MINUTES

LIBERTY SELECTBOARD

March 16, 2020 6:00 PM

**Selectboard Attendance:** Melinda Steeves, 1st Selectman

Carrie Peavey, 2nd Selectman

Henry Hall, 3rd Selectman

**Town Officials:** Administrator Kenn Ortmann, CEO Don Harriman, Fire Chief Bill Gillespie, Deputy Fire Chief Lisa Gillespie, Health Officer Jordan Ray, EMA Director Elise Brown, Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar of Voters Gail Philippi

**Guest(s):**  Gary Light, Dennis Pease

1. **Open Public Meeting:** 6:05 PM
2. **Approve Minutes:** Pursuant to review Selectman Hall moved and Selectman Peavey seconded approval of the March 9, 2020 minutes. Unanimous.
3. **Warrant Review and Approval:** Incomplete. Selectboard members will stop by the office Tuesday to sign the warrant.
4. **Officials/Public comments**
   1. **Light property foreclosure discussion:** Following a brief discussion with Gary Light Pursuant to review Selectman Steeves moved and Selectman Peavey seconded a motion to sell the Barbara Light property to her son for back taxes and fees. Unanimous.
5. **Coronavirus preparation issues:** Following a lengthy discussion about Town Meeting, Town Office protocol, and Selectboard meetings Selectman Steeves moved and Selectman Peavey seconded the following:

* Town Meeting is postponed indefinitely from its scheduled March 28 date
* The Town Office is closed to the general public immediately and indefinitely with residents encouraged to use on-line services to the extent possible
* The Community Hall is closed until April 30
* All funds and costs associated with the COVID-19 issue will be documented and accounted for separately to facilitate the anticipated reimbursement request opportunity

Unanimous.

TA Ortmann will update the Town WEB page to reflect this information and maintain consistency with the Town Facebook page.

EMA Director Brown volunteered to set up a Grasshopper phone system to allow us to provide better messaging to our residents.

1. **TA informational items**
   1. **Media stories:** TA Ortmann noted the one story about the pedestrian fatality on Rte. 220.
2. **Old Business** 
   1. **Town Administrator job description:** Pursuant to discussion TA Ortmann will modify the newspaper ad to reflect the increase in uncertainty regarding interview timing.
   2. **Problematic Subdivision update:** TA Ortmann shared the email response from Attorney Kelly. TA Ortmann will draft a letter to the Reynolds regarding their options.
   3. **Ambulance Service update:** No update.
   4. **Non-public session pursuant to Maine Revised Statues Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, §405, 6. A. (1):** None.
   5. **Other:** None.
3. **New Business**
4. **LD-1 warrant article:** TA Ortmann suggested the Town Meeting vote on the LD-1 article because it is impossible to know exactly how much of the increase in value we saw after revaluation is attributed to just this past year.
5. **Other:** None.
6. **"11th hour" items:** None.
7. **Adjournment:** 7:45 PM