

**TOWN OF JACKMAN  
PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:00 PM &  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS & SELECTMENS  
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2019**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Call the Public Hearing to order at: **6:03 pm** by *Jayme French*

- ATV Access Route

Discussion: **None**

Move to Adjourn the Public Hearing at: **6:04 pm** by *Alan Duplessis*

Seconded by *Benedict Cozzi*                      Vote **All in Favor**

**Open Assessors & Board of Selectmen's Meeting:** *Jayme French* opens meeting at 6:04 pm (Pledge of Allegiance)

- a. Selectmen Present: *Jayme French, Alan Duplessis, Charles Lumbert, Benedict Cozzi, Scott Smith*
- b. Employees Present: *Victoria Forkus, Heidi Dionne*
- c. Others Present: *Lucas Talpey (Jackman Utility District), Jack Ducharme (Skowhegan Savings Bank), Sandra Achey (JMR Chamber of Commerce)*

➤ **Item 1. Open Session:** Limited to 2 minutes – Extension per Chairman

- *Sandra asked if it would be possible for the Public Works Dept. to mow the Chamber office grounds at no fee to the Chamber. Alan Duplessis mentioned that the school is looking for Community Service projects for students, this might be an option. Victoria will speak to Public Works also.*
- *Sandra also asked if the town plans on doing anything about a Noise Ordinance. The town will continue to go by the State guidelines. Alan Duplessis said that a Special Amusement Permit should be filed. Heidi said she thought that was just for establishments serving alcohol but would look into it.*

**SELECT BOARD:**

➤ **Item 2. Approval of Minutes:** *Signatures Needed*

Motion to approve minutes from February 14, 2019 meeting made by *Alan Duplessis*

Seconded by *Benedict Cozzi*                      Vote **All in Favor**

➤ **Item 3. New Business:**

- a. Jack Ducharme – Skowhegan Savings Bank – Economic Development
  - *Jack discussed different approaches the town can use to stimulate the economy. Having Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) is good but the town does not want to become “the bank”.*

**Make sure you are getting a return on your investment. Always have a higher interest rate than the banks. Madison has a grant program, eligible after project is done. KVCOG offers gap funding.**

- **Jack said that Jackman needs to find a way to attract the Canadian's traveling through. They stop for gas and a quick bite to eat but what can Jackman do to offer them more reasons to spend money in town.**
- **Why are local people traveling "down river" to shop? How can we convince them to shop local?**
- **Suggested having more than one seasonal business share space. In the winter have a winter enterprise and then in summer have a different enterprise catering to summer activities.**
- **Become a recognized Business Friendly Town. Need to apply for it through the State.**
- **Jayne French asked about the possibility of having a fair event – economic growth. Invite SSB, KVCOG and local businesses to set up and give advice to those interested in starting their own business.**

**Board thanked Jack for coming and appreciated all the different ideas that he offered.**

- b. Rene Guay – Request to remove trees from Henderson Street along the snowmobile trail
  - **Rene did not attend the meeting. Board asked Victoria to contact him and have him give the town a proposal as to what trees and wishes to cut and what he will pay for the trees.**
- c. Consolidate Communications – Current service reliability
  - **Ben feels the town needs to do something about the poor quality of internet service people are receiving. How can the town get on board with the State Broad Ban Network? Victoria will do some research.**
- d. CMP – LED Street Light Contract
  - **Victoria presented information she received from CMP regarding changing the street lights over to LED lighting.**
  - **There will be no cost to the town to have them installed and there will be a cost savings. The town will have to sign a 15 year contract with CMP. There is a waiting list as towns are moving fast to request the changeover.**
  - **CMP offered to put up a sample light.**
  - **Board suggested that we map out location of all lights and then determine if we should add or reduce the number of lights and/or move some around.**

Motion to have Town Manager set up sample light and decide if town should add or reduce the number of lights and move lights around made by **Alan Duplessis**

Seconded by **Ben Cozzi**                      Vote **All in Favor**

- e. Public Opinion Survey – Was emailed to BOS on Friday
  - **The survey will be used to fulfill the Economic Municipal Comprehensive Plan update and to get information on the park.**
  - **Board asked Victoria to see what was necessary on the survey. Try to slim it down.**

➤ **Item 4. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Plymouth Engineering – Received final color version of Master Plan update for Town Park
  - **Reviewed colored map.**

Motion to approve final color version of Park Master Plan made by **Ben Cozzi**

Seconded by **Scott Smith**                      Vote **All in Favor**

- b. Mill Street Reconstruction Bid Letter
  - o ***Plymouth Engineering will take care of overseeing the project.***

Motion to approve Mill Street Reconstruction Bid letter made by

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Road Postings – Town posted on 03/08/2019 – LD261 still in Legislative process
- d. Spirit of America – Need write up
  - o ***Alan Duplessis will do the write up***
- e. Smart TV– Applied for MMA Safety Enhancement Grant – Update
  - o ***Victoria retracted grant application after MMA informed her that there could only be one grant request per municipality and the Fire Dept. had submitted one for safety equipment. Victoria felt that it was more important that the Fire Dept. be able to receive the grant. She will look for other grants.***
- f. ATV Access Route – Next step after Public Hearing
  - o ***Since there was no opposition during the Public Hearing to the ATV travel lane changing from the Rt 201 breakdown lane to Rt 201 travel lane, Victoria will submit a letter to MDOT for their approval.***

#### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS:**

##### **➤ Item 5. New Business:**

- a. Tax acquired properties – 506 & 391 Main Street – Individuals interested
  - o ***Town received a few calls of interest in the properties. They were told to either attend the board meeting or send a letter to the board expressing their interest. We did not receive any letters, and no one showed up at the board meeting.***
- b. Homestead Exemption – Conley Residence, 5 Halfway Brook Rd. Homestead was removed in 2018. They have requested an abatement.
  - o ***Heidi explained that the Homestead Exemption was removed from this property because Jackman is no longer their legal residence, as required.***

Motion to ***DENY*** Abatement of \$388.30 made by ***Ben Cozzi***

Seconded by ***Alan Duplessis*** Vote ***All in Favor***

##### **➤ Item 6. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Patrick Hannon & Michael Chaisson Foreclosure Properties – Updated RFP's
  - o ***Board reviewed***

***Motion to approve Request for Proposal on 506 & 391 Main Street properties made by Scott Smith***

***Seconded by Alan Duplessis*** Vote ***All in Favor***

- b. Allen's Four Season Accommodations and Mobile Home Park – Title 36-706 Notice – Review letter to accompany Notice – Attorney Lee recommendation
  - o ***Victoria explained that per legal advice the town needs to have the notice served to Mr. Allen on April 1, 2019. See will include a letter from the Board of Assessors. This will be***

followed up by the same materials being sent through the US Postal Service on April 2, 2019.

**Motion to have Title 36-706 Notice along with the letter from Board of Assessors served to Mr. Allen made by Charlie Lumbert**

**Seconded by Alan Duplessis      Vote All in Favor**

c. Outstanding Tax Listing

**OTHER:**

- a. Jackman Utility District Trustee Minutes
  - o **Victoria will notify JUD of change in plans to pave Forest/Spruce and Elm Streets.**
- b. Jackman Planning Board Minutes
- c. Placed airport fuel widget on town website
- d. Approval of EMT Applications:
  - Allan Szarka
  - Kera Powell

Motion to approve Allan Szarka & Kera Powell's Rescue Dept. applications made by **Alan Duplessis**

Seconded by **Scott Smith**      Vote **All in Favor**

- e. Financials
- f. 2018 Audit from RHR Smith

➤ **Item 7. Executive Session: If Necessary**

Move that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) ( )  
\_\_\_\_\_ matters made by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ pm

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_


Exit Executive session at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Motion:

➤ **Item 8. Next Regular Meeting: April 11, 2019 @ 6:00 pm**


➤ **Item 9. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by **Jayme French** at **8:19** pm.

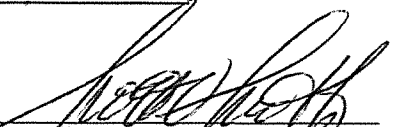
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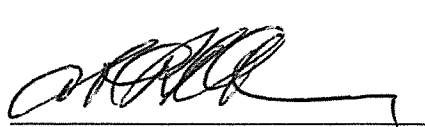


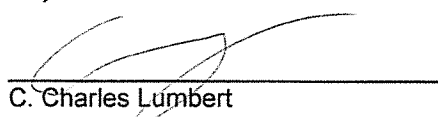
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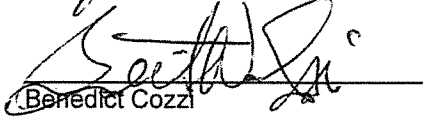
APPROVED ON: April 11, 2019  
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