Town of Lubec
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
July 2, 2024, 6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Carol Dennison, Rachel Rubeor, Nancy Harrison, and Daniel Daley

Absent: Jason Evasius

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Suzette Francis, Town Administrator
Dickie Huntley, Road Manager
Bruce Greene, Plumbing Inspector

Open Select board meeting at 6:00 pm by Carol.

- **Sign Warrants**

Motion: Made by Nancy to sign the warrants, 2nd Dan, Vote: 4-0. All in favor.

- **Approve Minutes from June 18, 2024, Select board meeting minutes.**

Motion: Made by Rachel to approve the minutes from June 18, 2024, 2nd Nancy, Vote: 4-0. All in favor.

- **Approve Minutes from June 20, 2024, Select board meeting minutes.**

Motion: Made by Rachel to approve the minutes from June 20, 2024, 2nd Nancy, Vote: 4-0. All in favor.

Old Business:

1) **North Lubec Sewer Update**

Discussion: Nico provided an update on the situation. The lift pump failed and has been repaired. He noticed an odor and found the system was dumping sewerage on the shore. The bamboo is increasing the problem. Dana completed a septic design/repair design. It was stated the septic system needs to go onto the owners property not the town's. The septic tank failed. Paul stated bamboo grown horizontally. It has a 20' root and grows 8' to 9' deep.

Motion: Made by Carol to have a special town meeting July 10, 2024, to address this issue, 2nd Rachel, Vote: 4-0. All in favor

New Business:

1) DMR Aquaculture Lease Renewal

Discussion: Rachel stated her concerns for Rogers Island. She is concerned that the aquaculture lease will disrupt the bird sanctuary. It was asked if it is possible to move the site. Jennifer Robinson from Cooke Aquaculture stated it is a 5-year process. It was asked why the lease went from 10 years to 20 years. Jennifer stated DMR changed that 6-7 years ago. It was asked when Rogers Island agreement was signed. Also, when was the original aquaculture lease was signed. DMR oversees the qualifications of lease sites. There were questions on if generators were used. They are not used on the sites but are used on the barges. Mike Scrivani stated that these aquaculture leases have no effect on the clamming industry. Rhonda Welcome commented that Cooke Aquaculture does things for Lubec. Rachel Rubeor asked what chemicals/medicine Cooke uses on the pens. Jennifer stated they use hot water to kill sea lice. Medicines are rarely used and are approved by Maine DEP. Harold Bailey inquired how many cages did they have at that location in previous years. Frank Lank stated it depends on the size of the fish in the cages. Nancy Harrison asked if there is any memory of a catastrophic effect on the birds. Jennifer Robinson replied no. Amanda Lyons stated that Cooke Aquaculture cages help feed nutrients into the area which increases the shellfish industry. Mike asked how far the sanctuary and lease site needs to be to prevent interference.

2) Oil Bid

Discussion:

Motion: Made by Nancy to give Dead River the municipal oil agreement, 2nd Rachel, Vote: 4-0. All in favor.

3) Town Office Flagpole Repair.

Discussion: We found someone who is available to fix the flagpole. We have been waiting since fall 2022 for Peter Yates to fix it. The board agreed to have Suzette follow up on this.

4) Bandstand Electric Issue

Discussion: The estimate for the electric issue at the bandstand came in at about $2,000. The board would like a second estimate.

5) CEO/ACO Annual Report

Discussion: The Code Enforcement Officer and Animal Control Officer annual reports was submitted to the office. The office personnel referred to the selectboard on including it in the town report.

Motion: Made by Nancy to not include the reports in the town report, 2nd Dan, Vote: 4-0. All in favor.

6) Road Manager

Discussion: Dickie informed of the town pit inspection by DEP on July 10, 2024.

7) Town Office Closed July 4th & 5th

Discussion: The town office will be closed on July 4th. Those taking July 5th off will need to use a vacation day.

Motion: Made by Nancy to use PET for July 5th day off, 2nd Dan, Vote: 4-0. All in favor.

Other Business

1) **None**

Public Comment:

Carl Hood provided updated information on Pumping Station rd. He stated there are living conditions, garage and 4-wheelers on the property.

Nancy Harrison stated the Washington County RCC was approved for 2 additional employees. They found $92,000 in their budget so there is no increase for taxpayers.

Adjourn:

Motion: Made by Dan to adjourn, 2nd Carol, Vote: 4-0. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm
Minutes submitted by: Suzette Francis