

Town of Trenton
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of June 28, 2022

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Present: Fred Ehrlenbach, John Bennett, Charles Farley, Jr., Daniel Monahan, Danielle Cole, and Carol Walsh. In attendance were Jessica Thurston, Mike Gilmartin, Rachel Nobel, Jim Wadman, Christina Heiniger, Jared Rollins, Tom Reeve, Chip Roskum, Steve Heckman, Brant Viner, Jo Cooper of Lamoine, Stu Markoon of Lamoine, Kathlene Ryberz of Lamoine, Larissa Thomas of Lamoine, and Susan Starr. Attending virtually were Starr Gilmartin, Malachy Flynn, Jeff Hodgkins, Linda Hodgkins, Margaret Harling, and MM (Not further identified).
- II. Visitors to be Heard:
- III. Acceptance of Agenda: Walsh added a Quitclaim Deed to the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2022: Bennett motioned to approve; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Fire Department: Heckman reported that the Department has been busy, rendering aid to vehicle collisions both in town and in other municipalities. The Annual Hose and Ladder Testing has been successfully completed and he would like to pay the bill from the current year's budget. Ehrlenbach motioned to direct the Treasurer to prepare a warrant in the amount of \$3,316.60 to pay the bill, and those individual selectmen come in to sign it by Friday. Bennett Seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
 - b. Broadband:
 - c. Parks and Recreation: Roskum and Thurston explained that the Committee was trying to find ways to raise money for T-shirts and other items for the Trenton youth sports teams. They were advised that there is an approved budget (\$5,500) for use by the Committee and that they can purchase items and present the bill to the Board.
 - d. Road Safety Committee: Rollins, co-chair of the committee, stated that the committee had met on June 16th to discuss the recent survey. There were over 250 responses. Seventy-five percent felt that lack of speed enforcement is most important. The intersection at Route 3 and Oak Point Road was considered the number one issue in Trenton. Others thought the road at the Trenton Bridge Lobster Pound was number two, and the turnoff to Trenton Elementary School was number three. There was overwhelming support for a connecting road between the town office and the school. There is also high support for hiking and biking trails in Trenton. One thought for dealing

with the School Road turn is to add an extra lane to Route 3. Sources of funding might be congressional directives funding, and local banks and Walmart.

VI. New Business:

- a. Members of the Lamoine Board of Selectmen and the Lamoine Administrative Assistant were welcomed. A reciprocal agreement for administrative support in emergencies between Trenton and Lamoine was discussed, and paperwork was signed. Sharing Animal Control Responsibilities between both towns and possibly others were also discussed. It was thought that contributions to an annual salary would support the position as a regional position. Markoon volunteered to discuss the matter with other towns (Hancock and Sullivan) in the region. There would be the need for an interlocal agreement. One thought was that it could function like the shellfish agreement. Kathlene Ryberz asked the Board to vote for her as the MMA Legislative Policy Committee.
- b. Review Audit: Wadman discussed the Trenton audit for 2020-2021. His firm has given Trenton a clean opinion. The unassigned fund balance grew by about \$180,000. It was a strong financial year. Wadman discussed the town assets, differentiating between buildings, etc. and liquid assets. He discussed the Student Activity Fund (\$40,000+), the use of which can be determined by school staff, and therefore became part of school funds. He discussed the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, which is required, if over \$750,000 is expended. Even though Trenton did not spend up to this amount, the Maine Department of Education requires this schedule. The portion, State on Behalf Contributions, are pension contributions and life insurance payments made to the State of Maine for school employees. Wadman commented favorably regarding the operations in the town office, that they are run very smoothly.
- c. Corrective Deed for Ron Murphy. Bennett motioned to sign the corrective deed for Ron Murphy; Monahan seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- d. Quitclaim Deed for Melissa O'Neil: Bennett motioned to sign the quitclaim deed; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.
- e. Non-Profit Allocations: Tom Reeve, Executive Director, spoke on behalf of the Bar Harbor Food Pantry. Emily Ellis, Executive Director, spoke on behalf of the Acadia Fire Soccer Academy. Dr. Brant Viner, Medical Director, spoke on behalf of the Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic. The town allocated \$21,100 for non-profits. After discussion, the Board allocated the following:

Ellsworth Library:	\$3,000 (To be reimbursed for library cards)
Friends in Action	2,000
WICK	1,200
Northern Light Hospice	500
Yesterday's Children	200

Hospice of Hancock County	1,000
Downeast Horizons	1,000
Bar Harbor Food Pantry	3,000
Eastern Agency on Aging	700
Acadia Fire Soccer Academy	2,000
WERU	700
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	3,000
Life Flight	800
Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic	2,000

Monahan motioned to adopt the amounts identified above; Farley seconded.
Vote: 5 Yes.

- f. Public Hearing: Traffic and Parking Ordinance: Monahan summarized the ordinance as containing language that certain roads may be designated as “Heavy Traffic” roads. “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs may be posted in certain places. Gilmartin explained that it is basically to put an ordinance in place for future use if enforcement becomes available. There is no enforcement capability to Trenton at the current time. Rollins stated that in the recent traffic survey there were numerous comments in favor of “No Parking” signs. There were no further comments.
- g. Maine Municipal Policy Committee: Monahan motioned that the Board vote for Kathleen Ryberz of Lamoine and Kathleen Billings of Stonington. Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.

VII. Other Business:

VIII. Approval of AP and Payroll: Bennett motioned to approve; Farley seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.

IX. Adjournment: Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm; Monahan seconded. Vote: 5 Yes.