

Garland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2024, 6:00pm
108 Corinth Rd

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- b. R. Fick, N. Watson and T. Scott attended as a quorum of the board. L. Keefe, Administrator and K. Wood, Public Works Director, attended.
- c. R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as presented with the deletion of "4-d". Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott and N. Watson voted Aye.

2. Public Comment: B. Marquis, V. Glenar, L. Dumont, B. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Bates

R. Fick motioned to open to public comment at 6:01pm. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

Next Garland Days Committee meeting is 8/15 at 6pm.

K. Wood will clean up the dumped material on Day Rd on 8/15. The Sheriff has cleared the scene – stated there isn't anything they can do at this time but to contact if it continues. B. Scott asked about the potholes on the Oliver Hill Rd before Garland Line Rd. Said they were never filled. K. Wood confirmed that they have been filled a few times but with the amount of traffic, the fill is pounded out. He is getting an estimate to have that section of road ground and paved, along with a small section on Campbell Rd, when Freedom Paving is here to do the Campbell Stream Crossing project.

There being no further public comment, R. Fick motioned to close to public comment at 6:07pm. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. L. Keefe to contact the Maine Obsolete Pesticide Program and offer the Transfer Station as a host site.
- b. L. Keefe gave B. Bussiere contact information for S. Thorpe to see if there is an area in Garland that the Fidium grant isn't covering that the BEAD funding could.
- c. Fidium Construction update.
- d. Penobscot County letter. L. Keefe states she has provided J. Gudroe with a copy.

R. Fick motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

4. Motions/Discussions:

- a. R. Fick motioned to sign the July 10, 2024, meeting minutes with the edit made to "q". Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- b. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the July 24, 2024, meeting minutes. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
- c. R. Fick motioned to table until the Assessing Agent arrives. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
- d. Withdrawn
- e. R. Fick motioned to approve L. Keefe to issue a check from the ARPA funds at Androscoggin in the amount of \$2750 to Consolidated Communications for the first commitment payment to ME Connectivity Grant. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
- f. L. Keefe reported that we received a dividend check from MMA Workers Compensation Fund of \$1,298.

R. Fick motioned to skip to “o,p,s,t,y” agenda items to allow K. Wood to address. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted aye.

- o. Discuss Transfer Station Items: Kevin & Elias removed all the doors from stored refrigerators. Transfer Station attendants should be doing this as soon as the unit is received. Discussion regarding tire prices. To allow time to review current pricing, R. Fick motioned to table this discussion until the next meeting. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.
- p. Recent theft of flowers from graves in Evergreen and West Garland. Reported to sheriff's department – “can't do anything at this time. “. Continue to report further thefts. Revisit purchase of cameras (still & video) at next meeting.
- s. R. Fick motioned to approve increasing the 3rd public works position from 27 hours per week to 36 hours per week and to cover the additional cost of \$3894 from savings from the salt line budget. L. Keefe to draft a contract for E. Soares to sign acknowledging that other than accrued PTO, no other benefits will be offered for the remainder of this budget cycle. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
- t. Reviewed email chain with P. Coughlan back to 2020 for Whiting Road. Reviewed Town Meeting Article which voted to discontinue maintenance. L. Keefe to send information to the town attorney. If confirmed, a letter will be sent to Penobscot Registry of Deeds. Revisit at the next meeting.

Garnett & Richard, Maine Assessment, arrived at 6:57pm. R. Fick motioned to return to item “c”. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- c. G. Robinson presented the 2024 Tax Commitment and explained the process. Historically, our MIL rate provides \$34,000 - \$36,000 in overlay funds. These cover the costs of abatements that occur after taxes are committed, or other unforeseen expenses related to commitment. T. Scott asked if it was used to offset uncollected

taxes? L. Keefe replied nominally, as of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$155,000 - \$160,000 in outstanding tax payments.

Garnett said they present low, mid and high options, with the mid option being the preferred. MIL rates presented are: 12.8, 13.2, and 13.4. After discussion, the select board decided on 13.2 which provides a \$33,397 overlay. R. Fick motioned to approve the MIL rate of 13.2. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- y. R. Fick motioned to move into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A) for personnel matters – highway at 7:40pm. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

R. Fick motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 8:05pm. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- R. Fick motioned to research road discontinuance procedures for 2025 Town Meeting. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- R. Fick motioned to turn the reins to Keith Wood to use executive decision making. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- R. Fick motioned to move to item “m”. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- m. Stephen Bates spoke to correcting property lines on Map 7 between lot 5 (town owned) and lot 6 (Mr. Bates) as determined by his property survey done by Foxcroft Surveying. The triangular piece in question is 3.4 acres. L. Keefe to speak with municipal attorney and to check our deed. Can Select Board decide or does this need to be done through Town vote?

- g. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the Certificate of Settlement presented by Lesley Maynard, Tax Collector. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- h. R. Fick motioned to accept the 2024 Source Protection Grant Award of up to \$20,000 to replace the Spring cover and landscape. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.

- i. R. Fick motioned to approve L. Keefe to put a bid ad in the Gazette and State Site. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.

- j. R. Fick motioned to approve L. Keefe to post the Determination of Environmental Compliance Letter in the Gazette per grant requirement. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.

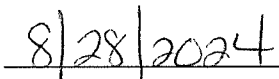
can we post the grant announcement in Around Towns

deed to renew 100 year lease for spring

- k. R. Fick motioned to appoint Lynn Dumont to the planning board seat vacated by Robert Goings with term expiring January 27, 2027. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
 - l. R. Fick motioned to appoint Sanford Giles to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Committee – term expiring on March 13, 2027. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
 - n. R. Fick motioned to approve L. Keefe to issue a check to J. Gudroe from the Fire Department Fundraising Reserve account in the amount of \$2,000 for their Garland Days Chicken BBQ for supplies and start-up money. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
 - q. Select Board request cancelling the appointment with Dave’s World for the Fujitsu unit and contacting Forrest Wright.
 - r. R. Fick motioned to approve L. Keefe to spend \$500 from the IT Reserve account toward a laptop for the Fire Department compatible with their dispatching system. The cost above that amount will come from the FD budget.
 - u. R. Fick motioned to reimburse T. Hartford \$350 for repairing 7 stones at Evergreen. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
 - v. L. Keefe to reach out to Karen Cookson to see if she will fill the vacant school board seat interim through 2025 Town Meeting.
 - w. L. Keefe to send letter to property owner of 004-004 to see if he will take ownership of the trailer (acct 1239). In exchange, the town will offer free trash removal for trailer clean-up.
 - x. R. Fick motioned to allow L. Keefe to apply for the \$3,000 MMA Property & Casualty Grant for roof snow guards, overhang for the gym door and 2 barriers to place at the corner where it builds ice. Seconded by N. Watson. N. Watson & T. Scott voted Aye.
5. Updates:
L. Keefe read through updates. N. Watson & R. Fick to provide contacts for tree removal.
6. Adjournment: R. Fick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Seconded by T. Scott. T. Scott & N. Watson voted Aye.

Respectfully submitted,


Regina Fick, Select Board Chair


Date

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attested 8/29/24

Sally M. Ryan
Clerk

