

TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM

SELECT BOARD MEETING

MINUTES



Date: September 10, 2024

Time: 6:30 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, Joanne Joy, at 6:30 p.m. Select Board members participating were Joanne Joy, Deb Smith (via Zoom), Mark Favreau, Allen Acker, Peter Feeney and Nicole Briand, Town Manager.

II. Amendments to the Agenda

IV.C - Communications

1. Sagadahoc Sheriff's September Report
2. Lisbon EMS Report

III. Comments from the Public-None

IV. Approval of Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes

1. August 24, 2024

B. Warrants & Financial Reports

1. Treasurer's Warrant #5
2. August's Financial Reports

C. Reports and Communications

3. Sagadahoc Sheriff's September Report
4. Lisbon EMS Report

Acker moved the Board approve the Consent Calendar, as amended; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

V. Licensing

A. Liquor License

Applicant: Three Robbers Pub
Property: 12 Main Street

Feeney moved the Board approve the application for a liquor license for the Three Robbers Pub; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

B. Marijuana Business License for Medical Marijuana Registered Caregiver

Applicant: Jandy Organics, LLC
Property: 175 Main Street (Map U06, Lot 017-C)

Favreau moved the Board find Jandy Organics, LLC's application for a Marijuana Business License complete; seconded by Feeney. Vote was 5-0.

Favreau moved the Board schedule a public hearing for Jandy Organics, LLC's application for a Marijuana Business License on September 24, 2024; seconded by Feeney. Vote was 5-0.

VI. Action Items

A. Act on Bid Award for Pumper Engine Fire Truck

The Town received one proposal for the proposed fire truck, and it is within the approved budget of \$750,000.

Favreau moved the Board award the Pumper Engine Fire Truck bid to Bulldog Fire Apparatus Inc. and authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and sign the contract; seconded by Feeney. Vote was 5-0.

B. Act on Public Hearing Notice – Solid Waste Management Ordinance

As discussed at the previous meeting, the Board must hold a public hearing on the warrant article for the approval of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance to be placed on the November 5th secret ballot. Briand recommended the Board schedule the public hearing for October 8th's meeting.

Briand explained that as required by law the Town has to hold a public hearing prior to an election so that citizens could voice their opinions and ask questions about the ordinance.

Favreau moved the Board hold a public hearing pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 2528(5) on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30pm to hear public comment on the following November 5th Warrant Article: Shall an ordinance entitled, "Solid Waste Management Ordinance" be enacted, repealing and replacing the Town's Solid Waste Ordinance of 1994?"; seconded by Feeney. Vote was 4-1. Acker opposed.

C. Act on Town Meeting Date

The Board discussed the pros and cons of Saturday morning vs. Wednesday night Town Meeting before setting the Town's 2025 Town Meeting date. The traditional date would be Wednesday, June 11th. Briand suggested if the Board went back to Wednesday moving the start time from 7 pm to 6pm. If they preferred a Saturday town meeting, she recommended May 31st, as Memorial Day is May 26th.

Feeney moved the Board set the FY25-26 Town Meeting for Wednesday, June 11, 2024, at 6 pm; seconded by Acker. Vote was 5-0.

D. Act on Annual Town Meeting Warrant – November 5, 2024

When the Town gathers to vote on electing municipal officials, it is the Annual Town Meeting. This November's election includes one Select Board position, two School Board positions and the Solid Waste Management Ordinance.

Feeney moved the Board approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for November 5, 2024, as presented; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 4-1. Acker opposed.

E. Act on Cemetery Reserve Request

The Town is requesting \$1,500 from the Cemetery Reserve for Albert Stehle to repair the Gould monument in Ridge Cemetery.

Feeney moved the Board approve expending \$1,500 from the Cemetery Reserve for monument repairs; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

F. Act on Public Hearing Notice -General Assistance Ordinance & Appendices

The Town adopted the updated model ordinance in September 2022. The State updates this every year. The Town needs to adopt the 2024 Model Ordinance and the 2024 Appendices, which are updated on a yearly basis. The Town is required to hold a public hearing on the ordinance and appendices prior to adoption (by October 1st).

Feeney moved the Board hold a public hearing on September 24, 2024 at 6:30pm on the proposed General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices; seconded by Favreau. Vote was 5-0.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Mural Project

The Community Development Advisory Committee is purposing using funds from TIF to have a mural painted on the Merrymeeting Arts Studio building that is owed by FHC. Board members expressed their support of a mural project, especially if done by local artist. The Board also had concerns such as investing in a mural on a privately owned building as well as the maintenance needs of the purposed building. The Board requested additional information from the Committee regarding an agreement with the property owner. Favreau suggested having it on the pavilion that will be built in the new park or on another Town owned building where the Town would have control of the building.

B. Volunteer Appreciation

Briand explained that the Cemetery Committee would like to hold another volunteer appreciation dinner for the cemetery caretakers. In the past they had a catered meal at Merrymeeting Hall, however BHS is no longer offering that service. They can use Merrymeeting Hall, however the Town does not have a budgeted amount for a dinner at this time, unless money from the reserve account is used.

Briand went on to suggest discussing if the Select Board would like to consider having a yearly event to honor the many active volunteers that help the Town such as committee members, firefighters, and other organizations. She went on to say if this is something the Board would be interested in pursuing then they should start discussing budgeting for volunteer appreciation.

VIII. Town Manager's Report

Closures:

Town office will be closed Tuesday, November 5th, for Elections.

Solid Waste & Recycling will be closed Saturday, September 14th for Celebrate.

Events:

Celebrate Bowdoinham on Saturday, September 14th.

Updates:

- The Town Hall project is underway. The building has been lifted, and the foundation work will be started soon.
- The Town's Maine Bond Bank has approved our bond application for the bond refinance and fire truck.
- Maine-ly Paving has completed most of their paving. Carding Machine Road will be finished once their subcontractor completes the gravel base. They will be starting their

work on shoulders and driveway transitions next week. Working on getting an estimate to do the Town Office parking lot.

IX. Comments from the Select Board Members

Feeney asked if anyone had taken papers out for the Select Board position. Briand stated that one person had for Select Board and that there was one person for each of the two School Board positions.

X. Announce Future Select Board Meetings

- A. September 24, 2024 - Regular Meeting
- B. October 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- C. October 22, 2024 – Regular Meeting

XI. Comments from the Public

- Richard Beals asked the Board for an update on the Messer property. Briand said the CEO had spoken to and is working with the property owners.

XII. Executive Session

- A. Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (A) to discuss Town Manager review.

Convened 7:24 pm. Adjourned 8:04 pm.

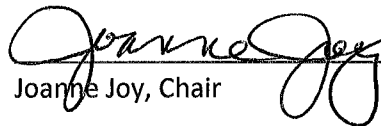
Acker moved the Board enter Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (6) (A) to discuss Town Manager review; seconded by Feeney. Vote was 5-0.

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XIII. Adjourn

Adjournment was at 8:05 p.m.

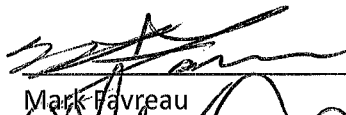
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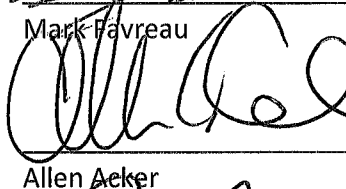
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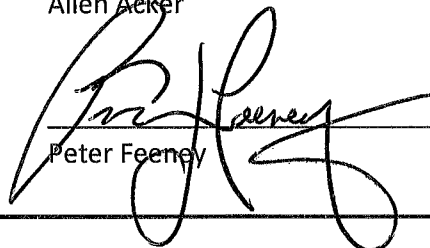
Debra Smith, Vice-Chair



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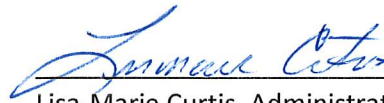


Allen Acker



Peter Feeney

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa-Marie Curtis, Administrative Assistant