



HARRISON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Monday, March 19, 2020 – 6:00P.M.

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

Absent: Selectman Penny Bean

Public: LRTV, attendance sheet attached

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call the Meeting to Order
3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items) no public
4. Approval of Unsigned Warrants #34 - #38 approved by signature
5. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2020 made by S. Dumont, 2nd by S. Frank approved 3-0 Note: S. Sykes abstained (he was absent last meeting)

6. Old Business – None
7. New Business

A. Representative Walter Riseman was a little late so the meeting continued until he arrived and he was allowed to speak. He brought up Broadband. He created a group comprised of representatives from Towns and the County to see what is available. What type of technology, point to point, or wireless fiber etc. that are available in the area. Although there is money from ConnectME for more study he knows what we need but not how to get it to areas that need to have it. He was going to have a meeting on March 23 but because of state of emergency will not happen at this time. There was talk about maybe sales tax from Amazon and other on-line companies going towards helping cost. Lots of talk no action at this time in district and community. Anything that will done in communities will require an investment.

Augusta were supposed to vote on change to budget and update on coronavirus. All sessions at State level called off or postponed at this time due to social distancing and CoVID19.

He asked what he can do as State Rep to help with pertaining to information or whatever because of virus and crisis. Talked to food bank and their extreme shortage of food. Shelves bare. If need help contact him as he will be here and not in Augusta and he will see what can be done to help. If people need food let him know also. He left some of his cards to be given out as needed.

B. Pole Permit approval

- a. Corner of Dawes Hill Rd & Pound Rd
- b. Corner of Deer Trees Rd & Dawes Hill Rd

Motion to approve both the pole permits at same time for corner of Dawes Hill Road and Pound Road & also Deer Trees Rd and Dawes Hill Rd made by S. Laplante, 2nd by S. Dumont approved 4-0

C. Consent Agreement – Appleberry Mountain Timberlands Map 17 Lot 1

Motion to agree to set Consent Agreement for Appleberry Mountain Timberlands, Map 17 Lot 1 made by S. Sykes 2nd by S. Laplante approved 4-0

D. Recall Ordinance

Discussion followed S. Frank 5% a higher percentage or min of 50 voters. S. Laplante suggested 25%

Motion to change recall signatures from 10% to 25% S. Sykes 2nd S. Laplante Approved 4-0

Motion to approve Recall Ordinance with single change to 25% (and to be part of warrant) made by S. Laplante, 2nd by S. Dumont Approved 4-0

It was suggested and agreed on to do the rest of the meeting moving quickly through the agenda and come back to the budget items at the end.

E. Draft Warrant/Approval of Budget

Budget Motions:

Administration - Motion to accept Administration portion in the amount of \$585,277.00 made S. Laplante, 2nd S. Sykes. Approved 4-0

Public Works - Motion to accept Public Works portion in the amount of \$640,998.00 made S. Frank, 2nd S. Laplante. Approved 4-0

Fire Department - Motion to accept Fire Department portion in the amount of \$140,704.00 made S. Sykes, 2nd S. Dumont. Approved 4-0

Solid Waste – Motion to accept Solid Waste portion in the amount of 294,497.00 made by S. Laplante, 2nd by S. Sykes. Approved 4-0

Recreation - Motion to accept Recreation portion in the amount of \$147,672.00 made S. Sykes, 2nd S. Laplante Approved 4-0

Municipal Insurance - Motion to accept Municipal Insurance portion in the amount of \$82,800.00 made S. Dumont, 2nd S. Laplante Approved 4-0

Public Safety - Motion to accept Public Safety portion in the amount of \$219,342.00 made S. Laplante, 2nd S. Sykes Approved 4-0

Community Program - Motion to accept Community Program portion in the amount of \$82,650.00 made S. Dumont, 2nd S. Sykes Approved 4-0

Parks - Motion to accept Parks portion in the amount of \$131,573.00 made S. Sykes, 2nd S. Dumont Approved 4-0

Education – skipped don't have information yet

County Tax Motion to accept County Tax portion in the amount of \$364,137.00 made S. Laplante, 2nd S. Dumont Approved 4-0

Planning/Assessing Motion to accept Planning/Assessing portion in the amount of \$214,342.00 made S. Sykes, 2nd S. Laplante Approved 4-0

Capital Roads Motion made by S. Sykes, 2nd S. Dumont opened discussion to amend Capital Roads amount and reduce by \$100,000. Motion made to change amount and accept Capital Roads portion in the amount of \$600,000.00 made by S. Sykes 2nd by S. Laplante Approved 4-0

Capital Improvements – Motion to accept Capital Improvements portion in the amount of \$500,000 made by S. Laplante, 2nd by S. Dumont Approved 4-0

Public Hearing on Warrant was set for March 26, 2020 at 6 pm. Motion to set public hearing made by S. Laplante, 2nd by S. Sykes Approved 4-0 We will make a final determination

F. Manager's Report

Town Manager's Report – March 16th, 2020

1) ADMINISTRATION-

a) Interaction with Harrison Citizens visits – 19 calls – 20

2) PUBLIC WORKS – Winter operations and equipment maintenance. Tuning up equipment to be ready for Spring. Started lightly grating roads as applicable.

3) FIRE DEPARTMENT- 25 Calls. See Attached sheet. Trainings and events in February: Operation of new pumper/tanker, Fire Behavior and Monthly Apparatus Checks & meeting.

*Note- the new pumper/tanker, Engine 2 and the new Blitzforce ground monitor was utilized by a three man crew on February 29th, 2020 at a structure fire on the Naples Road to protect a nearby exposure, the owners house, which only received minor heat damage as a result. They were able to keep the fire in check until more personnel and mutual aid arrived on scene to assist in extinguishing the fire.

- 4) **SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION** - Transfer station had 1667 visits in February. We shipped 19,800 lbs of recycles w/1.5% contamination. And 3,389 lbs of electronics and 276 lamps.

We sent 517 tons of trash and 91 tons of recycles to ecomaine last year. That gives a recycling rate of only 17%. Richs thinks we can do better. He is trying to increase our percentage of recycling as one of his goals for the upcoming year.

- 5) **RECREATION** – As of Monday, March 16th Kayla will not be in the Town Office. She can be reached by phone. All Recreation programs are cancelled through March 31st due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Spring sports programs including pre-season baseball, softball, tball and current after-school programs have all been suspended until further notice w/the intent to still have Spring programming and sports.

During this time, we will be accepting registrations for Spring sports seasons and Summer Rec online only. We will be not accepting walk ins at the Town Office

March Madness on Sunday, March 8th - was enjoyed by all.

Red Sox trip set for **Saturday, May 2nd** still on as of right now

- 6) **PARKS** – Winter Operations. Facilities maintenance. Tuning up equipment for Spring.

- 7) **PUBLIC SAFETY-**

ACO - The following calls were handled: 1 well-being not taking care of dogs, 1 Quarantine Release, 1 animal trespass, 1 missing dogs, 1 cat bite, this is the time of year for follow up on registrations and rabies violations – 5 different ones done
SHERRIFF – 125 total incidents, Traffic Citations 19, Traffic Warnings, 45, Cases Assigned to Detective Div. 3

- 8) **ON-GOING PROJECTS**

- A) Audit update
- B) Budget update will work on after report
- C) Declare State of Emergency in line with Governor
- D) Restricted Access Plan

Board declared a state of civil emergency in line with Governor. Motion made by S. Sykes, 2nd S. Dumont. Discussion occurred to give Town Manager approval to do what is needed to keep Employees and Public safe then keep them updated. Approved 4-0

G. Other Business

- Gerald Smith resigned from the Scholarship Committee (do you want it advertised) It was agreed that it should be advertised as an open position.
- Reminder Nomination Paperwork due back by Friday April 10, 2020

H. Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn at 7:54 pm was made by S. Dumont, 2nd by S. Laplante
Approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Frank, Chairman

Denise Dumont, Secretary