

MINUTES

August 3, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Place: Town Office, 70 Snare Creek Lane-Lower Level Jonesport, Maine

Opened by: Selectman Milliken, Selectman Fish, and Selectman L. Alley.

Attendees: Diane Smith, Dwight Alley, Cynthia Beauvais, Dani Alley, John Church, Darrell Richards, Barbara Malcarne, Carrie Peabody, Kathy Killian

Approval of Minutes: *July 27, 2022 Minutes*

Motion to accept by: Selectman Fish, seconded by Selectman Milliken, Selectman L. Alley abstained as he was not present at July 27, 2022 meeting. Minutes approved as written.

Signatures:

A. Warrant:

B. Payroll:

Members of the audience who want to speak must raise a hand. It is at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to allow a member of the audience to speak during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Maine DOT Village Partnership Initiative – Jarod Farn-Guillette:** Mr. Farn-Guillette is the Maine DOT Regional Planner for Maine's Northern and Eastern counties. He explained the MaineDOT's New Village Partnership Initiative and the goal to build infrastructure in rural areas that will work for the next 100 years to support economic revitalization and economic development. In addition, he explained the Municipal Partnership Initiative (50-50 match), the Business Partnership Initiative (1/3 contribution each for business, town, and state/federal money), and Planning Partnership Initiative (30% town funded, 70% DOT funded). Next steps – select a team of 2 or 3 to work with Jarod on drafting a scope of services for planning, development of a concept level rendering and reviewing options for solutions to Jonesport's unique challenges.
- 2. Property Tax Stabilization For Senior Citizens:** Copies of the Guide for Applicants and the Initial Application are available in the town office and on line from the Maine.gov website. Selectmen explained to the audience some of the features of the program and encourage individuals to fully research the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3. Jim Carver asks where right of way is on Kelley Point Rd. (Magur property adjacent):** The Selectmen's Office will continue to attempt to make contact with the owners of the property on the corner of Kelley Point Road and Route 187 for permission to park equipment and store materials during the reconstruction of the Stillman Creek Bridge.
- 4. Property on Breeze Street:** Selectman Milliken recused himself from the discussion as a Selectman and joined the audience. Attorney Hamer was asked to review the circumstances outlined in the property owner's letter asking the town to assist her with getting power to the property she owns on Breeze Street. Although he stated that town is not responsible for asking Versant to provide power to house, the town is free to decide to assist. It is a private matter between the property owner and the

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power company. By consensus, Selectmen Alley and Fish will notify Versant that the town considers Breeze Street a public road and ask why they are unable to place the necessary pole(s) within the town's right-of-way. Cc: the property owner and suggest that she contact the Public Utilities Commission for assistance. The Selectmen's Office Staff will draft the correspondence.

5. **Commercial Solar Panel Committee Letter of Interest:** The Selectmen's Office Staff will contact the applicant and request that he come in for an interview on Wednesday August 10 for an interview.
6. **Commercial Solar Panel Committee Request for Survey:** Selectman Milliken made a motion to approve the request for \$216.00 to mail surveys to households to determine the focus of the town regarding the development and operation of Commercial Solar Panel Facilities. Selectmen Alley seconded. Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS:

7. **FYI - Washington County Council of Governments and SCEC:** Washington County Council of Governments (WCCOG) will contract with Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) to ensure Washington County Communities can benefit from any possible State assistance. This is an unprecedented time of grant funding and community planning; Washington County cannot afford to be left behind for lack of a Council of Governments.
8. **Appraisers for Henry Point Working Waterfront Property:** Ms. Killian of the Selectmen's Office will contact suggested appraisers to solicit interest in performing a property appraisal.
9. **Broadband – List of Addresses:** The Selectmen requested a notification be posted on Facebook, the town's website, and other areas in town explaining that the town seeks to expand broadband access, including a list of the property addresses that have been determined to be unserved. Residents will be encouraged to review the list and if they don't have broadband and their address is not on the list, they should contact the town office. Ms. Killian will draft, and request the town's website host to add a space where the property list and other broadband information can be posted.
10. **Dani Alley – Need for a town recreation facility for kids:** Ms. Alley was present to ask for direction from the selectmen on how to get funding and a site to develop a recreational area for local kids. The town and the Library both have interest in the site behind the Library and may be prepared to agree to a settlement of ownership. Ms. Alley will form a group to determine what they want and how much it might cost. To be eligible for Community Development Block Grants, the need must be incorporated into the town's Comprehensive Plan.
11. **Liquor Licenses and On-site Alcohol Consumption:** The town has properly implemented inclusion of standards in the Land Use Ordinance to allow restaurants to include alcohol sales for on-site consumption. The town has seen petitions that although not properly executed, show community support for a restaurant with on-site alcohol consumption. Selectman Fish made a motion to bring the matter forward for a referendum vote to be placed on the ballot in the November election. Seconded by Selectman Milliken after discussion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Selectman Fish Seconded by Selectman Milliken to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

