

Garland Select Board
Garland Community Building
108 Corinth Rd
January 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes

1. Opening Ceremonies:
 - a. R. Fick called the meeting to order at 5:38PM.
 - b. Members present: R. Fick – Chair, J. Sears – Selectman, R. Webber – Selectman for quorum. L. Keefe – Administrator, N. Moody – Director PW.
 - c. Acceptance of Agenda: R. Fick motioned to accept the agenda as read. Seconded by J. Sears, unanimous.
2. Public Comments: R. Fick motioned to open the floor to public comments at 5:39pm. Seconded by J. Sears. R. Fick asked L. Keefe for updates on the rotted tree across from Garland Store. L. Keefe replied that she had requested in November 2022 through Mr. Nothstein at Maine DOT to evaluate the tree for removal. Mr. Nothstein forwarded the request to the Region 4 office in Bangor. L. Keefe received a call from that office on 1/24 stating that they would come that day to take pictures and measurements for the tree to be assigned for removal. The Region 4 office would follow-up with L. Keefe next week for determination. R. Fick motioned to close to public comments at 5:42pm. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous.
3. Consent Agenda: R. Fick motioned to accept the December 2022 Bank Statements as provided. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous.
4. Motion Discussions:
 - a. R. Fick motioned to accept the corrected 12/28/22 meeting minutes. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous. R. Fick motioned to accept the 1/11/23 meeting minutes with an edit to the date under item a. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous.
 - b. R. Fick motioned to appoint L. Keefe as the following: Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Treasurer, Administrator, Public Access Officer, G.A. Administrative Assistant, and DER Agent and to sign the Certificates of Appointment and for the Town Clerk to administer the oaths. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous.
 - c. R. Fick motioned to discuss the update received from Greg MacAlister on additional costs for the Millet Bridge project. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous. R. Fick motioned for L. Keefe to contact G. MacAlister and request an estimate for the total cost of the project for next SB meeting. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous.
 - d. R. Fick motioned to discuss sending N. Moody to the Supervisory Leadership in Public Works Program. R. Fick asked if we had included this cost in the budget request and L. Keefe replied yes. R. Fick asked N. Moody if he could make the 5-day commitment? He replied he was willing to do so. R. Fick motioned to have L. Keefe submit the enrollment form for N. Moody to attend. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous.

- e. R. Fick motioned to discuss free use of the State's radar speed trailer. She states that as we have our own, we don't need to borrow the State's. L. Keefe to reach out to Carrie Castonguay to inquire about training for the trailer by our PW staff. R. Fick motioned to deny applying for use of the trailer. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous.
- f. R. Fick motioned to discuss a request to stop foreclosure proceedings on Account 1220. Seconded by J. Sears – all ayes. R. Fick asked for thoughts by the board members. Read the explanation by the Tax Collector regarding the history of the account and outlining the Town's notifications to the landowner to try to collect payment. No payments have been made on this property since the previous owner paid the 2019 taxes. The property owner, David Tilley, was in attendance as well as his mother and brother. His mother asked to speak on his behalf and explained that Mr. Tilley thought that the previous owner had paid the taxes to date. She stated they had received the tax bills but not the lien or foreclosure notices (2 certified mailings came back as unclaimed) the other mailings were not returned to the office. We have an article in Town Meeting that approves the SB to vote to allow the property owner to buy back the property at the Select Board's discretion or by sealed bids at a public auction. R. Fick motioned to allow the property owner, David Tilley, to buy back the property under account 1220 for taxes, interest accrued and all other expenses charged against the account for mailings and filings with full payment to be made by end of business day on Friday, January 27, 2023. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous approval.
- g. Old business/New business: R. Fick motioned to turn the floor over to Madeline Jensen, BACTS, for presentation of the Climate Resiliency Grant. Ms. Jensen distributed hand-outs outlining the 72 areas that the grant covers. She explained that this is a no-match grant with funding up to \$50,000 available. There are 2 rounds - March and September.
- Mary Adams asked what the goal of the funding was and what did they hope to accomplish by having the towns receive money? Ms. Jensen replied it was to get communities thinking about climate change and what the needs of the communities are to address concerns and to prepare for future vulnerabilities. This would allow legislators to fund more targeted goals in the future based upon town participation.
- E. Hummel, P. Devine and E. Wing asked about uses for the money such as improvements to the Community Building (windows, kitchen upgrades, etc.). Ms. Jensen replied that they would have to fall under one of the 72 categories listed on the handout. The program coordinator is listed on the handout so that would be a good resource for questions. Discussion ended with thanks to Ms. Jensen for her presentation.
- h. R. Fick motioned to move into Executive Session for Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) at 6:48pm. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous. R. Fick motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 7:03pm. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous. R. Fick motioned to accept Mr. Hedjucek's resignation. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous approval. R. Fick motioned to place an advertisement in the Gazette and Rolling Thunder for the next 2 weeks for the PW third position. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous approval.

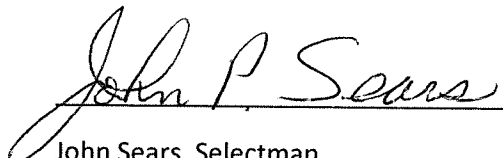
- i. R. Fick motioned to close the Town Office on 1/26/23 due to severe weather forecast and following the Governor's decision to close all State Offices in Penobscot County. Seconded by J. Sears – unanimous.

R. Rick motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:04pm, Seconded by J. Sears unanimous.

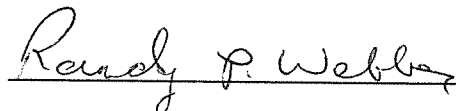
Respectfully submitted,



Regina Fick, Select Board Chair



John Sears, Selectman



Randy Webber, Selectman

