

SELECT BOARD MEETING: VIA ZOOM

Date: January 5, 2021 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Selectboard- John Fenner (chair,) Lorie Costigan, Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Danielle Gould
Town Clerk Elizabeth E. Dickerson
Road Commissioner Jake Boyington
Kay Neufeld, Camden Herald

1. Call Select Board meeting to order
Chair Fenner called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Meetings are recorded
Selectperson Fenner reminded attendees that Zoom meetings are recorded.

3. Approve the minutes of December 29, 2020

Motion to approve minutes: Selectperson Costigan made the motion, Selectperson Fenner, second

Discussion: Selectperson Beckett- clarification between reference to “code” vs “CEO”
Selectperson Fenner- did final clean copy of the EPL policy. Nothing changed, except the color, one reference to city rather than town, reference to Trio rather than Munis, changed Columbus Day to Indigenous People’s Day

Selectperson Beckett- spelling error, “Selectpesron” change to Selectperson
Selectperson Costigan- the intent of code time paid as salary vs plumbing paid separately through fees to the CEO

Selectperson Fenner- is clarified in next sentence

The Clerk offers to change to remind that CEO also does plumbing inspections, but that the two jobs are paid in different ways. CEO is paid through stipend, plumbing is based on fees. Selectperson Costigan- this is the jist of what I pointed out.

The Clerk will make a minor edit to clarify

Vote: Beckett: yes, Costigan: yes, Fenner: yes, Garrigan: yes, Gould: yes 5-0-0 the motion passes.

4. Public Comment: none

5. Road Commissioner- Jake Boyington

Selectperson Garrigan- Concerning keeping Hope and Appleton vehicles separated given that the road commissioner maintains both towns: Road Commissioner- The Hope vehicles stay down in Hope. There are times when a vehicle breaks down, he might need to go down to Hope and help out but takes care of responsibilities in Appleton first. Or vice versa if a breakdown happens in Appleton. Works well because a larger pool of trucks and drivers. As far as keeping sand separate, that is definitely kept track of.

Selectperson Beckett- Any thoughts about junction at W Appleton and 131 that is torn up? Road Commissioner doesn’t seem to be getting too far with contact at MDOT

garage, Like the ice problems near Collins residence and the one further down – Selectperson Garrigan, had one down by the old Wentworth farm- Road Commissioner, yes, becoming 8 inch chunk of ice near roadway. Selectperson Garrigan disappointed that the ditching wasn't completed when machine was there. Road Commissioner- answer not forthcoming from MDOT. Was tempted to go up and take down shoulder, but there are underground utilities. Selectperson Gould- is the tree branch finder there is a tiny branch near Selectperson Garrigan's house. Road Commissioner- has to be taken care of. On another note, the Road Commissioner purchased for his business several water holding tanks, one would be perfect for beet juice storage at sand shed. \$1000 new, got for \$250. Would be a good purchase for the town, working on finding the best pump for the material. Once we get set up we can order some beet juice.

Selectperson Fenner- we wanted to try it, sounds like an inexpensive way to do so, just need to come up with a pump. Selectperson Beckett- how does beet juice come? Road Commissioner- comes delivered by truck. Hope and Union use it, we could combine. Could get better deal. Selectperson Fenner- beet juice with salt might work with the ice buildup. If the ice buildup becomes a hazard, maybe MDOT can send a grader. It is a state highway. Selectperson Costigan put a complaint in to the state site. They have not responded. The Road Commissioner will make another phone call and follow up. Selectperson Costigan- whoever is doing Burketville run is doing a great job- Road Commissioner that's Corey Morgan- kudos will be passed on.

6. Town Clerk- Elizabeth Dickerson- salt use survey being done by UMaine- they are trying to compile data from the towns, the road commissioner filled out and turned it in. The road commissioner adds that in the past few years there has been more salt available, which cuts down on the use of sand. Sand pollutes and causes runoff as well. With using salt wisely we can cut down on sand use and get better results. There are copies of the road salt studies at the town office if anyone is interested. Might be of interest to Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Selectperson Beckett- Question about Tax Liens: people have been coming in to pay their taxes. The list is at the town office. A list of the outstanding liens will be sent out after being updated.

Selectperson Beckett- will go over items on budget report

Selectperson Costigan- question from superintendent's office about budget process, election dates and town meeting dates, has she had response yet, Selectperson Fenner responded, will go over the time line with the clerk.

7. Select Board

A. Committee reports- Selectperson Beckett- translated Bradley Leeman's letter into Microsoft Word concerning the issue with the TCSWO staff not letting him use the dump bed to dump trash in the hopper. Selectperson Beckett sent the letter out to the board, would like to read into record:

Bradley Leeman
656 North Mountain Rd
Jefferson, ME 04348
Tel 207-549-7999
Hi Board (of) Selectmen

1st Dec

I am asking for your help with a safety problem at Tri County waste that started in July. I could fall to my death or injured on cement floor or fall out of my dump truck over 25' to bottom of steel trailer, WHY?

1. I have hauled trash out of Liberty for over 27 years in dump truck! Backed into building 1,400 times without a problem I know of and dumped my body.
2. I am 70 years old, a disabled veteran, run my own business for 44 years.
3. I was told by David all trash has to go into trailer by hand? He never sat down with me and explain why or anyone else. When trailer is empty why? They have back hoe to push the trash down to make a hole for me . I am unloading 2,000 bags a year by hand I have \$42,000 truck I cannot use now! I was told by David that if you buy a packer truck I still cannot dump Liberty's trash there because gate stays closed. Why?
4. I called State man that inspects place he never ordered that gate closed to commercial haulers. Here is his # Mike Parker 458-0578 or 287-7704
5. Gate can be opened outside on grounds to dump into but not inside now why?
6. Asked David if i put trash in there over the gate without dumping if I raised the body on my truck. He said still I need to get up body put off in by hand.
7. As you can see in picture there is no yellow safety in back of my truck when I was up in that body. (Shows diagram that the bottom of the trash trailer is 25' below the landing area)
8. There is no safe way to enter my truck body I have to borrow step stool from home as you can see!
9. This winter there will be ice and snow in that steel body I can fall to cement floor with ice or water on it get hurt.
10. Would you want your son or father in the back of this truck throwing out trash?

Please share with your Tri County representative meeting Jan 7th.

Thanks Brad Leeman

12/30/2020 This document created by Peter Beckett from the letter sent by Mr Leeman and in discussions with him to clarify certain words

Selectperson Beckett will be proposing at the January 7 TCSWO meeting alternative means to safely open gates and use dump truck. Selectperson Garrigan will also support. Selectperson Costigan supports, sees inconsistencies, there are times when the staff opens the gates and uses their own dumping equipment. They should use a standard operating procedure that applies to all. This hauler is a commercial hauler, why are they dissuading him? Selectperson Beckett- Mr. Leeman is bringing \$7,000 a year into the facility. Selectperson Fenner also supports and doesn't understand the situation. They could make Tuesday dump truck day. They were outside the other day with the gates open using their backhoe mashing things down into the containers. To him there is no difference with the containers inside or out.

Selectperson Beckett- School has its generator now. If they lose power they can use the generator. Selectperson Fenner- won't have to send children out on roads that might be dicey in storms, far safer for the kids to stay right there until roads are suitable for busses.

B. Appoint Prent Marriner EMA Director- Daryl Grierson would like to hand this off to Prent who is an officer in the fire department, he will train Prent to do the job. Prent has time to attend meetings at the county.

Selectperson Fenner, motion, Selectperson Beckett second

Discussion- none

Vote: Beckett: yes, Costigan: yes, Fenner: yes, Garrigan: yes, Gould: yes 5-0-0 the motion passes.

Selectperson Fenner- Fire Dept news- our new fire truck is in Auburn. It will be delivered on Saturday, if the weather holds and everything stays on course, which as of now is the case.

Selectperson Beckett- has someone been to Auburn to inspect it? Selectperson Fenner- someone went to Louisiana to inspect it, the officers have been to Auburn to inspect it.

Selectperson Fenner- motion: Minimum wage has changed as of January 1, the fire department wages need to be changed from \$12.00 to \$12.15 as a result. This covers trainings, responding to a fire. Second is offered by Selectperson Garrigan.

Discussion- none

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The Town Clerk mentioned that the Rabies Clinic has been postponed due to problems with obtaining the rabies tags. Hopefully the clinic will be held in a few weeks, she will let everyone know when a date is known.

8. Other-

Selectperson Garrigan asked how the heat is working. Selectperson Fenner said it works well, the staff will have to get used to juggling the heat sources as the furnace takes a while to respond since it is a large building and a large system. One radiator wasn't

working as well as it could have, changed the thermostat. There was a thermostat on a shelf in the cellar available to use.

9. Executive Session: none

10. Adjourn 7:08 pm, adjournment is by unanimous consent

A True Copy Attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Dickerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth Dickerson
Appleton Town Clerk