

# **MAPLETON MUNICIPAL OFFICERS MEETING**

***Wednesday, May 15, 2024***

**5:30 PM – Town Office**

## **Minutes**

**Call to Order at 5:30 PM by Matt Gregg**

**Present – Kim Archer, Matthew Gregg, Joseph Powers, David Maxcy, and Keith Doyen**

**Absent – Barry Buck and Scott Young**

**Staff Present – Sandra Fournier, Town Manager; Lisa Foster, Treasurer;  
Chris Woodworth, Road Commissioner**

**Public – None**

### **Board of Assessors**

The Board of Assessors reviewed and signed the Town Certified Ratio Declaration for the 2024 year.

Motion by **Doyen** to approve the 2024 Tax Certified Ratio Declaration as presented

Second by **Maxcy**

Motion passed **2 - 0**

### **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting, April 10, 2024**

Motion by **Powers** to approve minutes of the Select Board meeting as presented.

Second by **Archer**

Motion Passed **3 - 0**

### **Review, Approve and Sign Treasurer Warrants #27-34**

Motion by **Archer** to approve the Treasurer's Warrants as presented

Second by **Powers**

Motion Passed **3 - 0**

### **Financials Update**

The Selectboard reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 financial statements. There is no motion this is for informational purposes only.

**Old Business**

### **Dangerous Building Update**

The Code Enforcement Officer provided the Selectboard with an update on the dangerous buildings in Mapleton with a plan to clean them up. There is no motion at this time this is for information only.

### **New Business**

#### **Proposed County Budget**

The budget for the 2024 – 2025 year has been released. The County budget is passed by the County Commissioners. Based on the proposed budget there will be a 25% increase in the budget for the 2024-2025 year. The final mil increase will be presented in July. There is no motion this is for informational purposes only.

#### **Sewer District Request for Road Closure of West Chapman Road**

The Mapleton Sewer District is continuing the sewer line replacement project on the West Chapman Road. The road closure and alternate detours have been sent to the Maine Dot. Notices will be sent to the residents effected. There is no motion this is for informational purposes only.

#### **Review and Sign Municipal ATV Grant**

The Mapleton ATV Club wishes to apply for a grant to help cover the cost of 3 projects totally \$81,301. All grants must be approved by the Selectboard for application submission. Approval must be signed by 2 board members, the Town Manager, and the Project Administrator.

Motion by **Powers** to authorize the Town Manager to make application for financial assistance and enter said agreement between the Town of Mapleton and the State of Maine's ATV Trail fund Grant-In-Aid Program

Second by **Archer**

Motion passed **3 - 0**

#### **Consider NMDC Appointment**

The NMDC Board asks for membership appointments to represent our communities. Previous appointments for Mapleton were Selectboard Member Matthew Gregg and Town Manager Sandra Fournier.

Motion by **Gregg** to appoint Sandra Fournier and Joseph Powers to the NMDC Board

Second by **Archer**

Motion passed **3 - 0**

#### **Consider Legislative Policy Committee Appointment**

The Legislative Policy Committee is a 2-year appointment. Sandra Fournier has served on this committee since 2020 and would like to continue to serve for another 2-year term.

Motion by **Powers** to appoint Sandra Fournier as The Town of Mapleton representative

Second by **Gregg**

Motion passed **3 - 0**

### **Consider Sewer District Trustee Appointment**

Per the guidelines established with the creation of the Mapleton Sewer District, the Municipal Officers of the Town of Mapleton are granted authority to appoint a Sewer District Trustee should there be a vacancy. This appointment is until the next annual election, March 2025. No nomination papers were filed with the Clerk's office for the vacant seat of Trustee with the Mapleton Sewer District. Several write-in nominations were received at the election however, no one wanted the appointment. Gil St. Pierre has requested the Mapleton Selectboard appoint a Trustee to serve until March 2025.

Motion by **Gregg** to appoint Barry Buck as a Trustee to the Mapleton Sewer District

Second by **Powers**

Motion passed **3 - 0**

### **Review & Sign Notice of Election MSAD 1 School Budget**

The School Board must prepare all warrants and notices of election for the budget referendum. These warrants and notices must be countersigned by the Municipal Officers. There is an increase in the budget for Chapman of \$21,186

Motion by **Gregg** to approve and sign the MSAD 1 Warrant & Notice of Election

Second by **Powers**

Motion passed **3 - 0**

### **Discuss Presque Isle Notification of Reopening Transfer Station**

The Transfer Station located on Griffin Ridge Road was closed in the 1980's by the City of Presque Isle. The City of Presque Isle is looking into reopening the Transfer Station. The plan for right now is to move the recycling igloos near Riverside Park in Presque Isle to the transfer station. Maine DEP stated that the licensing for the transfer station was not an active license. Recycling igloos or recycling dumpster locations are not required to have a license. If the City of Presque Isle wishes to reopen the transfer station to take any items outside of the recycling commodities a license will need to be issued. This is a long process. There is no motion for this item it is for information only.

### **Discuss Mapleton Barking Ordinance**

The current ordinance was drafted and adopted in 2000. The language is vague and may need revising for clarification and enforcement purposes for the Animal Control Officer. We currently have a civil summons that was issued by the ACO for violation of our Dog Barking Ordinance. Because of concerns with the current ordinance, the Town Manager would like to notify the court system we are dropping the summons.

Motion by **Powers** to approve the Town Manager to notify the District Court that the Town will not be pursuing the Dog Barking Ordinance violation issued in May 2024. The Town will work on redrafting the Dog Barking Ordinance to provide clarification.

Second by **Archer**

Motion passed **3 - 0**

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

Joint Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 21, 2024 @ 6PM

Select Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 5:30PM

**Adjournment at 6:10 PM by Matt Gregg**

**Respectfully submitted**

*Lisa Foster*

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