



Town of Baldwin, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 3rd, 2022 6:00 P.M.



Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the website www.baldwinmaine.org.
Attendance: Selectmen: Jim Dolloff, and Dwight Warren, Robert Flint, as well as members of the Public.

1. **Jim Dolloff called the Selectmen meeting to order at 6:05PM.**

2. **Review/ Approve minutes**

Robert Flint requested a motion to accept and approve April 19th, 2022 minutes as written. Dwight Warren seconded the motion; no discussion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.

3. **Review/ Approve warrant**

Robert Flint requested a motion to accept and approve May 3rd, 2022 warrant. Jim Dolloff seconded the motion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.

4. **ACO Harassment complaint:** Ricky Guilbeault presented in response to an email complaint received by the Town Clerk against the ACO for harassment. The said harassment pertains to multiple verbal warnings and Notice to Comply for Animal Trespass and charge of Animal at Large issued to the residents at 879 Pequawket Trail. The ACO has several documented statements and reports of various chickens and other types of fowl being in the road. Chickens, a duck, other birds and a cat have been hit and killed. There have been near misses of vehicle accidents due to drivers trying to avoid animals. Ricky states that he has done due diligence in working with the owners. He has extended required time of twelve hours to thirty days for licensing and vaccinating dogs pending scheduled vet appointments. The owners erected a very short fence which was unsuccessful in containing the chickens. On April 11, 2022, an aggressive male dog got loose. A vet technician from Standish has stressed concerns and another person from Eaton, NH reported dogs as being skinny with ribs showing. This, resulting in a pending animal cruelty case. On April 27, 2022, Ricky scheduled an appointment to issue another Notice to Comply. The owners were a no show. Ricky requested Selectmen's recommendation on next steps to be taken. Summons to court must be issued three times before a judge would allow animal seizure. Should the Town seize the animals, a daily fee would be charged to house the animals. The Town covered the vet bill for the cat that was hit. Robert Flint advised contacting the Town Attorney to confirm permissible for the Town to issue fines while in Bankruptcy status. In Bankruptcy cases, the Town can not send Foreclosure notices- it's against the law to do so. The Selectmen agreed that the situation was not about placing fines, it is a public and animal safety issue. Ricky indicated that actual laws are being broken that are enforceable. He requested a Selectmen go with him to issue another summons. Robert Flint and Wes Sunderland, CEO agreed to accompany him.

5. **Status of Town Reports:**

Selectmen Assistant Robyn Anderson noted the printing and binding process is due to be complete the next day and mailed out soon thereafter. Bob Flint will pick up limited number of completed Town Reports tomorrow to have for Town Meeting and folks that stop by Town Office to get one. No confirmation as to whether Baldwin residents will get the Reports by mail in time



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for the Town Meeting. The Warrant has been posted in accordance to law in the Town Office, Community Center, both post offices and on the Town's website. Extra copies are available for anyone wishing to have a copy. Setbacks with employee change over, transitional tax billing and late filing of reports have all contributed to deadline crunch. Everyone worked hard to get it to print in time. The new Fiscal Year should allow time to prepare next year.

6. **Saddleback Road status:** The Road Commissioner reported that the road has been raked. Wet material material has been removed from the wet area and replaced with stone to aid drainage and is much improved. East Saddleback Road has been opened back up to traffic.
7. **River Road Culvert:** The road crew plans to fix big potholes at the bridge and assess the guardrails to make sure they are properly affixed.
8. **River Road straightening question to David Laurie:** Curtis Pierce, the owner of land where River Road right of way is needed has agreed to the Town using the land. He requested necessary paperwork be forwarded to him. Mr. Pierce asked that any proceeds from any wood harvested go to him. Robert Flint to draft email to Town Attorney to sort out best process.
9. **ARPA reporting status:** MMA confirms by email widespread technical issues with logging on to portal. Prior municipal data and disbursement history is blank. Town Clerk, Debbie as the ARPA administrator, is making daily attempts to log on. Robyn went through security procedures required to be a reporting agent. Although the April 30th deadline has passed, it is anticipated that reporting will be accepted once the portal issues are resolved
10. **MMA Zoom on Broadband expansion May 6th:** Selectmen discussed participation in Zoom meeting, noting that the Broadband expansion is a complex and costly issue that will have to be addressed.
11. **Selectmen's Ordinance on road posting for mud season:** Robert Flint stated that if the Town doesn't have an Ordinance for road posting during the mud season, it is not enforceable. The Selectmen can pass the ordinance themselves. The Road Commissioner referred to Maine Title Law 29 but recommends that the Town sets weight limits and restrictions to avoid overuse and wear of certain roads.
Selectmen discussed road closure for winter maintenance. Other towns have such policies, in which, there are certain roads containing houses that are not town plowed. Further exploration of legalities is needed before Baldwin could adopt similar ordinances.



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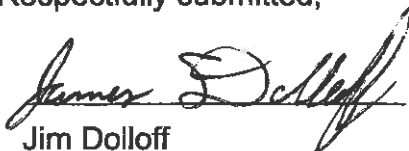
12. **Personnel Ordinance update:** Robert Flint worked on a draft updating the Personnel Ordinance. He suggests that all employees look at the updates and revise. Once everyone is agreeable to changes, call a Special Town Meeting to approve revisions.
13. **Consideration to deconflict Mother's Day (and possible school budget meeting) with Town Meeting in the future:** Discussion to reconsider next Town Meeting date to better coincide other meetings and Mother's Day weekend. Town Meeting date can be determined by Select Board.


Reminders: Town Meeting: Saturday, May 7th @ 1:00pm. Voting: 8:00am – 12:30pm
The Baldwin Community Auxiliary will serve lunch and have a bake sale.

Public Question and Comment

Adjournment: Jim Dolloff made a motion to adjourn the scheduled Selectmen meeting at 7:20PM. Dwight Warren seconded. Selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim Dolloff


Dwight Warren


Robert Flint