



Town of Baldwin, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 6:00 P.M.



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

1. **Selectmen Meeting was called to order approximately at 6:27 PM by James Dolloff after the Special Town Meeting.**
 2. **Review/ Approve minutes**
Jim Dolloff requested a motion to accept and approve October 19th, 2021 minutes. Bob Flint seconded the motion; no discussion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to accept the minutes.
 3. **Review/ Approve warrant**
Bob Flint requested a motion to accept and approve November 2nd, 2021 warrant. Dwight Warren seconded the motion; no discussion. Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the warrant.
- **Ben Thompson – Cumberland County Assessing** : Ben did not attend the meeting, sent paperwork via email. Selectmen reviewed/ approved, no discussion.
 - **Rat complaint on Pigeon Brook Road:** Selectmen's office received an email regarding a rat complaint. This would be the 2nd complaint. MMA was contacted on the 1st complaint, see attached email from MMA. Jim Dolloff asked Wes about the issue. Wes reported he spoke to the resident and should be all set. He is continuing to investigate and also noted there were excessive vehicles at the residence. Wes stated he is addressing the issue.
 - **Randy schedule – alternate cleaning** : Randy is still out with a foot injury. Town employees are requesting a cleaning of the office by a local cleaning service as the office is getting dirty. Robyn Anderson took it upon herself to clean the bathrooms as they were getting very dirty. Selectmen discussed and agreed to get prices on cleaning services in the area.
 - **Public hearing November 30th, need to advertise.** Selectmen discussed, Bob will draft up an ad to be posted in the Shopping Guide for the public hearing.
 - **Update on building repairs:** Dan Boutot will be out on Wednesday, November 10th at 8am to look at the repairs that need to be completed.

Reminders:

- Tuesday, November 9th – Ward Water between 9am – 10am to discuss water system
- Tuesday, November 9th – Joint meeting with Selectmen, Planning Board and SMRPC to discuss the comprehensive plan.
- Thursday, November 11th – Office closed in observance of Veteran's Day, Planning Board will meet at 7PM
- Katie Rooney - Maine Community Partnerships Executive at Ampion will attend November 16th meeting. She is working with municipalities, small businesses, and nonprofits in Maine to raise money for important initiatives while boosting local participation in Community Solar.




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Public Question and Comment

Adjournment: Jim Dolloff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM. Selectmen voted 3-0 to adjourn.

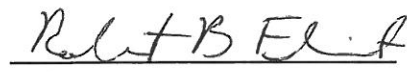
Respectfully submitted,



Jim Dolloff



Dwight Warren



Bob Flint

RE: Baldwin - Rat infestation in town

1 message

Legal Services Department <legal@memun.org>
To: Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 11:32 AM

Danielle,

If a private homeowner is dealing with a rat infestation on their property, that is unfortunate. However, it is also a purely private problem and the town has no responsibility or obligation to become involved or provide assistance. If the homeowners fail to address the problem themselves, and the property were to become a serious threat to public health and safety, then the dangerous buildings law could conceivably come into play, but based on the email below, this sounds unlikely and far-fetched to me.

If the rats are roaming the entire neighborhood and not just one property, then the town could get involved by having the ACO set traps. But the town has no obligation to help individual homeowners with vermin in or on their property. The homeowners would need to hire an exterminator themselves.

I hope this is helpful.

Sincerely,

Michael Lichtenstein, Staff Attorney
Legal Services Department

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From: Danielle Taylor [mailto:dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Legal Services Department <legal@memun.org>
Subject: Baldwin - Rat infestation in town

