

Garland Select Board
Garland Municipal Building
108 Corinth Road
January 26, 2022
6:00 PM

1. Opening Ceremonies
 - a. Call to Order at 6:01 pm
 - b. Members present: Regina Fick, Selectboard Chair, John Sears, Selectman, Randy Webber, Selectman. Karen Stone AA to the Select Board
 - c. Acceptance of agenda made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval

2. Public Comments – Robert Pingree, Richard Mackie, Sandy Giles, Tory Glenar, Nathan Pitts, Nova Watson, Tammy Beam, Doreen Adams, Linda Clewley, Andrew Smith, Robert Marquis. Tammy Beem voiced concern over the roads with regard to emergency response and asked about the condition of the trucks. Tammy also asked about the social media. Andrew Smith inquired about the roadside cutting. Tammy spoke to the low lying trees along the roadside. Doreen Adams inquired about the company that did the tree trimming on 94. Rich Mackie inquired about a report for the two trucks being worked on. Rich asked about how we can have equipment in such bad shape and asked questions about the grader. Tammy asked about which grader Steve Kimball used this past fall. Linda Clewley asked if the Select Board took an inventory of the highway equipment or schedule any maintenance. Linda spoke to the liability of personal equipment being used for Town business. Tammy Beem mentioned Frank Scott and Clarence using their own vehicles for Town business and asked where the ton truck should be stored and should it be taken home by the DPW. Requested that the SB have someone licensed check machinery on a regular basis. Tammy asked if Regina was the only member of the Select Board that spoke and if either member had anything to say. Rich Mackie spoke to the age of the equipment and how did everything explode this year. Richie spoke to surrounding towns and their budgets compared to ours. Richie Mackie spoke to the ice storm on his road and his interaction with Dakota at the garage and Dakota's response not being productive. There was a conversation after the fact that was more productive. Tammy Beam spoke to a past experience where the highway guys were not out all hours of the night and people knew to drive carefully when the roads were slippery. Andrew Smith asked if we were going to move this forward to resolve the plow problems. Tory Glenar referred to the roads being passable for emergency response. Tammy Beem answered stating that the Highway Department has been called in the past and requested assistance to a scene that they need. Andrew and Richie inquired on some parameters on the Highway budget to ensure the 2022 budget

isn't blown up. Tammy commented that the DPW is rude and people don't want to talk with him. Richie ask for DPW comments to be left off of Face Book. Robert Pingree asked if both drivers have their CDL's and asked about experience with maintaining trucks. Nova spoke to Dakota's FB comments. Tory mentioned the impression of Dakota's posts at the beginning and what he has endured. John Sears replied to a comment of good maintenance can still have bad issues.

Public comments closed public comments at 7:02 pm.

3. Consent agenda- None

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a. Motion to discuss DPW equipment- Dakota gave a quick synopsis of the recent events with the trucks (see attached). International truck should be back tomorrow. The Kenworth truck is at the Kenworth shop waiting to be diagnosed. Today Dakota spoke with K & F regarding renting to purchase. Dakota spoke of the Paystar being road worthy for this upcoming storm. Dakota spoke to his tone and reassured the people he is not being arrogant and apologized for anyone that took offense to him. Dakota gave a synopsis of issues that have happened since snow/ice has fallen. Dakota spoke about talking with the bus garage. Rickie Mackie asked about the condition of the loader being used as plowing. Sandy Giles asked about welding the plow to the bucket and mentioned an issue when using it in the pit. Tammy asked for details on the rent-to-own option. Tammy asked for Dakota's number to distribute to some fire department members. Regina spoke to a conversation with Senator Paul Davis asking for direction in our situation. Dakota has spoken the Bangor DOT and there is no help he can offer. They Paystar is being looked at to be viable for this weekend's storm. The international should be back tomorrow in time for the storm. Estimate being worked on for repairing the grader. Motion to approve the letter to the community be put on the website, store, and in the Town Office made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval. Motion to approve the expenditure on the white truck made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval.

b. Motion to discuss DPW budget- Tabled

c. Motion to approve the purchase of boots for J. Guilmain at the Transfer Station for the reimbursable amount of \$100.00 from the Exeter Store made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval.

d. Motion to discuss time-earned buy-back policy- Tabled until rules can be defined.
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e. Motion to approve \$500 for a new IT Reserve Account and to present the FD reserve as requested \$10,000- SB suggested \$7,000.00.

f. Motion to discuss our County Tax Liability of \$107, 451.99
(mil rate remains at 1.52)

g. Motion to move forward with General Assistance budget of \$3,000.00 made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval

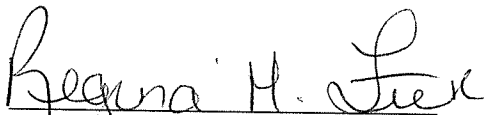
- h. Motion to move forward with Administrative Budget of \$169,127.00 made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval. Motion to approve the 2022 Annual Report to be 8.5" x 11" books made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval.
- i. Motion to move forward with the Planning Board budget of \$1,500.00
- j. Motion to move forward with the Transfer Station budget for \$33,000.00 by R. Fick. Unanimous approval
- k. Motion to move forward with a Cemetery budget of \$27,000.00
- l. Motion to move forward with a Community Building Budget of \$9,465.00
- m. Motion to discuss the Community Center Repair Budget -Nothing to add.
- n. Motion to approve the new Town IT budget to move forward for \$8,070.00 made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval.
- o. Motion to move forward with a General Government budget of \$27,035.00 made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval.
- p. Discussion to leave the Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Garland Days and Park and Recreation accounts alone. Agreed.
- q. Motion to add an additional meeting on February 1, 2022 at 5:30 pm before the Budget Committee meets made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval.

Add-on's:

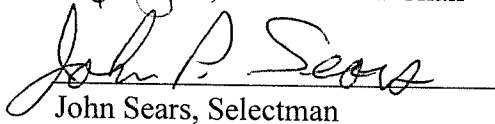
The next regular Select Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

- 5. Motion to adjourn at 10:53 pm made by R. Fick. Unanimous approval.

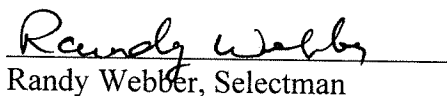
Respectfully Submitted,



Regina Fick, Select Board Chair



John Sears, Selectman



Randy Webber, Selectman