

Board of Selectmen

February 8, 2022

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present: Fred Ehrlenbach, John Bennett, Carol Walsh, Rachel Nobel, Dan Monahan and Charles Farley, JR. Visitors: Linda Hodgkins (via zoom); Susan Sargent, Rob McKenney, Jessica Thurston, . Danielle Cole, Chip Roskom, Steve Salisbury. Christina Heiniger, Ailia Blodgett
- Visitors to be heard: none
- Acceptance of Agenda; Ehrlenbach proposed to take up solar Decommissioning Bond and Easement for Solar Project as the first two items of the agenda.
- Approval of Minutes January 25, 2021 It was moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to approve the minutes as presented.
- Old Business

a. Solar Decommissioning Bond: Steve Salisbury presented the Solar Decommissioning Bond with the Town of Trenton represented on the Renewable Energy Bond. Salisbury told the Board that this bond would be renewed each year. Vote 5 - 0. The revised bond will go to the Planning Board on Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

b. Easement for Solar Project: The request presented by Rob McKenney, is for an easement along the power grid which would propose a road up to the salt/sand shed as well as a 100' wide easement on the west side of the property for the power lines. He has asked if the Board would consider that proposal. McKenney said the company he represents is also discussing options with Hinckley and other property owners, to achieve access to the proposed project. The solar farm is behind the Hinckley property, and if successful, the road easement request at the salt/sand shed may not be needed. The 100' easement on the west side of the salt/sand shed would be for the power grid connection. It was noted that the road easement could affect the proposed fire station build. McKenney said that the 100' easement, if not approved by the Town, could be moved to the other side of the property, but would have to go underground which would be more expensive. Bennet asked if the road easement was temporary and Walsh said any easement would be for 30 years with option to renew as long as the solar farm is active. The road easement would go up to the salt/sand shed and pass it on the right side, going up to the solar farm. After discussion concerning the fire department build, Ehrlenbach indicated he would be in favor of the 100' power grid connect easement, but not the 50' road easement. It was noted that the 100' interconnect does not interfere with the Bangor Hydro easement. The solar

company would pay the Town \$10,000/acre for the easement. The Board indicated to McKenney that they are not opposed to the 100' interconnect easement, and would like to see the placement of poles. He will take this information to the solar firm and let the Board know their plans.

c. Fire Department (Steve Heckman): Heckman's written report was noted.

d. Broadband (Rachel Nobel): Prior to the Broadband report Danielle Cole spoke to the Board saying that one of the fire department's member has a child going through cancer treatments, and she would like to organize a blood drive to assist them. Her question was whether the Town meeting room might be available for that purpose if needed. Walsh said that we would certainly work with Cole to allow use of the room. Broadband: Nobel reported that the first Newsletter mass mailing is ready to go in the mail to real estate properties and local businesses. The committee has used some of the grant funds to set up a domain as well. It will allow interaction. Also working with the Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) and looking at grants, although some might require partnering with someone like the City of because of the grant size. HCPC will have a rep at the next Broadband meeting. Concerning the newsletter mailig, Monahan asked about the circulation. Walsh said that the mailing list covers all residential properties and all local busiesses. In the case of renters, the mailing would go to the residence in the mailing list, so that would be covered. She also suggested taking any "extra" copies of the mailing to both the Trenton Market and Moose Crossing, as we do with the Town reports each year.

e. Road Committee: the meetings are the third Thursday of the month

f. ARPA Funding for PFAS water testing: Christine Heiniger spoke to the Board and said that the Final Determination Rules from ARPA does allow for private well testing. Based on the information gathered at the last election in November '21, there are approximately 100 resident interested in having their wells tested. At this point the group is asking if the Town would consider asking the Town attorney if they agree that private wells are allowed to be tested and if they agree the group would come back to the Board. Ehrlenbach asked that of the 12 wells tested that there were 4 (one being the school) wells affected, what would be the groups next expectations on these results. Heiniger said that if wells were tested and a good precentage were positive, this may be a much larger problem. Monahan felt that once the numbers are determined, it would then go to the State for assistance. The cost of testing, according to Heiniger could be either \$100 more per well depending on the extensiveness of the test performed. Heiniger did not have the cost of remediation at this time. Heiniger will put together a proposal with all the numbers and come back to the Board with that information. The goal would be to test as many wells as possible and cost that testing as efficiently as well. They are tending to favor the \$100/well test to accomodate as many residences as well. Monahan noted that remediation could be as expensive as up to \$10,000 per household according to a firm in Bangor that does this type of remediation. It was moved Nobel and seconded Benett to go back to Rudman Winchel to get an opinion on the testing of private wells in the Final Ruling. Vote 5 - 0

## VI. New Business

a. Appointments – Parks & Recreation Committee – Chip Roskom It was moved Bennett and seconded Monahan to approve Missy Leland, Chip Roskom. Ryan Swanson, Ailia Blodgett, Charles Farley, Donna Cameron and Jessica Thurston to the Parks and Recreation committee. Vote: 5 - 0

b. Quitclaim Deed – Dougherty: The Board moved Bennett and Seconded Farley to sign the quitclaim deed. 5-0. Walsh indicated that she was going to hold the mailing of the deed until the \$18,000 plus personal check had cleared the bank. It was moved Bennett and Seconded Nobel to sign the Quitclaim Deed to Dougherty. Vote: 5 - 0

VII. Other Business: Danielle Cole asked if the newsletter that she proposed was in the budget . Nobel asked if this was monthly or quarterly - Cole responded it would be quarterly. Nobel also asked if Cole would be helping to write the newsletter, and her response was no. Monahan noted that the next meeting would also include the budget meeting. Ehrlenbach, Bennett and Nobel will not be present, and the board agreed that members could attend virtually and vote with the proper notice. Walsh will publish on the town facebook page and on the town web page. Ehrlenbach noticed the board that MRC was having a virtual "Executive" session on Tuesday, February 15th at 3pm and was requesting one representative from each member town to attend to be updated on the Fiberite situation. Mike Gilmartin, being the obvious choice is away on vacation presently. The Board suggested that Mike be the designated representative and Walsh suggested Ehrlenbach be the proxy representative in the event Gilmartin is not back in time for the meeting. It was moved Bennett and seconded Farley that Ehrlenbach be the proxy representative and Gilmartin be the designated representative to the MRC Executive session on February 15th. discussion: Ehrlenbach said he may not be available that date as he had a Forum and doesn't know how long that would last. Ehrlenbach then suggested Walsh be named proxy. The previous motion and second was withdrawn. It was moved Bennett and seconded Farley to appoint Gilmartin the designated representative and Walsh the designated proxy at the 2-15-22 MRC executive session. Vote 5-0

VIII. Approval of A/P and Payroll Warrant(s) - It was moved Bennett and Seconded Nobel to approve the A/P and Payroll warrants. Vote 5 - 0

While warrants were being signed Ehrlenbach told the Board that the Town doesn't have an audit yet because the Auditor is waiting on the school. This means the budget committee won't have revenue information until that audit is complete. Information that will go to the budget committee will only be expenses.

IX. Adjourn: It was move Bennett and seconded Nobel to adjourn at 8:20 pm

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