

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Machias Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Aubrey Carter. In attendance were Board members Danny Manchester, Glenn Davis, and Eric Holm; Town Manager Christopher Loughlin; Edward Pellon, Bob Berta.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2014 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board VOTED:

To approve municipal warrant #20 in the amount of \$16,443.57; to approve municipal warrant #21 in the amount of \$53,740.19; to approve municipal warrant #22 in the amount of \$12,181.65; and, to approve municipal warrant #23 in the amount of \$15,577.31 .

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board VOTED:

To approve school warrant #10 in the amount of \$184,097.07 .

3. REMINDER OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON STATION 1898 FUNDS

Mr. Loughlin reminded the members of the Board of a special town meeting that has been scheduled on 9/24/14 at 6:00 PM to approve use of Station 1898 funds to pay for renovations to the station. He informed the Board that Ms. Mack has now revised her request and is asking to use additional monies for the project. The Board discussed the new request and the cost of scheduling a second special town meeting. It was suggested that just one meeting be held to act on the entire request. Mr. Manchester called Ms. Mack via telephone and asked her if it would be possible to collapse the two meetings together into one special town meeting; Ms. Mack agreed to this suggestion. Mr. Carter said that a public notice should be placed on the front door of the town office cancelling the 9/24/14 special town meeting.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board VOTED:

To schedule a special town meeting on 10/8/14 at 6:00 PM to consider the use of Station 1898 funds.

4. UPDATE ON DEP CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Loughlin informed the Board that he attended a 9/9/14 meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection; he explained that there are on-going negotiations on the consent agreement. Mr. Loughlin noted that the fine has been reduced down to \$22,987. at the present time. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that he is looking at using the penalty money for some type of local project such as a water infiltration study at UMM or a watershed project. He told the Board that there should be a new agreement within two weeks. Mr. Carter asked how much has been spent on attorney fees at the present time and

Mr. Loughlin indicated that roughly six thousand dollars has been used for this purpose.

5. VOTING CREDENTIALS FOR MMA ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that the Maine Municipal Association business meeting will be held on 10/1/14 and the convention on 10/1/14 & 10/2/14.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board VOTED:

To nominate Chris Loughlin as the Machias voting delegate to the MMA convention and Warren Gay as alternate.

6. REAFFIRM PERMISSION FOR POLICE GRANT - PURCHASE OF VIDEO CAMERA

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board VOTED:

To grant Police Chief Grady Dwelley permission to purchase two video cameras through a police grant.

7. UPDATE ON STORM DRAIN REPAIRS

Mr. Loughlin updated the Board on progress with storm drain repairs.

8. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that he and Mr. Upton will be conducting interviews with four applicants for the Public Works Director's position on 9/11/14. Mr. Loughlin reviewed the advertisement for the position that was published in local newspapers.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Loughlin told the Board that he will be purchasing \$1200. worth of snow blocks for installation on the new town office roof. The Board discussed installation of the blocks using ladders. Mr. Holm pointed out that it would be difficult to use a bucket truck and be able to get close to the roof.

B. Mr. Loughlin read a letter of appreciation for Officer Darrell Hinerman from a citizen. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that he will place a copy of the letter in Officer Hinerman's personnel file.

C. Mr. Loughlin informed the Board that Fire Chief Joey Dennison is recommending that Mr. Brian Albee be placed on the volunteer fire department roster.

D. Mr. Loughlin reported that he will purchase 180 tons of winter road salt at \$67.23 per ton. He noted that the delivery of the road salt will be coordinated with the purchase of the winter sand.

E. Mr. Loughlin noted that the Board of Selectmen signed an off-premises catering permit on August 28, 2014 for a permit for a wedding which was held on August 30, 2014 at the Lee Pellon Center.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a special permit for catering privileges off premises signed by the Board on August 28, 2014 for Skywalker's Bar & Grill for a wedding at the Lee Pellon Center on August 30, 2014.

F. Mr. Loughlin and the Board of Selectmen discussed the upkeep of local cemeteries. Mr. Carter pointed out that the Town is responsible for the care of veteran's graves.

G. Mr. Loughlin reminded the Board of the public hearing on the adult education community block grant on 10/8/14.

H. Mr. Loughlin reported on progress with paving and roadway repairs.

I. Mr. Pellon suggested that a painted crosswalk be placed on lower Center Street.

On a motion by Glenn Davis, seconded by Danny Manchester, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.