

Garland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023
6:00pm

1. Opening Ceremonies:
 - a. Call to Order: R. Fick motioned to open the meeting at 6:00pm. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.
 - b. Members Present: R. Fick, J. Sears, R. Webber (quorum of SB), Lori Keefe, Administrator, N. Moody, Director Public Works.
 - c. Acceptance of Agenda: R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.

2. Public Comments: R. Fick motioned to open the floor to public comments at 6:17pm. Seconded by J. Sears, all aye. J. Lincoln presented a letter to the Select Board regarding the response of the Fire Department during a recent fire event. Both the Select Board and Fire Chief Gudroe provided answers to Mr. Lincoln's questions. R. Fick asked Mr. Lincoln if he felt his questions had been answered and Mr. Lincoln responded that they had. R. Fick motioned to have L. Keefe respond to questions in Mr. Lincoln's letter not related to the fire event. 2nd by J. Sears, All Aye.

J. Gudroe stated that an insurance guy had come to the fire station to assess the building and that he was recommending an engineer to assess the structure due to a sag above the bay doors and that he did not enter the old Town Office as it wasn't shoveled. L. Keefe responded that this was an item on the agenda for discussion. R. Fick motioned to close to public comments at 6:35pm. J. Sears seconded, All Aye.

3. Consent Agenda: no submittals.

4. Motion Discussions:

R. Fick motioned to move item b. before item a. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.

- b. R. Fick motioned to open and review the submitted bids on the 2020 foreclosed properties and to have Randy Webber, Selectman, open and read the bids.

Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.

Property	Name	Bid	Property	Name	Bid
Map 4 Lot 43	Hunter Weeks	\$12,500	Map 8, Lot 20-1	Andrew Smith	\$17,50
Map 4 Lot 43	Cindy Hershbine	\$5,400	Map 8, Lot 20-1	Christina Walsh	\$2,223.21
Map 4 Lot 43	Patrick Lockhart	\$7,100	Map 8, Lot 20-1	William Fickett	\$2,500
Map 4 Lot 43	Seth Fick	\$11,800	Map 6, Lot 13-1	Ernest McIntosh	\$2,100

Map 4 Lot 43	Andrew Smith	\$14,987	Map 6, Lot 13-1	Christina Walsh	\$2322.21
Map 4 Lot 43	Jake Bowley	\$15,000	Map 6, Lot 13-1	William Fickett	\$2,500
Map 4 Lot 43	Matthew LaGross	\$20,000	Map 6, Lot 13-1	Andrew Smith	\$3,009
Map 8 Lot 28	Liam & Emily Porter	\$2,000	Map 8 Lot 28	Richard Seamans	\$5,009
Map 8 Lot 28	Christina Walsh	\$8,586.87	Map 8 Lot 28	Peter Devine	\$10,110
Map 8 Lot 28	Shawn Townsend	\$8,700	Map 8 Lot 28	Seth Fick	\$11,800
Map 8 lot 28	Andrew Smith	\$13,009			

R. Fick motioned to accept the following bids: M8 Lot 20-1 for \$2,500 ,and M4 Lot 43 for \$20,000 , and M6 Lot 13-1 for \$3,009, and M8 Lot 28 for \$13,009. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.

a. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the January 25, 2023, meeting minutes with a correction to “e”. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.

R. Fick motioned to move to item “I”. Seconded by R. Webber – All Aye.

I. L. Keefe stated that Justin Lowe with Maine Municipal scheduled for 2/7/23 to conduct a property survey on all town owned properties. He started at the Town Office location and then was escorted by N. Moody to all other locations. His findings were:

Roof line above the two bay doors at the fire station has a significant sag and the 2nd floor near that roof line was spongy. Underwriters will likely recommend an engineer to assess it.

The highway garage has a bow at one corner that is likely caused by the snow/ice load and cold temperatures. This will be a notation in the report and it is asked that N. Moody reassess it in the Spring when temperatures warm.

It was noted that sand should not be filled above the concrete walls to avoid undue pressure on the walls. It was explained that the way the sand is loaded in to this area should prevent it from pushing against the walls.

It was noted that marks were on the roof beams that appeared to be where equipment has hit the beams when loading/unloading sand. His suggestion will be to sister those beams with boards.

The carport was listed as being at the Town Office but it is at the Town Field – this adjustment will be made. Transfer Station building needs to have buckets cleared so they don’t block the panels. Recommends limited access to the storage containers due to roof instability. Mr. Lowe did not mention any issue with not being able to enter the

old Town Office building. Mr. Lowe stated that he would ask the underwriters to keep in touch with L. Keefe and to provide any increase in cost/cost assessments for the budget.

- c. R. Fick motioned to discuss completing the Climate Resiliency Grant Application. R. Fick read the overview into record. R. Fick motioned to apply for the grant. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.
- d. R. Fick motioned to discuss the donation request made by Hometown Health Center. R. Fick motioned to forward for discussion at the 2/15 Budget Committee meeting. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.
- e. R. Fick motioned to discuss a request from Hometown Health Center to hold a Covid-19 vaccination clinic at the Garland Community Center on March 4, 2023. Seconded by J. Sears, all aye. R. Fick motioned to approve this event and to notify Hometown Health that they would be responsible for advertising the event. Seconded by R. Webber – All Aye
- f. R. Fick motioned to discuss the submitted Solar Array Ordinance presented by the Planning Board for vote at March Town Meeting. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye. R. Fick motioned to accept the Solar Array Ordinance as the official copy to present at Town Meeting and to approve a Public Hearing for March 1, 2023 and for an advertisement to be placed in the paper for the Public Hearing. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye. L. Keefe to ask MMA if this ordinance needs to go the Commissioner prior to hearing.
- g. R. Fick motioned to discuss signing the amendment to the Ordinance Governing Subdivisions in the Town of Garland as approved and voted on in the 11/5/22 Special Town Meeting. The only change as approved, is to match the wording in Article 3B to the title of the document. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the amendment. J. Sears seconded, All Aye.
- h. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the Maine Municipal Audit agreement for the 2022 Audit to be done on April 13, 2023. L. Keefe to ensure that the Audit agreement is scheduled for the 2023 audit to be done in January 2024. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.
- i. R. Fick motioned to schedule a Budget Committee/Select Board meeting on 2/15/23 to finalize numbers and review the proposed warrant draft. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.
- j. L. Keefe provided updates on questions concerning hiring a 16 year old for the seasonal position, allowing a volunteer to assist with plowing and to allow a person to work for the Town of Garland who is collecting unemployment benefits against the Town. N. Moody is on the waiting list to attend the Public Works Supervisor Training. L. Keefe received the PowerPoint for use of the Radar Trailer.
- k. R. Fick motioned to discuss the ARPA Committee recommendation to apply the remaining balance of the ARPA funds towards the stream crossing project for the culvert on Campbell Rd. R. Fick motioned to bring to the 2/15 Budget Committee meeting for discussion and to have L. Keefe draft an article. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.

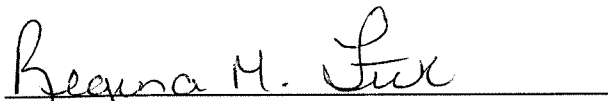
- m. R. Fick stated that we no longer needed the Executive Session as the applicant has taken a position elsewhere.

Add-Ons:

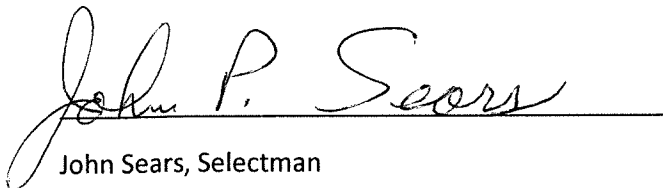
- n. R. Fick motioned to advertise for the public works seasonal position for two weeks in the papers. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.
- o. R. Fick motioned to contact Tucker's to have a maple tree removed from Hathaway Cemetery as it is hollow and leaning toward the cemetery, should it fall it would damage a lot of stones. The cost estimate was \$200-\$300. Seconded by J. Sears, All Aye.
- p. R. Fick asked L. Keefe to put discussion of articles for the town meeting on the agenda for the SB 2/22/23 meeting – Town Manager form of Government, Steering Committee for Warming/Cooling Center and Steering Committee for Engineer for infrastructure plan.

R. Fick motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 8:15pm. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.

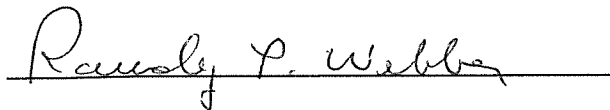
Respectfully submitted,



Regina Fick, Select Board Chair



John Sears, Selectman



Randy Webber, Selectman