

**Town of Lubec  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
March 6th, 2019 6PM**

**Board Members Present:** Carol Dennison, Dan Wagner, Rachel Rubeor, Joanne Case, Jason Evasius

**Absent:** None

**Quorum present?** Yes

**Others Present:** Renee Gray, Town Administrator; Jim Clark Assessors Agent

**Pledge of Allegiance**

□ **Open Board of Assessors Meeting** at 6:02 pm by Carol Dennison

1) Jim Clark reviewed abatements and supplements. **Exhibit 1**

**Motion:** Made by Rachel to sign abatements and supplements, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason, Vote: All in Favor

2) Jim reviewed abatement requests from Robert Tardiff and Sandra O’Gorman. **Exhibit 2**

**Motion:** Made by Carol to table Tardiff request until March 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel, Vote: All in favor

**Motion:** Made by Rachel to adjourn Assessors meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne, Vote: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM

□ **Opened Board of Selectmen’s Meeting at 6:18 pm** by Carol

□ **Sign Warrants**

**Motion:** Made by Joanne to sign the warrants, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan, vote: All in Favor

□ **Approve Minutes from February 20th, 2019 select board meeting**

**Motion:** Made by Joanne to approve minutes from February 20th 2019 select board meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel, Vote: All in Favor

**Old Business:**

1) **Local Food Ordinance. Exhibit 3**

Discussion: Felicia Newman helped answer questions raised by the board regarding the wording on the Local Food Ordinance. Felicia stated the “site of production” was open to interpretation and other municipalities had defined the “site of production” as the municipality as a whole. The board scheduled a public hearing May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm, Special Town meeting at 5pm on same day.

**Motion:** Made by Rachel to edit the ordinance draft to adding definition “site of production is the Municipality of Lubec, defined as within the boundaries, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason, Vote All in Favor

## **New business**

### **1) Marathon-Maureen Lord. Exhibit 4**

Discussion: Maureen Lord represented the Marathon committee and asked the select board for the Town’s continued support.

**Motion:** Made by Carol to approve of the marathon committee requests of the approval for the event, traffic and parking arrangements, public works and fire department assistance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel, Vote: All in Favor

### **2) AOS Feasibility Ad-hoc update**

Discussion: Wanda Matthews presented an update on the AOS feasibility Ad-Hoc committee. Wanda gave a history of how Lubec joined the current AOS. She mentioned other schools have pulled out of the AOS’s they had joined, due to changing in rules that mandated penalties.

### **3) Reappoint Shellfish Warden. Exhibit 5**

Discussion: The board reappointed Troy Tinker to the position of Shellfish Warden

**Motion:** Made by Rachel to reappoint Troy Tinker as Shellfish Warden, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason, Vote: All in Favor

### **4) Code Enforcement Officer update. Exhibit 5A**

Discussion: Provided a report on his progress as Code Enforcement officer. He reported responses back from the 2 individuals that had received letters from the Town Attorney in regards to dangerous buildings. Both individuals were granted extensions by the select board due to the weather. Shults and Ross were extended to June 30, 2019 to have the issues corrected.

### **5) Sewer Rate increase. Exhibit 6**

Discussion: Board discussed the need of raising the current sewer rates \$20.00. This would bring the minimum to \$76.10 per quarter, or \$304.40 per year for the minimum. The reason for the increase is due to years of increased cost of operation. The sewer rates have never been raised. According to the recent town audits, the sewer revenue is not covering the expenses of operation and maintenance.

**Motion:** Made by Rachel to raise the minimum sewer rates from \$56.10 to \$76.10, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne, Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

### **6) Sign County Tax. Exhibit 7**

Discussion: the board signed the County Tax assessor's return, Lubec's portion is \$292,242.

**Motion:** Made by Joanne to sign the county tax assessor's return, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason, Vote: All in favor

**7) Other business:**

1) The board reviewed letters to be sent to trash haulers reminding them the town does not pay for clean outs.

**Motion:** Made by Rachel to sign letters to haulers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne, Vote: All in favor

2) Renee updated the board on the LED street light conversion progress. Some of the Lights in the downtown area have already been converted to LED. **Exhibit 8**

3) Renee showed the board a sample of a fraudulent letter asking for money that a Lubec resident had received. This letter looked very official and warned the public. Renee has also notified the Sheriff and chief deputy.

**Committee Updates**

1) Shellfish Committee – 3/7 at 6:00 pm

2) Harbor Board Committee – 3/18 at 6:00 pm

3) Washington County Emergency Medical Services- 3/18 4:30 Meddybemps.

4) Revolving Loan Committee – 4/1 3:00pm

5) Recycling Committee- 4/12/19 4pm

6) Economic Development Committee- TBA

7) Safe Harbor Committee- 3/18 5pm

8) Planning Board- 3/19 5pm

9) AOS Feasibility Ad-Hoc- TBA at 4pm

**Public Comment:**

John Rule stated he would be a small reference in the Quoddy Tide article regarding the sewer rate increase, but would run an article in detail with the details.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Made by Rachel adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan, Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

□ Minutes submitted by Renee Gray