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

Public: LRTV, David Arris, Patrick Bracken, Asst. CEO Jim Fahey

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Vice Chairman Laplante
2. Moved to the Assessor’s meeting agenda
3. Meeting called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Chairman Frank

Town Manager introduced Jim Fahey as our new assistant code enforcement officer. He is a decorated police officer of 28 years with South Portland. He has all the code certifications.

4. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items) - None
5. Warrants #29 - #32 approved with signatures
6. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2019

**Motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019 made by Selectman Sykes, 2nd by Selectman Dumont. Approved 5-0.**

7. Old Business – employee floating holiday –

**Motion made by Selectman Sykes, 2nd by Selectman Laplante to set July 5, 2019 as the floating holiday for the next calendar year. Approved 5-0.**

8. New Business
    a. Scholarship Committee

The Board would like to put out to the public if anyone is interested in being on the scholarship committee for the Town.
b. Mass Gathering Ordinance

The major change in the ordinance is the amount of people allowed to gather. The change is from 1000 people to 500.

Motion made to place the Mass Gathering Ordinance on the warrant by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Sykes. Approved 5-0.

Additional motion made to place the Mass Gathering Ordinance on the ballot for June 11th by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Sykes. Approved 5-0.

c. Event Permit Application

Motion made to accept the application effective immediately with the due date change from 30 days to 45 days made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Bean. Approved 5-0.

d. Spring Road Posting March 1 – May 1

Motion to grant the road commissioner permission to post the roads when needed for weight limits between March 1 – May 1, made by Selectman Dumont, 2nd by Selectman Bean. Approved 5-0.

e. Pondicherry letter

Chairman Frank asked to recuse himself from the discussion.

Selectman Sykes made the motion Selectman Bean made a 2nd to allow Selectman Frank to recuse himself from the proceedings. Approved 5-0.

The town manager recommends that we don’t involve ourselves in this matter. It is an issue between private businesses and it is not our issue to way into.

There was no one present from either side. Selectman Sykes stated we take no action. Chairman Frank resumed his seat.

9. Town Manager’s report

1) ADMINISTRATION-
   A) Budget development.
   B) Day to day operations
   C) Hired new employee

2) PUBLIC WORKS-
3) **FIRE DEPARTMENT**-

4) **SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION**-
   A) New Cameras installed at Transfer station.

5) **RECREATION**- Ice fishing derby this weekend, polar fest in 2 weeks.

6) **PUBLIC SAFETY**-

7) **PARKS**-

8) **ON-GOING PROJECTS**
   A) Polled the employees for the floating Holiday, July 5th is the winner.
   B) New fuel system is finally installed and getting ready to go on-line, for $14,000.00
   C) Jim’s retirement cost

MainePers is charging a fine of 5% to rehire a person if they are already in the system but are not contributing or withdrawing anything additional from the system.

**Motion made to authorize the town manager to pay the $2500 fine for Jim Fahey’s hire to MainePers made by Selectman Sykes, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 5-0.**

Selectman Sykes requested the town manager to contact our representatives, Hamper and Riseman to follow up on this new rule from MainePers and the unfairness of it.

The farmer’s market contacted the town manager to request the town pay part of the cost for a porta-potty they are required to have for the farmers market because they feel the public uses it during the rest of the week. Legal was contacted and they do not recommend we use public funds in this particular case because it is on private land and a private business. Recommend they lock the porta-potty when they are not using it.

**Motion to deny the request to the farmers market to help pay for the porta potty made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Sykes. Approved 5-0.**

Town manager asked the Board about an email received about why we don’t have budget committee meetings. We did not have a budget committee last year and the Board was of the consensus they did not wish to have one this year. It was noted when we did have budget meetings, no one attended.
10. Other Business

- Nomination papers – available March 4th, must be returned by 4:30 pm on Friday April 12th to the Town Clerk's office

1 Selectman seat – 3 years
2 Planning Board seats – 3 years
1 Planning Board seat – 2 years
1 Appeals Board seat – 5 years
1 School Board seat – 3 years

11. Executive Session – (if necessary)

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. made by Selectman Bean, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Melissa St. John, Secretary