Town of Eustis

Selectmen’s meeting

October 5, 2021

Present: Steve St. Jean, Jed Whiting, Brandi Farnsworth, Jeff Lecander, Amanda Brochu

Attending: Rachel Williams, Tina O’Donnell, Jim O’Donnell, Andy Brann, Peter Farnsworth, Carol Sherrier, Russell Black, Rep Scott Landry, Tony Lojas

Steve started the meeting at 6pm and welcome those in attendance

Jed made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2021, meeting. Brandi 2nd Amanda, Jeff, Brandi, Jed, & Steve in favor.

We moved to the 2nd item on the agenda to let Senator Russell Black and Representative Scott Landry talk about the up coming Referendum question to increase the number of Franklin County commissioners’ districts from 3 to 5 and staggering the terms of the 5 county commissioners beginning gin 2024 following redistricting conducted pursuant to the constitution of Maine in 2021.

Steve made a motion to draft a letter up I support of increasing the commissioners to 5 form 3, Jed 2nd, Amanda, Brandi, Jeff, Jed, & Steve in favor.

Steve made a motion to accept the New Fire Billing Ordinance as written, Jed 2nd Amanda, Jeff, Brandi, Jed, & Steve in favor.

The selectmen received some financials via email and have expressed what more they wish to have sent to them. Interest gained on our sweeping accounts, and percentage summary reports for budget. These will be added to the monthly financial reports they want.

To have a staff meeting with Town employees, there cannot be more than 2 Selectmen so no quorum. We will have staff meetings quarterly and 2 selectmen will conduct them at a time. The first meeting will be October 19, 2021, at 8 am at the Town Office. Amanda and Brandi will attend the first meeting.

ARPA Funds, American Rescue Plan Act.to help respond to the impact of COVID-19 on our communities. The Town of Eustis will receive an amount of $65,270.58. The Town has 3 years to finish planning and 5 years to spend the money with a report due each year. IF we accept the funds, the Town will have an account for only these funds.

Steve made a motion to accept the ARPA Funds in the amount of $65,270.58 Jed 2nd, Amanda, Jeff, Brandi, Jed, & Steve in favor.

Steve made a motion to use the ARPA Funds towards the expansion of the Food Pantry. Jed 2nd, Amanda, Jeff, Brandi, Jed & Steve in favor.

Reginal Employee Housing Committee. The Town of Carrabassett is having a special town meeting to raise and appropriate the money to hire a consulting company to investigate housing needs in the area. Will have more updates as things progress.

Danny Barker reached out to Steve St. Jean about Coplin Plantation possibly needing to de-organize as a town or possibly merge with Eustis. The selectmen want more information to see what pros and cons would be being unorganized territory & pros and cons merging with Eustis. Coplin is 33 Square Miles, 7 miles of roads needing plowing. Rachel will get more information for the selectmen, Stipends, payments from county, Coplin Plantation financial budget, their tax commitment, and town report to start looking more into this.

Water at the Transfer Station, after getting a new tractor with no way to clean it at The Transfer Station Steve wanted to know what we could do to have water there. There was talk of a holding tank or digging a dug well, with small well house. They want Peter to go dowsing for water. This will be talked about at next meeting.

All Town and Water Department warrants signed

This meeting was recorded.