

Selectmen Agenda

Date: December 15, 2021 @ 4:30pm

OPEN MEETING: Dick opened meeting @ 4:30pm

ATTENDANCE: Dick, Richard P, Jon, Sue, Emily-LC News, Marianne Pinkham, Peter Gabbe, Jake Oliver, Dale Wright

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jake wanted to express his interest in Broadband and access to it at his house which is Off Vannah Rd. He has a long driveway and can't afford to have it brought down in. Dick & Sue explained the ARPA funds are not use or access down a driveway that would be the responsibility of the homeowner. Sue did let him know there is Fiber down Vannah Rd. We are not sure how far down it goes but Jake should look into it.

ACCEPT MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Richard motion to accept minutes as written, Jon second the motion. No further discussion, all in favor, so moved.

APPROVE WARRANT: 26- Richard motion to approve warrant as presented, Jon second the motion, no further discussion, all in favor, so moved.

SIGN WARRANT- 25—Selectmen signed Warrant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Marianne Pinkham to discuss ARPA funds for remote meeting access—**Marianne presented a quote from LCTV roughly \$5500-\$6000 and that does not include Live Screen TV & mount. She handed us a mock petition with 248 signatures in favor of remote screening. Marianne mentioned a lot of points as to why the town should go this way such as: communication with community along with participation, increase access to the town and meetings, remote training for employees, & a great benefits to the town and the residents. Richard P- spoke with Fire Chief and he feels this would be good for training they currently do remotely, and it would also be a place for other departments to come and participate,
- **2021 Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update & Plan to be signed by Selectmen.** – Selectmen approved and signed new mitigation update and plan.
- **Nobleboro/Jefferson Transfer Station will be closed both Friday, December 24th & Saturday, December 25th for the Holidays.**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- **Selectmen to discuss new tentative CLC Ambulance contract and cost to the town's 2022 budget—**Richard P discussed the "current formula" being used for the town's responsibility. This all comes from their meeting in December.
- **Deb Wilson to have a discussion at some point to release Highland Cemetery Funds to their Highland Cemetery Account estimated amount would be \$4420.03 per Fred via trusted account from our audit report.—**The selectmen will wait for Deb to come and discuss this. The Selectmen agree the money was give to the town for the perpetual care and we should keep it in the hands of the Town not knowing the future and who will be in charge of Highland Cemetery down the road.
- ~~Per MMA the CDC & DHHS has lifted requirement for Maine EMS to be required to have COVID Vaccine.~~ Error, wrong information- see attached print out from MMA

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dale-Road Commissioner—Dale wanted the Selectmen to know he contacted Stanley-Code Enforcement officer on the problem on Winslow Hill Rd that he found while ditching there. The person on the corner put on an addition and added a sump pump which is pumping water out at 500-1000 gallons which is causing flooding and erosion. Dale said the owner knows that there is a lot of water being pumped. Dale said that Stanley found a Maine State Law that the town has the right to stop the flow immediately. It is the responsibility of the owner to stop the water flow into the roads and ditches and change the drainage. Dale said that we could fine him if we wanted nut I would suggest against for now. Let's meet with him and discuss things and come up with resolution. Dale said that Jon & Dick came by and saw what was going on. The water also will cause Ice build-up. Dick suggested we draft up a letter and have him come into the next Selectmen's meeting. Richard P wanted to know a possible time-frame on when it should be done. Dale-suggest as soon as possible. Dale also wanted to let the Selectmen know he will be moving onto Upper Cross Rd and fix that road after he finishes up Winslow Hill Rd.

- **Budget Committee Members-** we need 3 tentative new ones because of extension of last years (2021) as we did not have Open Town Meeting to vote anyone in. We also have 3 terms are up in 2022
- **Jon-** Update on possible new location for new Air Compressor for FD-Jon handed out information he received. He also tried calling a few times to see if he could get some answers on whether we could move the potential site of the Air Compressor Filling Station.
- **ARPA Funds-- Any more discussion/information**—Richard P asked if Selectmen will be setting up a time to get together and discuss what they want to present at Town Meeting and present that information at our Selectmen's meeting. We need to justify expenditure for spending now and for the future expenses to be voted on.
- **Nomination Papers will be available December 7, 2021, due back by January 17, 2022**
1-position for Selectmen, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, & Fish Committee
1-position for Trustee of Salt Bay Sanitary District
2-School Board Committee Member
- **Selectmen Meeting change-Tuesday, December 28th 4:30pm instead of Wednesday the 29th -- last one of the years 2021.**
- **Budget Meetings?** Dale has arranged for the Organization meeting to be January 3rd @ 6:30 at town office conference room. Marianne Pinkham also offered to set it up so we could zoom if the committee did not want to attend (in person).

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Town of Nobleboro & Waldoboro joining forces on Duck Puddle Rd and the flooding-Tabled.**

ADJOURNED: Dick motion to adjourn at 5:35pm

DATES TO REMEMBER: Selectmen's Meeting-4:30 pm Wednesday, December 28th

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!! HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE HOLIDAY!!

State resolves conflict in EMS COVID-19 vaccination requirements

The Maine Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) has removed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations from its final rule requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for health care workers (10-144 CMR ch. 264, issued 11/10/21). This change resolves a conflict between state agency regulations that has been of great concern to municipal EMS programs.

Earlier this year, both the DHHS and the Maine Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board adopted emergency regulations mandating that certain licensed EMS programs require COVID-19 vaccinations for EMS employees. While the DHHS regulation required all EMS employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, the EMS Board's regulation required a vaccination only for EMS employees having direct patient contact. The differing requirements created a great deal of confusion among municipal programs.

Last week's revisions to the final DHHS vaccination regulation mean that municipal EMS programs are now governed by the EMS Board's vaccination regulation (16-163 CMR ch. 20, linked below). That regulation requires "Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons" in licensed EMS organizations to receive a vaccination against COVID-19 or qualify for an exemption. Covered EMS persons include "an advanced emergency medical services person, a basic emergency medical services person or any person who routinely provides direct patient care" including EMS students. For more details on the vaccination requirements, see the regulation linked below and contact the Emergency Medical Services Board at (207) 626-3860; TTY: (888) 524-7900 or <https://www.maine.gov/ems/boards-committees/ems-board>.

DHHS regulation, 10-144 CMR ch. 264, *Immunization Requirements for Healthcare Workers*:
<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/144c264.docx>

EMS Board regulation, 16-163 CMR ch. 20, *COVID-19 Immunization Requirements*:
<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/16/163/163c020.docx>

Maine CDC, Healthcare Worker Vaccination FAQs: <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/public-faq/health-care-worker-vaccination> .

Maine EMS Board, COVID-19 EMS Resource webpage: <https://www.maine.gov/ems/protocols-resources/coronavirus>