

Garland Select Board
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2023, 6:00pm
108 Corinth Rd

1. **Opening Ceremonies:**

- a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- b. Select Board present were R. Fick and J. Sears which is a quorum. L. Keefe, Administrator present.
- c. R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as read. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.

2. R. Fick motioned to open to **public comments** at 6:01pm, seconded by J. Sears. The public attending is V. Glenar, S. Giles, D. Wilson.

V. Glenar asked if the Town would be having an electronics day at the Transfer Station? R. Fick replied that it's too costly. L. Keefe will check with other towns to see if they would like to co-host a take-back day and will research costs.

V. Glenar said that she saw another cemetery use broken granite to construct a barrier and thinks we might be able to do the same at Maplewood rather than putting up a fence.

L. Keefe stated that the Garland Days Committee will be hosting a Town Yard Sale Day in June (10th). Those who wish to participate can set up a table at the Town Field or at their home. The cost is \$10 either for a table space or to be included on a map of participants.

L. Keefe stated that the Garland Days Committee will be hosting a Craft Fair at the Community Building on September 23rd. They have developed an application for participants to complete with a receipt at the bottom to send in with payment for table space. There will be availability for inside and outside table space.

With no further comments, R. Fick motioned to close to public comments at 6:09pm. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.

3. **Consent Agenda:** R. Fick motioned to accept items as presented. J. Sears seconded – All Aye.

*Select Board will review the bridge report for discussion at the May 10th meeting.

*Select Board will give thought to the Spirit of America submission for discussion at the May 10th meeting.

4. **Motion to Discuss:**

- a. R. Fick motioned to sign the corrected March 22, 2023, minutes. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye. Minutes were signed.
- b. R. Fick motioned to approve and sign the April 12, 2023, minutes as presented. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye. Minutes were signed.

- c. R. Fick read the Trail Hawks request for road access routes for each item requested. R. Fick motioned to have L. Keefe write a letter back to Mark Landry with the Select Board decisions/comments. R. Fick motioned to approve trail use for Town land on Harlin Road and to have L. Keefe complete the landowner form for return. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.
- d. R. Fick motioned to roll over the Ministerial CD for 15 months at 3.75% at Bangor Savings. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.
- L. Keefe to check to see if we can roll over the other CD to Androscoggin or Maine Highlands if they have better rates. L. Keefe is waiting for Bangor Savings to provide historical information on the CD to include its original purpose. Will discuss at May 10th meeting if all information is ready.
- e. R. Fick motioned to sign the agreement letter to the Frosty Valley Snowsledders to receive the 2022 Snowmobile Reimbursement as agreed in Article 30 on the Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.
- f. R. Fick motioned to approve the Garland Cemetery Committee’s request to send out letters to Central Maine Funeral Homes advising of a cost increase for burials. V. Glenar provided an updated draft at the meeting as weekend costs had been left off the first draft.
- R. Fick motioned to approve the cost increases and for the letter to be sent out with the following changes:
- Capitalize Select Board in 2nd sentence. Increase the “48 hours” notice to one week notice. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.
- R. Fick motioned to have V. Glenar determine the cost of blasting before sending out the above letter to find out if it disturbs other vaults to blast. She was provided with Allen’s number as he might have this information. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.
- g. R. Fick motioned to give, at no cost, 2 yellow preschool chairs to Patty Supp as requested. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye. L. Keefe will call Patty.
- h. skipped to i.
- i. R. Fick motioned to move into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) at 7:04pm. Seconded by J. Sears. R. Fick motioned to end the Executive Session at 7:24pm. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.
- *Select Board approve Norman Moody to contact the applicant for the full time Public Works position and offer him the position. R. Fick motioned to offer the candidate \$19.00 per hour with a 6-month probation period. Will be eligible for an annual raise on January 1st. Though the candidate is familiar with our practices, he will be required to go through training protocols. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye.

* R. Fick motioned to approve a \$1.00 per hour increase in rate of pay for Keith Wood effective 4/30/23. He tested and received his last CDL A certification on 4/24 for toxic waste transport. Seconded by J. Sears – All Aye. N. Moody to meet with him next week.

h. R. Fick provided an update on the ongoing dangerous dog issue. On 4/24/23, R. Fick received a call from a neighbor of where the dangerous dog is/was located, stating that the dog was in her yard right now. R. Fick notified the ACO who stated she would head over. R. Fick drove to the location, but the dog was not there when she arrived. The neighbor stated that it was the dog (male) who had been declared dangerous and she wrote a statement. On 4/25, Tim Hallam called the DA Office and was told there were no open cases in Garland, and he called to ask R. Fick why. She assured him the case was open. The ACO filed for a warrant on Monday.

5. **Updates:**

R. Fick read through the updates as provided on the agenda.

* L. Keefe added an update – the new mower will be delivered to the Cemetery Building on 4/27.

* D. Wilson asked to speak on the grant application – still no deadline. Dan has revised the estimate to include the window in L. Keefe’s office. Still waiting on door estimate. Concerned with having a single source vendor – if we can’t get Anderson to provide a quote in a timely manner, how will the service be if we go with them? The Select Board suggests Diane ask Pella Windows, T&T Builders, T, Nightingale, or Home Depot for quotes as well. She will do so.

* N. Moody to contact S. Gudroe for a plan to trap the beavers.

* S. Giles asked if the planks were going to be put back on the dam. If so, he advises only putting one back. R. Fick will call R. Webber who remains the Dam Manager.

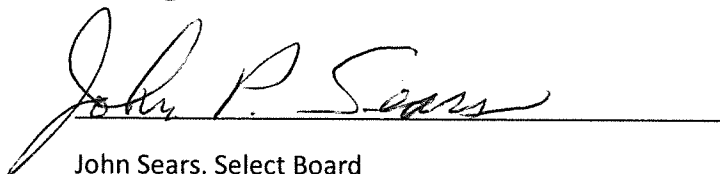
* R. Fick spoke with Chief Gudroe about burning the wood pile at the Transfer Station. He said he would try.

R. Fick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Seconded by J. Sears. All Aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Regina Fick, Select Board Chair



John Sears, Select Board

