

**Town of Lubec  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
December 9, 2020 5:00 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Carol Dennison, Sonja Bailey

**Zoom:** Dan Wagner, Rachel Rubeor, Jason Evasius (sporadically present due to technical difficulties)

**Absent:** None

**Quorum present?** Yes

**Others Present:** Renée Gray, Town Administrator

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Open select board meeting** at 5:00 pm by Carol.

**Sign Warrants**

**Motion:** Made by Rachel to sign the warrants 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonja, Vote: all in favor

**Approve Minutes from November 24, 2020 select board meeting minutes**

**Motion:** Made by Jason to approve minutes from November 24, 2020, select board meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonja Vote: all in favor

**Old Business:**

1) None

**New Business**

1) **Open Tax Acquired Property Bids. Exhibit 1**

**Discussion:** The board opened the bids for Tax Acquired Property Map 016-006. After much discussion, board moved the vote to the end of the meeting so Jason Evasius could try to reconnect to the meeting

**Motion:** Made by Rachel to accept former owner Cameron Moore bid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol

**Vote:** 3-1 fail, vote did not pass (Jason lost connection on phone and was not present to vote)

**Motion:** Made by Sonja to accept Greg McConnell's bid, a family member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol

**Vote:** 2-2, did not pass (Jason lost connection on phone and was not present to vote)

**Motion:** Made by Carol to table discussion until the next board meeting when all 5 board members could be present to vote citing the technical difficulties, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel, vote: all in favor 4-0 (Jason lost connection on phone and was not present to vote)

At this time, Jason was able to rejoin the meeting by phoning in, his cell battery went dead.

**Motion:** Made by Carol to put discussion of tax acquired property back on the table, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason. Vote: 4-1 passed

**Motion:** Made by Jason to accept Gregory McConnell's bid of \$7,500 being a family member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonja, Vote: 4-1 in favor vote passed.

## **2) Maine Solar Choices. Exhibit 2**

**Discussion:** Henry Barrett of Nexamp would like to look into the town property available for a possible lease agreement for a solar farm. They would need 10-30 acres. The town property behind the public works facility seems like a possible location.

**Motion:** Made by: Carol to investigate property for a potential solar farm 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Vote: 4-0 all in favor (Jason lost connection on phone and was not present to vote)

## **3) CDBG Grant update for WWTP**

**Discussion:** Renee announced the Town had been contacted by CDBG and has been awarded \$990,000.000 for the Waste Water Treatment plant upgrade. This will help cover the cost of the immediate IMHOFF tank replacement.

## **4) Other Business**

**Discussion:**

### **1) Howard Small Broadband Fiber. Exhibit 3**

Howard Small from Grand Manan is asking if he can house equipment in the municipal building. In exchanged, this company would deliver incredibly high-speed broadband service to the town office and fire station. This could potentially open a door to be able to bring private companies to offer fiber network in Lubec.

**Motion:** Made by Carol to authorize Howard Small and Proximity Fibre, Crave Technologies, to house broadband equipment at the Municipal building in exchange for high speed internet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonja, Vote: 4-0 (Jason lost connection on phone and was not present to vote)

### **2) Wanda Matthews**

Not present

### **3) Phone Contract. Exhibit 4**

The existing phone contract with Consolidated Communications is outdated and now costing double. This new contract will avoid the extra fees.

**Motion:** Made by Carol to authorize Renee to sign the Consolidated Communications contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel vote: 4-0 (Jason lost connection on phone and was not present to vote)

**4) Employee Leave of Absence**

We have a public works employee requesting a medical leave of absence beginning December 8<sup>th</sup>. Employee must return January 7, 2021.

**Motion:** Made by Carol to approve 30 day medical leave of absence pending approved Dr's note, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonja, Vote: 5-0 in favor.

**Committee Updates:** None

**Public Comment:**

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Made by Sonja to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel, Vote: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Minutes submitted by: Renée Gray