

# TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: March 8, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm

## I. Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established by Select Board Chair, David Engler, at 5:30 p.m. Select Board members participating were David Engler, Mark Favreau, Jeremy Cluchey, Peter Lewis, Deb Smith, and Town Manager, Nicole Briand.

## II. Amendments to the Agenda

Action item D. PTE Contract Amendment

## III. Presentation

Pine Tree Waste (Casella)

Members of Casella Waste joined the meeting explaining how trash and recycling was processed after it was picked up. Trash is collected and brought to Bath where it is weighed and then loaded into trailers and brought to be incinerated. Recycling from the silver bullet dumpsters is hauled to Bath where it is weighed in then shipped to Lewiston to be sorted, baled, and sent to market.

Casella has several ways of educating the public from handouts to webinars.

## IV. Approval of Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes:

1. February 22, 2022

B. Warrants & Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Warrant #18 for \$338,681.51
2. February's Financial Reports

C. Communications

1. Feeney Community Development Advisory Committee Resignation
2. Sagadahoc Sherriff Incident Report
3. Xfinity TV Services Update

**Favreau moved the Board approve the Consent Calendar, as amended to add Debra Smith as present to the Meeting Minutes; seconded by Cluchey. Vote was 5-0**

## **V. Action Items**

### **A. Act on Nexamp Community Solar Agreement**

Curtis gave an overview of the Nexamp Solar agreement.

- 15% discount on bill credits.
- No sign-up cost or discontinuation penalties.
- Three-month notice required for discontinuation.
- Credit does not apply to streetlights, can use toward everything else.

Cluchey was interested in knowing other towns experience with Nexamp. He also felt it was rushed having this as an action item.

**Favreau moved the Board approve Community Solar Subscription Agreement with Nexamp; seconded by Lewis. Vote was 3-2. Cluchey and Smith were opposed.**

### **B. Act on Dangerous Building Proceedings for 61 Bay Road**

The first step to commence with the dangerous building process would be a title search so that we can serve notice of a public hearing to anyone with interest in the property. Then the Board can schedule the public hearing for April 26<sup>th</sup> at your March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Favreau moved the Board authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to work with the Town Attorney to commence dangerous building proceedings for 61 Bay Road; seconded by Cluchey. Vote was 5-0.**

### **C. Act on Dingley Road Stream Crossing Replacement Bids**

The Town received four bids for the Mallon Brook Stream Crossing project. Everett Excavation was the lowest bid.

**Favreau moved the Board award the Dingley Road Stream Crossing Replacement contract to Everett Excavation; seconded by Cluchey. Vote was 5-0.**

### **D. Act on PTE Contract Amendment**

**Favreau moved to amend the contract with Pine Tree Engineering for the Dingley Road Steam Crossing project in the amount of \$4,500 not to exceed the cost of \$2,1500; seconded by Cluchey. Vote was 5-0.**

## VI. Discussion Items

### A. Trash Tag Cost

Benson addressed the Board suggesting an increase in the trash tag fee from \$2.50 to \$3.00. Trash tags have remained \$2.50 since 2006 despite the increase to the town for disposal. He also asked the Board to consider a decrease in the fee for haulers, which currently is \$275 per truck per year. This is the highest fee in the area and due to it the town has lost haulers. There were 7 now there is only 4 haulers.

After much discussion it was decided not to raise the cost of the trash tags at this time and to revisit the issue once the town has its full recycling program in place.

### B. Harbor & Waterfront Rules & Regulations

Harbor Master John McMullen addressed the board with recommendations for updates to the Rules and Regulations for the waterfront. This document had not been updated since 2003.

- Increase mooring fees to make similar to other municipalities.
- Increase dock time, with note to contact Harbor Master if need of longer period
- Remove Waterfront Committee references
- Consider ramp use fees

### C. Bowdoinham Proclamation in Support of Ukraine

Cluchey explained that this proclamation was a result from a resident contacting him and asking if he would share it with the board. It is a symbolic gesture in support of residence with a connection to the Ukraine.

**Smith moved the Board to approve the Proclamation in Support of the Ukraine; seconded by Cluchey. Vote was 5-0.**

## VII. Town Manager's Report

MOSE Training is (finally) being offered on March 30 and 31, all three of our office staff will be attending that training, the office will be open those days, but we'll be short staffed. They will also be attending a new clerks training on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the office will need to be closed until 1pm both of those days. We are waiting for training to be offered by the BMV so we will be able to register trucks again.

We've completed our worker's compensation audit and will be working on our MMA property and casualty insurance update next. We're also working to get updated contracts from the Humane Society, Northeast Ambulance and Casella for FY23.

Insurance completed two property inspections on February 18<sup>th</sup>. We have a leak in the public works roof again this winter. We are working with Lupo Construction to

have the roof leak repaired (the building specifications included a 20-yr warranty on the roof) and inspect the affected insulation.

Mr. Berry has a new proposal for the Board, which will be on the agenda for the Board's next meeting.

The Finance Advisory Committee has started working on the budget.

## **VIII. Select Board Member's Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting -None**

## **IX. Announce Future Select Board Meetings**

- A. March 22, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- B. April 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- C. April 26, 2022 – Regular Meeting

## **X. Comments from the Select Board Members- None**

## **XI. Comments from the Public**

Allen Acker commented that he found the Casella presentation enlightening and then asked the Board since there are ample private haulers what is the reasoning behind having the trash tag program? And what is the benefit to the community?

Cluchey replied that it was a cost-effective opportunity to dispose of trash for people who don't have contracts. Engler added that he felt towns had a responsibility to have a trash removal program.

Mr. Acker added that he found that Bowdoin was a core member of WMA, then asked if we are collecting trash why do we pay to haul it to Bath and then to Lewiston? He also wanted to know why the trees marked with orange ribbons on Dingley Road were not cut down prior to the road being paved and if the ugly ribbons could be removed?

Briand replied that the Town was not able to get a contractor last year and that he could remove the ribbons for now and we'll remark them in the future if needed.

## **XII. Adjourn**

Adjournment was at 7:55 p.m.

Select Board

Town of Bowdoinham, Maine

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David Engler, Chair

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**Mark Favreau, Vice-Chair**

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**Peter Lewis**

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**Debra Smith**

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**Jeremy Cluchey**

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**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Lisa-Marie Curtis, Administrative Assistant**