



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 1, 2018  
6:00 PM**

Attendance: Chairman Ronald Frederick, Vice Chairman James Lyman, Selectmen Joshua Chartrand, Matthew Everett, and Sallie Wilder. Also present were Town Manager Richard LaBelle, Bookkeeper Peter Lyman, Fire Chief David Jones, Fire Lieutenant Jeffrey Jones, Firefighter Ryan Jones, Firefighter Kyle Mullin, Firefighter Andrew Pineo, Fire Captain Todd Pineo, and Bill Sanborn of Ranger Contracting.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Frederick.

**2. Pledge to the Flag**

**3. Review/Approve Minutes of July 18, 2018**

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of July 18, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

**4. Selectmen's Reports**

Vice Chairman Lyman stated that the downtown streets look good, as of this morning. Thanks to Waste Management for completing this in such a timely manner.

Selectman Chartrand inquired about what can be done about smoothing out the train tracks on Main Street/Route 2. It is noticed that this is an issue to be considered between the railroad and State.

Selectman Wilder stated that she received a lot of positive feedback about the firefighters who volunteered at the library program recently. She notes that Ryan Jones did a remarkable job with the children.

Selectman Wilder also received numerous comments regarding MaineDOT not following through with the monument across the bridge, which was agreed upon back in 2008. Individuals are inquiring about why it never happened. She states that the plan has been

changed and that people want to see the original design, which was three plaques with the history in three languages: English, French, and Abenaki.

Selectman Everett has received numerous calls of concern regarding potholes cropping up frequently on Route 2/Main Street. One major pothole by the bank has already been repaired.

**5. Town Manager's Report**

See Attached.

**6. Discussion/Action on August 1, 2018 General Warrant #15**

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant #15 in the amount of \$190,028.31. Seconded by Selectman Chartrand. MOTION PASSED— Frederick, Chartrand, Everett, Wilder in favor; Lyman opposed

**7. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)**

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to move item number 11 to the current position for action. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

**11. Dirigo Engineering Response to Inquiry on Ward Hill Road Design & Warranty**

The Town Manager provided the Board with the response letter from Randy Butler, of Dirigo Engineering. There was an explanation provided in the letter (attached) and also suggested a potential solution to Wellman Paving's refusal to warranty the Ward Hill Road project. The proposed solution to the project, as provided by Dirigo Engineering, totals approximately \$157,101.60 in additional costs.

The Board requests the Dirigo Engineering attend either one of the next two meetings to discuss the Ward Hill projects and plans.

Chairman Frederick and Selectman Everett suggest that we explore Wellman reissuing a warranty for the project if the project is revised. The Town Manager will follow up with Wellman Paving and bring it back to the board at the next regular meeting.

Bill Sanborn of Ranger Construction inquired about the policy or practice of completing pay requisitions for construction work. Mr. Sanborn believed Ranger Construction had completed a good amount of work on Ward Hill Road and also had a large culvert purchase. He questioned why the Town Manager did not sign off on the pay req. The Town Manager stated that he had not received a pay requisition for approval and that standard practice has been to have the Town's engineer review the work for which the payment is being requested,

sign off on the pay requisition, then seek the Town Manager's approval. This process wasn't observed and could not have been observed, given that Ranger Construction only provided the Town with less than 48 hours' notice of their intent to submit a pay requisition for this meeting's warrant.

**8. Discussion/Action on Use of Undesignated Funds to Reduce the Amount Required to be Raised from Property Taxes (pursuant to Town Meeting Article 34)**

The Town Manager provided an overview of the preliminary tax assessment scenario for 2018. The Board reviewed three proposals that could impact the tax rate.

Selectman Chartrand made a MOTION to authorize the Board of Assessors to use of up to \$125,000 from the undesignated fund to reduce the amount required to be raised from property taxes. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

**9. Discussion/Action Wastewater Upgrade Bond Anticipation Note**

The Town Manager states that bond counsel was unable to provide complete information for tonight's meeting and requests the item be tabled until the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to table this item until the next regular meeting. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

**10. Preliminary Overview of New Fire Truck Proposals**

Fire Captain Todd Pineo presented the bid proposals from four parties. Pierce (Raymond Smith) provided an alternate proposal, which was allowed under the terms of the bid specifications. The attached spreadsheet is attached with the bid summary, as presented by Captain Pineo.

The fire truck committee unanimously recommends the purchase of a Pierce "Responder" with a price of \$346,664.00. The committee requests the Board of Selectmen consider 100% upfront payment in order to generate a savings of \$9,431; this would allow for the purchase of a hydraulic generator. The total committee-recommended cost would be \$347,433.00.

Selectman Wilder made a MOTION to add discussion/action on fire truck purchase to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Chartrand made a MOTION to authorize the purchase of the Pierce "Responder" from Minuteman Fire & Rescue Apparatus (Durham, ME), as presented by the Fire Department Truck Committee, for a purchase price not to exceed \$350,000.00. This includes the authorization of 100% pre-payment in order to include the option of a hydraulic generator. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

## **12. Other Business**

Vice Chairman Lyman requests that the fire department members present discuss the path forward with the fire department capital advisory committee guidelines.

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to table any action on the Fire Department Capital Advisory Committee Guidelines. Seconded by Selectman Chartrand. MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chairman Lyman states that he believed that the terrace on the northern side of the bridge was an appropriate place to place a board to honor Corporal Eugene Cole. He questions why the interested parties took nearly ten years to follow up, now that there is a different proposal for the location. Selectman Wilder states that the members of the committee initially involved had a different opinion of what was supposed to be included in the interpretive panel. David Jones states that in all of the bridge meetings that he attended as superintendent of the water district, there was supposed to be a history only of the bridge and not the Town. Vice Chairman Lyman suggests developing the Town's own panel and install it at a location of the Town's choosing.

## **13. Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to adjourn at 8L04 PM. Seconded by Selectman Chartrand. MOTION PASSED.