

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

APRIL 8, 2020

Called to Order 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen: Doug Baston, Greg Shute, Melissa Spinney; Members of the Public: Ralph Hilton, Tom McKenzie, Holly Nelson, Jeff Philbrick, Maria Jenness, Ed Pentaleri, Cathy Johnson, Jon Luoma; Press: Susan Johns, Jessica Clifford; Clerk: Liz Brown

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Tax Anticipation Note Paperwork

The selectmen voted to sign the TAN paperwork tomorrow for \$567,784. Selectman Baston called the previous low bidder and asked them to lower their bid again when he read that the Fed had dropped the rate to member banks. They dropped the interest rate almost a full percent to 1%.

New Business:

Head Tide Dam Railings

Selectman Shute said the cable railing had come loose. Mike Burke and a representative from Atlantic Salmon said they were going to fix it and the erosion near the bottom of the steps as well. There are also a couple of rocks that if moved will allow more parking. The additional railing and erosion work are part of the original project. If anyone has any questions or concerns, they can call Selectman Shute.

ASK Grant

Selectman Baston said he turned in a \$2,000 proposal to the county for a funding program for towns with unanticipated challenges. We asked for money to contract with someone with the technical expertise to evaluate our solar options for town buildings. The town needs outside expertise as the commitment will be long term however we go.

Alna COVID Response

Selectman Baston has been working with Dolores Carbonneau and others on ALNA CARES. They are working on a list of resources and will be sending out a mailing on this. He said that they

could use some help on the bulk mailing as it is not in the budget. Also, the food pantry is open and has been used by many so far.

Wiscasset Transfer Station Changes

Everything now goes in the bin. It is going to be a while before the construction debris part is open again. There has also been a change in hours. Selectman Baston will check about other changes and this will be put out to the email list.

Public Comment

Doug Baston spoke as a citizen and not as a Selectman. He said that this was the first meeting since the election and over the past 10 days he has communicated with at least 20 people, almost all very angry. On the positive side the vast majority of private school parents did the right thing and did as we asked and did not vote. But the schools that talk about engaging with community and need to step up and do something about this continuing destructive behavior among their community members.

Maria Jenness that that placing blame on an institution for how people voted is wrong. Doug disagreed. When anti-social behavior comes from members of an institutional community, that institution has some responsibility to the larger community.

Ed Pentaleri said he did not vote but learned about what happened the day after. He disagrees with the premise of where it is coming from. He does not think it makes sense to condemn people for their private vote.

Jon Luoma said he did not vote. He does not have kids in school but doesn't think it's doing the town a favor by creating an enemy list. Doug Baston said there is no such list. There is simply a public list of those who voted, released in response to multiple FOI requests. For example, he is on it because he voted.

Selectman Spinney made the motion to adjourn the public meeting and go into executive session, pursuant to title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters, seconded by Selectman Baston.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.

The selectmen entered Executive Session.