

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

OCTOBER 2, 2019

### Called to Order 6:00 pm

**Present:** Selectmen: Doug Baston, Melissa Spinney, Greg Shute; Members of the Public: Al Monaco, Mike Trask, Jeff Spinney, Terry Ross, Chris Cooper, Anne Simpson; Press: Jessica Clifford, Susan Johns; Clerk :Liz Brown

**Public Comment:** None

### New Business:

#### Town Clerk---Motor Vehicle Update

Town Clerk Liz Brown informed the selectmen of a new change in the law effective September 19:

*PL 2019, Chapter 255 (LD 917), "An Act Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicle Registrations."* This law allows municipal agents to charge higher service fees for registrations for motor vehicles, from \$3 to \$5 for renewals and from \$4 to \$6 for new registrations.

The selectmen were all in agreement not to raise the fees at this time, as excise taxes are high enough already.

### Old Business:

#### Al Monaco---Solar Options

Al Monaco asked the selectmen if the town was still interested in solar. We are. There is a solar proposal that RSU #12 is looking into and which could include all the RSU towns. We also have had an inquiry from Revision Energy. Al is interested in doing something with no exchange of funds by the town. He proposes that his taxes would be forgiven for 3 to 4 years, equaling the cost of the system, and then the town would own it. It would be a ground mounted system, probably on the town office land. We also could consider doing a community solar project. We have documented all our CMP usage for the RSU, and that data will be provided to Al so he can see our energy usage.

#### Sand Building Road Update

Selectman Baston sent out another email to everyone on the road on behalf of the board. He included a copy of the town attorney's letter regarding private roads. The town agrees to share in the cost of ditching and a culvert, but the other users have to come up with an agreement at their end and get back to us. As this work does not particularly benefit the town's use of the road, we are not going to organize the project until all are in agreement. So far he has only

heard back from Deb Brown, who still believes that the town should take a larger share of the responsibility.

#### Head Tide Dam Update

Selectman Shute said that everything is on schedule. There will be a commemoration ceremony on Thursday, October 31, rain or shine, at 11:00 a.m. at the Dam Parking Lot. Everything has gone as planned.

#### Update on planned meeting with Inland Fisheries & Wildlife about Pinkham Pond

Selectman Shute will be meeting with IF&W about the boat launch program to see what can be done. It sounds as if the land would have to either be signed over or an easement granted. Granting an easement over the town's land would count as our matching funds to qualify for a grant. They will be meeting on October 11 at 9:00 a.m.

#### Firewood Delivered

All three selectmen have been delivering firewood donated by people in town to people in need. Selectman Shute will also be bringing some Chewonki students to a resident's home to stack their wood as they are not able.

#### **Public Comment**

Terry Ross said he has always supported the Wiscasset transfer station, but he does not like the layout now.

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:38 p.m.**