



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 15, 2018  
6:00 PM**

Attendance: Chairman Ronald Frederick, Selectmen Matthew Everett, and Sallie Wilder. Also present were Town Manager Richard LaBelle, Highway Foreman Joseph Bishop, Clerk Sharon Dodge, Bookkeeper Peter Lyman, Jim Lord of Dirigo Engineering, and resident Joseph Viles. Absent: Vice Chairman James Lyman and Selectman Joshua Chartrand.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chairman Frederick.

**2. Pledge to the Flag**

**3. Review/Approve Minutes of August 1, 2018**

Selectman Wilder made a MOTION to approve the meeting minutes of August 1, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

**4. Discussion with Jim Lord of Dirigo Engineering Regarding Ward Hill Road Project**

Jim Lord of Dirigo Engineering addressed the Board regarding concerns over the Ward Hill Road project. The Town Manager expressed concerns over communication and the overall execution of the plans for the project. Mr. Lord states that he is willing to see the project through, in the best interest of the Town. He will work closely with the Town Manager and Public Works Foreman to ensure that the best possible solution is determined.

**5. Discussion/Action on Ward Hill Road Project Plan Modification**

Selectman Everett made a motion to table action on the Ward Hill Road Project modification plan. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED

**6. Selectmen's Reports**

Chairman Frederick asked the Board to think about a long term plan for an election facility.

**7. Town Manager's Report**

See Attached.

**8. Discussion/Action on August 15, 2018 General Warrant #16**

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant #16 in the amount of \$652,186.33. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

**9. Discussion/Action on August 15, 2018 Airport Warrant #8**

Selectman Wilder made a MOTION to approve and sign Airport Warrant #8 in the amount of \$26,477.12. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

**10. Discussion/Action on August 15, 2018 Sewer Commitment**

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to commit and sign the August 15, 2018 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$14,601.28. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

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

Resident Joseph Viles inquired regarding the recent bidding for a new fire truck. The Town Manager states that Minuteman Fire & Apparatus was awarded the bid for a new Pierce Responder truck. The truck proposal came in under budget; the expected delivery date of the vehicle is August-September 2019.

Mr. Viles also inquires about the previous plan to pave the remainder of Beech Hill Road. Initially, if there was any residual budget for road construction, this possibility was being explored. In light of new information on Ward Hill Road, it is not likely that there will be enough balance in the budget in order to complete Beech Hill Road. The project will remain on the road maintenance plan for future consideration.

**12. Discussion/Action on Signing Cemetery Quitclaim Deed**

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to sign a cemetery quitclaim deed in the names of Richard E. Loadwick and Annie M. Loadwick for the southern half of lot 261 at Sunset View Cemetery. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

**13. Discussion/Action Public Works Load Covers Purchase**

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to authorize the purchase and installation of load covers for Public Works from JD Truck Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$5,400.00. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

**14. Discussion/Action on Airport Replacement Gate Installation**

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to authorize the purchase and installation of a new gate from ADA Fence Company for the airport in an amount of \$18,086.02. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

*Note: This is an insurance replacement, due to an accident earlier in the year.*

**15. Discussion/Action on Wastewater Upgrade Bond Anticipation Note**

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to accept the proposal submitted by Skowhegan Savings Bank for the wastewater upgrade bond anticipation note at a rate of 2.92% for a period of up to twenty-four months. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED

**16. Discussion/Action on Donations**

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to accept donations to benefit 2018 Oosoola Days in the total amount of \$3,950.00. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

*The following is an itemized list of donors: Hight Family of Dealerships (\$600), Oosoola Country Store (\$500), Redington Fairview General Hospital (\$500), Franklin Savings Bank (\$500), Allied Realty (\$500), Ledger & Daughters Construction (\$150), Skowhegan Savings Bank (\$150), Skowhegan Lions Club (\$150), Future Agency, LLC (\$150), Bangor Savings Bank (\$150), Short Circuit Electric (\$150), Old Mill Pub (\$150), Wentworth's Country Diner (\$150), DMO Landscaping (\$150)*

**17. Other Business**

Selectman Wilder inquired about the upcoming bridge meeting. The Town Manager states that the upcoming meeting is solely for the purpose of organizing the dedication ceremony on October 7. The group is working to extend invitations, make logistical arrangements, etc. The group is not involved in the planning for plaques or interpretive panels.

Selectman Everett asked about the tree cutting by Mill Stream. The Town Manager stated that this has been reviewed by the Code Enforcement Office and that the work being done falls narrowly within the confines of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. One large tree that was removed and would have been in violation was actually dead. This tree was visually inspected and confirmed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

The Town Manager also stated that he has been notified by Maine DEP that there is invasive milfoil located in Mill Stream. There has not been any remediation proposed, but there is expanded interest in the waterway.

**18. Adjournment**

Selectman Wilder made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.