**January 23rd, 2020**

**6:00 pm**

**Public Hearing on Mass Gathering Permit for the Made in Maine Festival - Opened public hearing - No questions – Closed public hearing.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER and FLAG SALUTE - Chairman Scott Hunter will preside.**
2. **ACTION ON MINUTES**
   1. ***Action on minutes dated January 2, 2020.***

*Motion to approve by Caldwell Jackson and seconded by Sharon Jackson. Passed 4-0.*

1. **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA -** *None*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please state your name and Town that you are from for the record**

*Gaye Farnum had questions regarding the clear cutting located behind her home. She also questioned Thomas Kennison of Bear Foot Realty doing business with the town since he also is a member of the Economic Development Committee. Scott Hunter explained the cutting happen quickly to expedite the project with no cost to the Town. Caldwell Jackson finds no conflict with Tom on the Economic Development committee and doing business for the town since he approached John Schiavi to see if he would consider donating the land for the business park to the town. Butch Asselin explained that the business park was approved at a town meeting and the town attorney had reviewed and approved the language. Gaye stated she just wanted to have a statement for the record.*

1. **OLD BUSINESS -** *None*
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Ron H. R. Smith from RHR & Company – Town Auditor – Audit Review**

*Ron H. R. Smith presented the audit review to the Select board. Discussion held on the Capital Reserve accounts and the review on obsolete and smaller reserve accounts.*

* 1. **To approve a Mass Gathering Permit for the Made in Maine Festival to be held June 5-7, 2020 at the Oxford Fair Grounds.**

*Samantha Hewey moved to approve the permit, seconded by Caldwell Jackson. Passed 4-0.*

* 1. **To appoint Linda Hooker as a ballot clerk**

*Caldwell Jackson motioned to appoint, seconded by Samantha Hewey. Passed 4-0.*

* 1. **To accept two donations toward 85-01-85-70 Fire Communication Reserve, both in the amount of $30,000 for a total of $60,000.**

Butch stated that this anonymous donation was greatly appreciated.

*Caldwell Jackson motioned to accept the donations, seconded by Sharon Jackson. Passed 4-0.*

* 1. **Selectmen approve Teamsters Union Local No. 340 Police Sergeants collective bargaining agreement expiring Jun 20,2022.** See action below (f).
  2. **Selectmen approve Teamsters Union Local No. 340 Police Patrol Unit collective bargaining agreement expiring June 20, 2022.**

Butch Asselin provided an explanation of the contract changes to the board. It is hoped that the changes will attract more officers to the Police department and retain them until retirement. The contract allows the Chief options to offer open shifts to a reserve officer.

*Caldwell Jackson motioned to approve both agreements, second by Sharon Jackson.*

*Passed 4-0.*

1. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

**Transfer Station:** Ed Knightly explained that the compactor hydraulic fluid gelled and needed to be replaced, but it is working well. The trailer is still on the assembly line. An email was received from Tony Charette regarding the brush grinding explaining how the Town is getting a good deal.

**Fire/Rescue:** Chief Paul Hewey wanted to be sure Selectmen received the copies of the 2017, 2018, and 2019 reports that had been requested.

**Police:** Chief Michael Ward discussed the Bullet proof vest and school safety.

1. **TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

* Open House on January 31st from 12:00-2:00 for Joni Catalano retirement.
* Phase one application for a grant to defer the cost of the replacement fish screens has been submitted. Thank the towns of Poland and Otisfield, and TLEA for their letters of support.
* Zhenya Shevchenko, Caldwell Jackson and the Town Manager are meeting with representatives of the USDA next week to discuss remaining grant monies and whether we might be able to use them towards the construction of a dewatering facility.
* Due to a 53 week pay period in the next fiscal year there will be an increase to the budget by approximately $30,000.00. There is also an increase in the police budget due to the new contract. Rescue will also increase to provide additional 12-hour coverage during evenings hours, eliminating having people on call at night and providing a much quicker response time.
* Rebecca Lippincott has scheduled the budget workshops.
* Economic meeting at the Farnum’s residence this Friday.
* Butch presented a comparison on the local finance interest rate per the board request.

1. **SELECTMEN ITEMS**

Caldwell Jackson

* Started a discussion on repair and ownership of the Thompson Lake Dam.
* Stated that the East Oxford Road needs more scraping after snowstorms.

Samantha Hewey

* Discussed urgency vs non-emergency projects and circumventing the bid process on projects including the Dam project.

Scott Hunter

* Proposed a workshop to discuss a solid plan on the Thompson Lake Dam projects.
* Questioned the missing streetlight on the Number Six Road. Butch clarified that Real Term was contacted, and we are waiting for their vendor to get it fixed.

1. **SIGN WARRANTS 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98**

*Caldwell Jackson moved to sign the warrants and Sam Hewey Seconded. Passed 4-0.*

1. **ADJOURNMENT** *on 7:47 pm*

*Motion by Samantha Hewey and seconded by Sharon Jackson. Passed 4-0.*