



Town of Baldwin, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 6:00 P.M.



Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website www.baldwinmaine.org.

Attendance: Selectmen: Jim Dolloff, Dwight Warren and Robert Flint as well as members of the Public.

1. **Selectmen Meeting was called to order approximately at 6:00 PM by Jim Dolloff.**

2. **Review/ Approve minutes**

Jim Dolloff requested a motion to accept and approve June 1st, 2021 minutes. Bob Flint seconded the motion; no discussion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.

3. **Review/ Approve warrant**

Jim Dolloff requested a motion to accept and approve June 15th, 2021 warrant. Dwight Warren seconded the motion; no discussion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.

- **Owen Sprague:** Owen explained the fire department repeater issue on the WMTW 8 tower. Currently, the elevator needed to get up to the repeater currently is broken. The repeater has been having issues, static and stuck open during radio conversations. This has been ongoing for quite some time. Bruce met with Jeff Hartford to discuss the process and requirements for moving the repeater down into the control room so its easier to check and will leave the antennae up on the tower. The fire department got an estimate from Jeff Hartford and will get more estimates from other companies.
- **Unknown owner/ Sand Pond listing:** Sectmen discussed the tax-acquired property listings. Selectmen agreed that Map 12, Lot 15 and 15A lots will have a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 per acre. Map 14 Lot 33A will have a minimum bid of \$5,000.00. Letter to be drafted and sent to abutters notifying them the properties are for sale by bid.
- **Selectmen corner article review:** Selectmen reviewed the Selectmen corner article drafted by Bob Flint. Selectmen agreed to post on the website. See Selectmen article attached.
- **Special Town Meeting review:** Selectmen will discuss this more at the workshop. Selectmen corner article reviews all the issues that are being considered for a special town meeting. May also include the fire department repeater work.
- **New Road Bridge Bid:** Selectmen discussed the culvert replacement needed on New Road. The money will be taken out of either the Road Maintenance reserve or the Emergency road reserve. Bob Flint made a motion to move forward with the project, Jim Dolloff seconded. Selectmen voted 3-0 to publish the ad for culvert installation bids.
- **Baldwin Active Kids update:** The Baldwin Active Kids rec program has requested to use a existing outdoor storage shed for toys and use the snack shack. Selectmen reviewed and approved the use of the sheds, a new hire, and confirmed the wages.

Reminders:

- TIF Meeting, Thursday, June 17th @ 2PM
- Tri-town Meeting, Monday, June 21st @ 7PM
- Planning Board Meeting, Thursday, June 24th @ 7PM
- Saturday Town Office Hours, Saturday, June 26th 8am – 12PM



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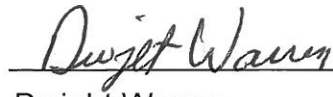
Public Question and Comment

Adjournment: Jim Dolloff adjourned the meeting at 7:32PM. Selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn.


Respectfully submitted,



Jim Dolloff



Dwight Warren



Robert Flint

There is a good chance Baldwin will need a special town meeting this summer. A number of issues have come up that need attention prior to the next scheduled town meeting in March.

The first issue, which is the primary driver for holding a special town meeting sooner rather than later, is an adjustment to the Article 10 of the budget. The budget presented at town meeting was very conservative due to unknown impact of the school budget for 2021-2022 and the unknown status of the undesignated fund balance (the town auditor had not provided an audit report prior to town meeting date). Subsequently, the school budget had a higher-than-expected increase (not good) and undesignated fund balance had a significant increase (very good). Upon receipt of the final auditor's report (expected in late June) we hope to be able to avoid a significant increase in the town's mil rate this year.

The second is a report from the State on the failing culverts on New Town Road. The two existing culverts need to be replaced sometime between 15 July and 30 September, the period of time permitted by the state to disturb the movement of spawning fish. This work was not forecasted for this year in the budget so a vote on the expenditure is needed.

Third, the Baldwin Subdivision Ordinance needs updating to incorporate state mandated revisions. This requires a town meeting vote.

Fourth is the issuing of two real estate tax bills a year. This was approved a couple years ago at town meeting. This is not a simple matter to implement because it appears to involve changing the town's fiscal year (1 Jan to 31 dec) to match the State and School fiscal year (1 Jul – 30 Jun), changing the timing of the annual town meeting, and a transitional budget or budgets. The Board of Selectmen have authority to change the fiscal year for the town but will seek an advisory vote from the voters before moving forward.

Finally, we have been approached several times concerning scheduling a vote on allowing sale of spirits and fortified wine for consumption off premise. This is a "local option" election that requires a secret ballot vote. If a petition comes in for such a vote in time to be included with the above items, it will be included. It needs to be received 60 days before a town meeting.

The summer months are not ideal for a town meeting and there is a lot of work to get all the topics above ready for presentation a town meeting so we will try to give everyone ample notice. Some of them may have to be delayed for later.

There is the additional issue of a request by Glenvale LLC for a tax increment financing district with credit enhancement agreement for the West Baldwin Solar Station. This would also require a town meeting vote for approval but the selectmen are still seeking more information on the proposal and concerning credit enhancement agreements in general.

