Town of Litchfield Board of Selectmen Date: May 23, 2016 Final Minutes

- **1.0** Convened at 6:30 PM; Pledge to Flag: Selectmen Present: Chairman, Mark Russell, Rayna Leibowitz, George Thomson. Staff Present: Trudy Lamoreau, Town Manager; Larry Nadeau II, RC and PW Foreman; Stan Labbe, Fire Chief; Bryan Lamoreau, Transfer Station Manager; Richard Lane, Tamas Szepsy, Budget Comm. and RAC; Diana Larrabee, TO Staff; Kathleen Ross, ACO. Guests Present: George and Pat Belanger, Kent Ackley, Kenneth Lizotte,
- **2.0** Minutes of April 25, 2016 meeting submitted for final approval were corrected by changing August to May in 3.1.A and changing Tuesday to Monday in 3.4 C.. A motion to approve as corrected was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 0.**

Minutes of May 9, 2016 meeting submitted for final approval were corrected by changing removing the "Note sentence" in 3.1 and adding the motion, second and vote for holding a Public Hearing for 5.1. A motion to approve as corrected was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 - 0.** 

Minutes of May 16, 2016 meeting submitted for final approval were corrected by adding the word "Road" in 5.1.3 and adding the language of the proposed Article 49.To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend up to \$6,500 from the Town Forest Reserve Account for improvements at Smithfield Plantation. There is a planned timber harvest in the fall of 2016 on Smithfield Plantation which is estimated to generate approximately \$6,500 and which will be added to the Town Forest Reserve Account. A motion to approve as corrected was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 - 0.** 

- **3.0** Reports and Correspondence
- 3.1 Town Manager -A. Pipeline Training, June 16 at 5:30 in Lewiston. Bruce Slattery, EMA Director, and Trudy are planning to attend. Stan Labbe, Fire Chief, advised he and his officers have all attended this training in the past.
- B. Friends of Cobbossee Watershed are celebrating their 15th anniversary at the YMCA Camp in Winthrop on June 17. Folks planning to attend are asked to RSVP.
- 3.2 Code Officer/Plumbing Inspector Trudy advised his permit log would be provided at the next meeting. He is doing 4 5 inspections a day. Permit applications have increased.
- 3.3 Road Commissioner A. Ditching is being done on Easy Street. Multiple driveway culverts are needed to be replaced. 2 cross culverts are needed.
  - B. The PW Dept. has lost one of its employees. Posting for applications will be advertised.
  - C. The Ferrin Road bypass will be prepared in time for the proposed July 15 work to begin.
- D. The Upper Pond Road engineering report from Calderwood Engineering will be delivered before Town Meeting. Pot Hole repairs do not hold up more than a few days. Discussion of landowner communications identified that Calderwood Engineering is responsible for it.
- E. Small Road culvert near the Plains Road This appears to be in the Town right of way. An examination showed that one end is 15" and one is 18"(?). One end is crushed and the other is plugged. MDOT reps continue to ignore our calls. It may be necessary to involve Rep. Greenwood to get a response from someone at MDOT.
  - F. Crack Sealing as contracted was completed last Friday. Larry advised it looks pretty good.
  - G. The final layer of chip sealing is expected to be done on the Libby Road in June.
- 3.4 Fire and Rescue A. Chief Stan Labbe wanted to express his support for the Board, the Town Manager, Road Commissioner and Transfer Station. He feels these operations are better than they have been in quite a while.
  - B. He advised the First Responders have been very busy with calls.
  - 3.5 Emergency Management
  - 3.6 Assessing Agent Trudy reported the Agent is very busy doing field work.
  - 3.7 Other Town Committees

A. Transfer Station - A. Bryan reported the summer hours are not working out. Few people come after 4:00 PM and several are waiting earlier than the 10:00 AM opening time, so he'd like to go back to the 8 - 4 schedule for Friday and

Saturday starting in June. His biggest negative comment has been regarding the Transfer Station not taking leaves. He advised that Glenn Parker and Tom Campbell will take them

- B. Bryan is waiting for DEP to do a site visit, especially regarding the brush alternate site.
- C. Bryan is requesting cost estimates for a compactor, trailer, site work and electrical work to move towards single stream (compacted) recyclables.

## 5.0 Scheduled Business

- 5.1. Maine Turnpike Authority (Small Road Bridge) Ralph Norwood, Project Manager, MTA identified himself and introduced Erin Courtney and Sara Sakorapus, also of MTA. He advised the Small Road Bridge was built in the 1950's. The project replaces superstructure, girders and concrete decking. The new bridge will be slightly wider at 24' from its 22'current size. The height will be raised about 18" as well. Closing the Small Road will occur in June, after school closes, and extend to mid- November. Traffic count on the Small Road is 400 vehicles per day. Detour route will be marked for Route 197 (Richmond Road), Hallowell Road and the Plains Road. It was noted that local traffic will also use the Upper Pond Road, but MTA detour routing will not include this route. The new bridge is expected to last another 50+ years. Repaving will include about 500' on the approaches and new guard rails. Once completed, the guard rails will become Town responsibility to maintain, as are the other guard rails for overpass bridges in Town.
- 5.2 Kathleen Ross (Animal Control Officer) Kathleen was introduced to the Board. She lives in Rome and also does ACO for several other towns. She responds to domestic animal complaints and to wild animal complaints only when they pose a public health risk. She is licensed by the State and has all the certifications they require.
- 5.3 George Belanger (R10-027) Mr. Belanger expressed concern that he was not invited or made aware of the May 16 meeting the Board requested with his surveyor and a request was made for a right of way over his property. His information included that the Lunts Hill Road between Stevenstown Road and Pine Tree Road was abandoned in 1954. It is a 3 rod road (50 feet). The Road is open to the public, but not drivable. He has done some improvements to Lunts Hill Road from Stevenstown Road to his property but does not want to give an easement or right of way over his property to the Town-owned lot situated on his northern boundary. He was advised the meeting with his surveyor was to determine what the basis was for the proposed line between Mr. Belanger's property and the Town's as the Surveyor hired by the Town did not find firm documentation and the two lines differed. Mr. Belanger advised he would be willing to meet with the Town to try to resolve the line issue and reach an agreement on the actual boundary.
- 5.4 Repurchase Agreement (U11-038 and 039) Steven and Kathleen Simpson wish to enter a repurchase agreement for the \$7102.54 with \$1,200 down and \$492.00 per month for 12 months to pay it off. A motion was made to accept this agreement by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 0.**

## 9.0 Warrants

- 9.1 Town Voucher # 22 for \$57,661.23 A motion to approve was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 0.**
- 9.2 Town Payroll # 23 for \$14,980.26 A motion to approve was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 0.**
- 11.0 Selectmen/Public Discussion/ Communication

Absentee Ballots will be available for the Board of Selectman position and School Board position as of Tuesday, May 24, 2016 in response to a question from Ken Lizotte.

- **12.0** Future Agenda Items
  - 12.1 D. Blocher Property
  - 12.2 Street Lights
  - 12.3 Old Mill Road Bridge
  - 12.4 Gustin Road Bridge/Culvert
  - 12.6 Road Advisory Committee Expectations/Mission
- 13.0 Adjournment at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rayna Leibowitz

**Board of Selectmen**