



## HARRISON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thursday January 9, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman Raymond Laplante, Selectman Richard Sykes, Selectman Penny Bean, Selectman Henry Dumont, Town Manager Tim Pellerin, Secretary Denise Dumont

Public: LRTV, attendance sheet attached

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank
2. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank
3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

Town Manager Introduced Laurie Polland, Finance Director so she didn't have to stay for the whole meeting. She then introduced and gave some background information.

4. Approval of Unsigned Warrants – Warrants #25 - #28 approved with signatures
5. Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2019

**Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2019 made by S. Sykes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Bean. Approved 5-0**

6. Old Business –

- a) Budget Schedule (Reminder)

Budget should be presented to board by Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

- b) Police Contract Update

If we move to our own department or with Bridgton, the County will charge an additional \$41,195.00 bringing it to \$61,261.00 This is a charge that is given for dispatch etc given to towns that don't have Cumberland County Sherriff Dept as primary coverage. Discussion followed about price in no increase in service but nothing can be done. This would only raise taxes \$7 to \$21 depending on property. Need to get more information and perhaps public input.

**Motion to table Police Contract motion made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dumont. Approved 5-0**

## 7. New Business

- a) Town Meeting by Secret Ballot Date – June 9, 2020

### **Motion to set Town Meeting by Secret Ballot for June 9, 2020 made by S. Laplante, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Bean. Approved 5-0**

- b) Upcoming Foreclosures (2017)  
45 day letter sent out by regular & certified mail. Feb 18, 2020 will foreclose on properties (22)
- c) Paris Select Board Letter.  
Letter dated 10/28/2019 regarding school board budget. Discussion followed. Also want to hold them responsible for the Quality of education. Unless Norway or Oxford also join it would not be worth it because they also use a weighted vote. Tim will inform Paris Town Manager we support this.

## 8. Town Manager's Report

### **Town Manager's Report – January 9th, 2020**

#### **1) ADMINISTRATION-**

- a) Interaction with Harrison Citizens visits – 22, calls – 17, Other daily office interactions average 18+
- b) Budget update

#### **2) PUBLIC WORKS – Winter operations.**

- 3) FIRE DEPARTMENT-** 20 Calls. See Attached sheet. Trainings and events in December were Propane training by Suburban Propane as well as mutual aid towns, Christmas in Harrison Parade and traffic control detail, Monthly apparatus checks.

#### **Fire/Rescue Incidents for 2019 total of 325.**

- 4) SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION** - Transfer station had 2105 visits in December.

We shipped 148,960 lbs of msw (municipal solid waste)  
26,900 lbs of recycles.  
41 tires  
Freon removed from 62 units (fridges and ac)

On Dec 30<sup>th</sup> we had 3 trailer truck loads of metal removed from our metal pile. That made 8 truck loads this year. That was twice the number of last year. Our metal hauler attributes the increase due to very low scrap metal prices. This has made it unprofitable for the small metal scrappers to haul away metal.

We had record numbers of visits and tonnage over the holiday weekends. With a little creative thinking and help from the public, we got through it. Thanks to all!

- 5) **RECREATION** – We had a busy December with all the holiday festivities. They all enjoyed and went well.

January Senior Luncheon took place on the 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a full house with over 30 people in attendance.

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Room will be breakfast club at 9am. Kayla will be making a breakfast casserole.

New Family Event on January 25, Mr. Drew and his animals too will be at Harrison Elementary.

**New program for students grades 1-6. Mad Science Brixology program** starting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kids will meet once a week for 8 weeks and learn different types of engineering and then team up to construct a different engineering-themed project using LEGO bricks. They learn about aerospace engineering as they build boats and vehicles. From carnival rides to drawing machines, mechanical animals to truss bridges, your future engineer will build upon their creativity to solve real-world design challenges, while developing their problem-solving and team-building skills.

Next Senior Luncheon – Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Community Room. The meal will be something homemade with rolls and dessert.

- 6) **PARKS** – Winter Operations. Facilities maintenance

- 7) **PUBLIC SAFETY-**

**ACO** - The following calls were handled: 2 trespassing & barking w/written warnings, 2 found dogs, 1 dog bite victim.

- 8) **ON-GOING PROJECTS**

- A) New Fire Truck getting lettering put on and should be here in a couple weeks
- B) New Finance Director – Laurie Griffin Polland started 12/30/19 (done in beginning of meeting)
- C) Audit update
- D) Started on Budget – meetings with staff & Dept Heads
- E) Working on Employee Evaluations

9. Other Business

- Oxford Hills Technical School Skills Challenge Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm

**Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 36 MRSA §841(2) to deal with a Poverty Abatement #2003 motion made at 7:04 pm by S. Sykes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Laplante. Approved 5-0**

**Executive Session began at 7:07 pm after a brief recess for Secretary and Camera crew to exit.**

10. Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841(2) Poverty Abatement #2003

**Motion to exit Executive Session pursuant to 36 MRSA §841(2) to deal with a Poverty Abatement #2003 motion made at 7:36 pm by S. Sykes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Laplante. Approved 5-0**

**Motion made to Grant Poverty Abate for the amount \$2,034.07 on Account #2003 made by S. Sykes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Laplante. Approved 5-0**

11. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn made at 7:39 pm by S. Dumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Bean. Approved 5-0**

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Denise Dumont, Secretary