HARRISON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING
Tuesday April 17, 2018 – 7:00P.M.

Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman William Winslow, Selectman Achille Belanger, Selectman Raymond Laplante, Town Manager George Finch, Secretary Melissa St. John

Absent: Selectman Richard Sykes

Public: LRTV, Andy & Tucker Derstine

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank

2. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank

3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

4. Approval of Warrants #40 - #41

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Financial Warrants #40 & #41 made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 3-0. Selectman Belanger abstained, still reading the warrants.

5. Approval of minutes – March 20, 2018

Motion to accept the March 20, 2018 meeting minutes made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 4-0

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business

A. Fee schedule – add Traffic & Parking Ordinance fee, Rec fee

Motion to change the recreation fee to $250 per child, $240 per additional child and adopt the State fees for overweight fines of not less than $250 not more than $1000 and the overweight violation to include repair costs, attorney and court costs made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 4-0.
B. Confirmatory Quit claim deed – Andrew & Donna Derstine, Tolman Rd, Map 55 Lot 47

Motion to grant a confirmatory quit claim deed to Andrew & Donna Derstine, map 55 lot 47 made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 4-0.

C. Floating holiday for Fiscal year 2018-19 – December 24, 2018

Motion to assign the floating holiday for the fiscal year 2018-19 to December 24, 2018 made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 4-0.

D. Liquor licenses
   i. VFW
   ii. Ruby Slippers Café

Motion to grant a renewal liquor license to the VFW & Ruby Slippers Café made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 4-0.

E. Foreclosures

The consensus of the board is to hold off on foreclosure until the new town manager is in place so he can be active in the process.

F. FY 19 Budget
   i. Warrant

Motion to accept the Warrant for fiscal year 2019 made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 4-0.

G. Capital equipment & Capital roads

Will be presented at the next meeting with the new town manager because he will be the one actively involved with it.

8. Other Business
   A. Update on Joseph Day Scholarship

The CD has been rolled over into a 19-month CD with Androscoggin Bank.

9. Manager’s Report

Public Works – There is no place in our municipal fiscal budget where we face the potential for unexpected expenses than in the Public Works winter budget. A week ago I would have reported winter was over and we should be within range of meeting budget objectives. After this weekend with the need to call the crew back multiple times I am a
little less confident. With rains projected for the next few days we are preparing for potential washouts along the sides of some roads

**Parks** – We have filled one of the part-time positions in the parks department and once Spring arrives so we can begin preparation for summer we will review the timing of an additional person. As with Public Works this winter has added to the expenses of keeping up with the snow removal on sidewalks which falls under Parks.

**Office Security System** – We are ready to complete the final phase of security for the Town Office. The system which will control entrance into the general offices is within budget and will be installed by Security 101.

**My Goodbye Thank you** – This being my last official Manager’s Report as your Town Manager I would like to end by thanking the current Board and those who I have served under over the past seven plus years for the support they have given me.

We would not have accomplished all we have done without our employees. For without them our best laid plans would not have come together. You have a dynamic group of employees who have risen to the tasks at hand thus changing the possibilities into realities.

Most important for me is not to leave without thanking the people of Harrison for it is their support at Town Meetings which provided the authorization to accomplish the goals.

Harrison today is a stronger community with effective, efficient and economical plans in place for the future. I am often quoted, (with an old quote), “if you don’t like the hole you are in, stop digging.”

Together we have accomplished the goals of, “Holding the Line on Taxes, Improving not Reducing Services and build a strong Employee base.” In addition we have made significant gains in meeting our capital facility and equipment needs as well as implementation of a comprehensive capital roads program which has greatly improved our road infrastructure.

Any one of these goals alone would be difficult but I leave with confidence we have not only stopped digging the hole we are now filling it in. Continue on this pathway and those goals can remain intact for years to come.

Selectman Laplante reported the lighting done at the fire station has been a great upgrade.

Handout was given and a request by Selectman Laplante to have a workshop on the items so the board has a comprehensive plan to focus on. List attached.
10. Executive Session - 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) – Personnel matter

Motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Laplante. Approved 4-0.

Came out of executive session at 7:54 pm.

Motion to keep George “Bud” Finch on the payroll until the end of June made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 4-0.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman

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Melissa St. John, Secretary