer.

III. Adjustment to the Agenda:

None

IV. Approval of Minutes:

None

V. Report from Town Manager:

See Attached Managers notes.

VI. Committee & Board Reports:

Selectperson Durepo, II – None

Selectperson Labreck- Asks if the Board can have a copy of the by-laws to look at and start making adjustments. Town Manager states he will have copies out to the board. There was a small discussion about maybe other departments helping with the typing and gathering of by-laws and such. Town Manager talks of all the things that need to be done and that this is a slow part of the year and some days not much is taken in. This would be a good time to close one day a week to help the office staff with addressing some of the areas needed without having to wait on customers.

Vicki A. Page, Town Clerk, Certifying Official
KLJ

Selectperson Pelletier - Asks when will we be getting the Audit report for 2019. Town Manager states that he sends out a weekly e-mail to the Auditors to see where they are. A lot depends on the paperwork that was signed a few weeks ago. They are also tying it to the fiscal year 2020.

Selectperson Philbrick- None

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr – None

VII. Public Comments:

Mr. James Cote asks the Town Manager how much it cost to paint the dump body. Town Manager states he has not gotten the bill however, it is under a thousand dollars. Mr. Cote goes to ask for Mr. Joey Smith who could not be here. He would like to know what is in the police reserve account. Mr. Finch states he will get with the financial people and let him know. Mr. Cote goes on to state that there a rumor going around town that he is trying to run Mr. Finch out of Town. Mr. Cote states that it is not him and Mr. Finch has a purpose here and he is not out to get him. It was also said that a local garage is out to get him, Mr. Cote states that is not true and Mr. Finch can come out any day and have coffee with them.

Old Business:

None

VIII. New Business:

Versant Power requests – Pond Substation Maintenance:

The Town Manager explains that Versant would like to remove the old substation fence and replace it with a new 8-foot fence plus one foot of barbed wire and stone in the substation yard. By allowing Versant Power to upgrade the driveway, it will help so the trucks do not get stuck or cause large ruts when the ground is soft during the Spring and Fall. The driveway upgrade would consist of removing 8 inches of gravel, installing stabilization fabric, installing 8 inches of MDOT Type-A gravel and installing 4 inches of untreated surface gravel. As part of the driveway upgrade, they would like to make a truck turnaround for the trucks on the right beside the substation. Versant Power will fund all upgrades.

Selectperson Pelletier makes a motion to allow Versant Power to upgrade the fence and driveway; seconded by Selectperson Durepo, II **Motion Passes 5 to 0**

FY22 Budget Plan & Schedule:

The Town Manager states he is looking for an understanding of what the board of Select people's desire is. As you can see, I keep a constant upgrading for the budget each month. The Town Manager states he is going to hold the budget flat for the third year in a row.

- Notes – To understand how one can consider it flat for FY20, FY21 and now FY22 one has to remember in FY21 there was a significant increase in the ambulance service. The FY22 bottom line municipal expenses will increase due to Trafton Lake Park & Campground being put into the TRIO bookkeeping system where it belongs. This will be offset with revenue from the park being added to the revenue side of the budget.

Municipal Revenue Side of the Budget – The full impact of how the revenue side of the municipal budget will be is never clear due to funding from the state.

- Notes – The baseline impact of revenue against expenses is the determining factor of how municipal services impact the mil rate.

Education – The impact of education on the mil rate remains to be seen as they wait to hear numbers from the state in terms of financial support. This is an area we do not have much control over and any loss of revenue or increase expenditures could impact the mil rate significantly.

County – The county budget has been passed but we await the impact as to how the member communities state valuation changes.

Town Manager states if that sounds good, he can have the budget to the Budget Committee mid-February. Mr. Tom Albert attended the meeting and is on the budget committee and commented that you can't get blood from a turnip. We will have to wait and see what the school brings in.

Trafton Lake Park & Campground:

The Town Manager briefs the board on the fact that the Trafton funds have been transferred from Katahdin Bank to Aroostook Savings & Loan. Also, Trafton has been added to TRIO. We need to change Trafton over from a calendar year to a fiscal year.

- Notes – Current plan is to open with operational changes.

Selectperson Labreck asks if Trafton will be added to the Town Meeting in article form and if it will stand alone or be under Rec. Mr. Finch states it does not come under Rec however, Rec does help.

IX. Elected Official Statements:

Selectperson Philbrick – None

Selectperson Labreck – The Police Department is doing a great job.

Selectperson Durepo, II – None

Selectperson Pelletier – None

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr – would like to thank the Police Department as well Also.

X. First Responders Program:

Town Manager lets the board know about an e-mail that he has received from Dan Gahagan who is one of three that runs the program. He hands out a sheet of paper with the four questions that they have. Please see attached.

Selectperson Durepo, II informed the board of the info structure of the First Responders course. The course would be led by a three-member committee. The Committee is Dan Gahagan, Matt Beil, and Andrew Gagnon. All three are instructors who will create all by-laws, rules, policies and procedures. Selectperson Durepo, II also thinks they worked on some licensing; however, this was pre COVID. After some discussion the board would like to see them use a purchase order form of ordering. It was suggested to speak with Fire Chief on his thoughts on storing the car. The board is going to table until we have more information.

XI. Approval of Warrants

A/P Warrants # 40


Selectperson Pelletier made motion to approve; seconded by Selectperson Labreck. **Motion Passes 5 and 0**


Payroll Warrant #39


Selectperson Pelletier made motion to approve; seconded by Selectperson Durepo, II. **Motion Passes 5 and 0**

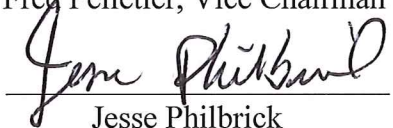
XIII. Adjournment: 7:36 pm

Selectperson Pelletier made motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm; seconded by selectperson Durepo, II. **Motion Passes 5 to 0**


James Pelkey, Jr, Chairperson


Fred Pelletier, Vice Chairman


Chris Durepo, II


Jesse Philbrick


Irma Labreck