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

Public:LRTV, Bridgton News, Sun Journal, Mike Pascoe, Dawn Destrini, Ramona Lachance, Samuel Knight

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank

2. Open the Assessor’s meeting at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank

3. Open the Selectmen Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Town Manager Bud Finch submitted his resignation to retire. Full note listed under the manager’s report below.

4. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items) - None

5. Public Hearing – General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A – D

Chairman Frank opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Chairman Frank closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

6. Approval of Warrants #7 - #11

Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Financial Warrants #7 - #11 made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

7. Approval of minutes – August 15, 2017

Motion to accept the meeting minutes for August 15, 2017 made by Selectman Belanger, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Selectman Sykes made a motion to add his amendment to the minutes, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Failed 3-2. Confirmation of name change for Selectmen present at the meeting from Selectman St. John to Selectman Sykes. Minutes approved 5-0.
8. Old Business
   a. Educational Analysis Committee

The history of the education study done in the 90’s was reviewed. Synopsis attached. Also included are current questions for the Board about direction of the committee, possible costs and possible future steps.

Discussion revolved around quality of education, cost, representation on the school board. General consensus towards creating an informal committee to look at all options to bring a direction to take forward to the public. Selectman Sykes will create an advertisement to publish to request members of the public to join an exploratory committee to look at these issues.

9. New Business
   a. General Assistance Appendices A – D

Motion to accept the 2017 General Assistance Appendices A – D made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Sykes. Approved 5-0.

   b. Pole permit – Lewis Road (Shore Road)

Motion to grant a pole permit to Central Maine Power for Lewis Road made by Selectman Sykes, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

   c. Quit Claim Deed – James Bean, 3 County Road, Map 38, Lot 9-D

Motion to grant a quit claim deed to James Bean, Map 38 Lot 9-D made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger. Approved 5-0.

   d. 1 ton truck – public works

The 5 quotes from different dealers are for a Ford F-550 with all the equipment included. The truck will be turn key and possible to have within a month if the trucks are still in stock at the dealer. Town manager will negotiate the lowest price he can get for the vehicle if approved.

Motion to purchase the truck at $63,428 made by Selectman Laplante, 2nd by Selectman Winslow. Approved 5-0.

10. Other Business
   a. Thank you - Scholarship

11. Manager’s Report
My Retirement Note – It is with mixed emotions that I am notifying you this evening of my intent to retire effective December 31st, 2017. My mixed emotions are due to a variety of reasons, some of which I will share with you now.

- I did not expect, back in November of 2010, when I accepted this position I would still be here seven years later.

- I have made many friends in Harrison and for the most part felt I was accepted as part of the community family and leaving friends and family is always difficult.

- I love my work and have never considered being a Town Manager just a 9 to 5 job. I do want to clarify it is possible to love your work and hate your job at the same time.

- My hope is that Harrison is better off because I was here as I would like to think the 7-years of my retired life were not given up in vain.

- Harrison has been a great stop along my pathway through life and while I have had thoughts of continuing to serve well into the future reality tells me the time has come to move on. My plan is to go silently into the night as discretion is always the better part of valor and with my best wishes to the people of Harrison.

Administration –

- **Property Card & Tax Information** – As we continue along the technology pathway I am pleased to announce the public now has the ability to find property card and tax information on line at the Town Webpage which can be found @ [www.harrisonmaine.org/assessor](http://www.harrisonmaine.org/assessor)

  **How To Directions** – To find property card information and current tax information click on the “Harrison property cards.” In the drop down menu select Harrison. Select how you wish to see the information and then select what you would like to use for search criteria. Current taxes due on the property are located at the bottom of the page for the property selected to view.

- **Town Office Closed – Wednesday, October 4th** the Town Office will be closed for business in order for the office staff to attend training programs at the Maine Municipal Associations annual conference in Augusta.

Transfer Station –

- **Closed Wednesday** - Due to paving the transfer station will be closed Wednesday to allow the paving contractor the necessary time and safety for the paving of the roadway and to limit vehicle use as it sets. The station will reopen at its regularly scheduled time 8:00 A.M. on Friday.

Public Works –
• **2017 Capital Roads Project** - I am pleased to note we have completed the 2017 major road projects with the paving of Town Farm Road. This completes what has been one of the largest if not the largest town road improvement package undertaken in Harrison.

  This year’s project included the major upgrade, (reclaim, gravel, base coat, top coat and shoulders) of Dawes Hill, Deerhill, Fogg, Buck and Town Farm Roads. Thanks to F. R. Carroll Inc. of Limerick for the great work his people did.

  Secondary projects this year as part of the package included Lincoln Street, Transfer Station roadway and the upper parking lot at the Town Office. Thanks to A&W Paving Inc. of Norway for their efforts.

  With the completion of this work Harrison has successfully upgraded over 6.25 miles of road utilizing this process bringing the five-year total to 15 ½ miles accounting for about 30% of the 48 miles of town owned roads.

• **Summit Hill & Reid Road Work** – Next week we will address the road work issues between Reid Road and Blueberry Lane on Summit Hill road. The work to be done will require the road to be shut down for short periods and at various times. Culvert replacement will be required at the entrance of Reid Road with along with another across Summit Hill Road.

**Recreation** – With the summer recreation program completed Kayla is focusing on fall and winter events. To be able to provide residents with more opportunities for day trips she will be working closely with Bridgton and Waterford to provide the numbers necessary to book trips and keep them affordable.

**Parks** – The end of summer brings the shutdown of our parks. This will begin taking place this week and will continue to on or around October 15th with the removal of the floats at Crystal Lake and Long Lake Parks and the town docks Long Lake Park and at Crystal Lake and Long Lake Boat Ramps.

12. Executive Session – Personnel Matter – 1MRSA §405(6)(A)

**Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) to deal with a personnel matter made by Selectman Winslow, 2nd by Selectman Belanger.**

Approved 5-0.

Executive session was entered at 8:45 p.m.

13. Adjourn

  Meeting was adjourned following the end of the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Frank, Chairman