

# MAPLETON SELECT BOARD MEETING

*Wednesday, October 12, 2022*

**5:30 PM** – Town Office

## Minutes

**Call to Order** at 5:39 PM by Chair Buck

**Present-** Chair Barry Buck, Matthew Gregg, and Travis Mastro

**Absent-** Dave Dunlavey, Scott Young

**Staff Present-** Sandra Fournier, Town Manager; Lisa Foster, Treasurer; Christina Kidney, Town Clerk

### **Open Public Hearing – General Assistance Ordinance**

*A discussion of maximum increase was explained by the Town Manager. Fournier explained there were slight increases in the maximums in certain categories. Income Maximums increased by \$37- \$99 dollars, depending on household size. Food maximums increased by \$17.91-\$108.61, depending on household size and each additional person increased by \$58.00. In the category of housing unheated maximums increased by \$18.00-\$22.00; heated increased by \$64-\$143.00, depending upon household size. Utilities increased as well, electricity without electric hot water increased \$25-\$32.50; with an electric hot water increase \$38-\$75.50, depending upon household size. In addition, Immigration Relief language and guidelines have been included in the General Assistance program. Fournier also spoke on this years Ordinance containing a provision for residents residing in a Recovery Residence.*

*Motion by Chair Buck to open Public Hearing on General Assistance Ordinance at 5:41PM*

*Second by Gregg*

*Motion passed 3-0*

### **Close Public Hearing**

*Motion by Gregg to close Public Hearing on General Assistance Ordinance at 5:45*

*Second by Mastro*

*Motion passed 3-0*

### **Public Comment- None**

### **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting September 14, 2022**

*Motion by Gregg to accept the September 14, 2022 minutes as presented.*

*Second by Mastro*

*Motion passed 3-0*

**Review, Approve, and Sign Treasurer Warrants # 70-78**

*Warrants 70-78 were discussed and signed*

*Motion by Mastro to accept the Treasurer's Warrants as prepared and presented.*

*Second by Gregg*

*Motion passed 3-0*

**Old Business-None**

**New Business**

**Approve and Sign 2022 – 2023 General Assistance Ordinance**

*2023 General Assistance Ordinance discussed and approved.*

*Motion by Gregg to accept and approve 2023 General Assistance Ordinance.*

*Second by Mastro*

*Motion passed 3-0*

**Discuss Tax Collector's Waiver of Foreclosure Request**

*2020 Real Estate Property Taxes in foreclosure were discussed. Automatic foreclosure can be waived by a vote of the municipality's legislative body, giving the Treasurer authority to record a waiver of foreclosure in the Registry of Deeds.*

*Motion by Gregg to accept the waiver of foreclosure for 3091 West Chapman Road; Map 013, Lot 007 as recommended by the Treasurer.*

*Second by Mastro*

*Motion passed 3-0*

**Review Tax Collector's Foreclosure Report**

*The Tax Collector reported 17 properties in Mapleton that face potential automatic foreclosure for failure to pay 2020 taxes.*

*No motion at this time. This is for informational purposes only.*

**Discuss Mapleton Cemetery Concern & Review Draft Mapleton Cemetery Bylaws**

*The Town of Mapleton assumed responsibility of all cemeteries in June 2022. Last set of by-laws were created in 1912. These by-laws are insufficient for current day and must be amended to provide proper maintenance care for the cemeteries. The Select Board will review the by-laws before the next Select Board meeting in November.*

*No motion at this time. This is for informational purposes only.*

### **Discuss Mapleton Planning Board Resignations & Vacancies**

*The Town has received two resignation notices from Mapleton Planning Board members. One additional member of the Mapleton planning Board has moved out of the municipality. Therefore, there are now three vacancies on the Mapleton Planning Board. The Select Board has three individuals they are considering for these positions. They will be contacted and asked if they would be interested in the position.*

*There will be further discussion at the November Select Board Meeting.*

### **Treasurer 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

*Third quarter financials were reviewed. The Treasurer reported that Mapleton should be at 75% of the budget for the end of September. Currently Mapleton is at 94% revenue received. 2021 Property Tax collected is 98%. 2022 Property Tax collected is 67%. Currently Mapleton is at 77% expenses paid. The Treasurer is now looking to project monies that will be put into CD accounts.*

*No motion at this time. This is for informational purposes only.*

### **Town Manager Report**

The Clerk is preparing for the November 8, 2022 Election. Absentee Ballots have been received and were processed and sent out on Friday, October 7, 2022. Absentee ballots will be processed prior to the election on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 12PM in the conference room at the Town Office. This will be a gubernatorial election as well as a local school board position.

The Code Enforcement Officer has issued 36 building permits and 16 plumbing permits. Mapleton's building permits are the strongest numbers the Town has seen since 2009. The Code Enforcement Officer has also been working on dangerous buildings in Mapleton as well. The Solar Ordinance has been approved by the planning board and is currently 99% complete.

The LPC had their first meeting on September 8, at which we discussed concerns with past laws that were enacted, such as LD 290 (Senior Property Tax Stabilization) and LD 2003 (ADU bill).

I will be meeting with Maine DOT the week of October 24-28 to discuss the Bike and Pedestrian Grant application that was submitted back in July. The award announcement has not been made as of yet, however I have been told our application was strong and has a great chance of being approved.

The County is pursuing their fiscal year change. I will be attending a public hearing in Caribou on November 16, 2022 to hear what the impact may mean for our communities.

The Mapleton Planning Board will be conducting a public hearing on Thursday, November 17, 2022 to discuss the draft Solar Farm Ordinance they have been working on the past few months.

**Set Next Meeting Date(s):**

Select Board Meetings – Wednesday, November 9, 2022 @ 5:30PM  
Salary Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 2022 @ 5:30 PM  
Joint Select Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 2022 @ 6:30PM  
Interlocal Committee Meeting – TBD, November 2022

**Adjourn** at 6:53 PM by Chair Buck

Respectfully submitted

Christina Kidney  
Town Clerk