

APPROVED SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JUNE 21ST, 2018

- Meeting opened by Vern Worthen at 7:15 pm. Present Vern Worthen, Gerry Redlevske, Chris Tibbetts, Town Clerk Yolanda Violette, Secretary Fran Varney, Brenton LaMarre, Ray Charles, Fred LaPlante.
- Minutes from June 6th Selectmen meeting were approved 2-0.
- Ray Charles was present to discuss the apparent neglect of Hampshire Hill Cemetery and what the Town might be able to do for the cemetery. The cemetery was managed by a non-profit organization, but the organization has not been maintaining it or placing veterans' flags on veterans' graves in recent years. The Selectmen said they will look into mowing and provide flags. Ray Charles said perhaps some volunteers could schedule a work day there to help.
- Town CEO/LPI – Andrew Marble has been taking care of Mercer on a temporary basis. Brenton LaMarre is approved 2-0 to be CEO and LPI for Maine and is now sworn in. Vern Worthen gave Brenton information about available training and also the email address for a contact in the state who can help him.
- Warrant preview approved 2-0.
- MDOT gave notice they will soon be working on US Route 2 project.
- Recycling - WMI expects the pickup system to change soon because of a contract with EcoMaine in Portland, which will likely result in a price increase.
- LRAP PROJECT –
With increase in price of oil, paving project (LRAP contract with Pike) is likely to cost more than estimated so the distance will need to be reconfigured. There will be 60 days to pay from the invoice date.
- 2018 tax bills – bills are scheduled to be mailed July 25-26.
- **Citizen requests**
Transfer station – Resident complaint about the amount of a fee. Selectmen support Derek Tracy's decision.
Hampshire Hill Road – When a long pole is located, Chris will mount the mirror at the intersection. Fred LaPlante offers to loan the Town offers a hole digger.
Henry Stanford – suggests retrenching as alternative solution to the culvert problem. 2-0 vote not to do this, and Vern will contact the Stanford family.
John Chamberlain – presented a survey of Lot _____ on Decker Road and asked that his acreage to be changed to 114 acres. 2-0 vote to approve request effective 2018 tax year
Town forest survey – Vern will be in contact with Scott Mills family re: boundary line agreement
- Winter Road Contract – Yolanda will contact Morning Sentinel and schedule bid notices.
- Warrant approved 3-0

- Purchase of salt for winter roads - Selectmen discussed the options and prices, and decided to use the \$57/per ton regular salt on some roads. Chris will lock in 250 tons and order by June 29th.
- Town forest logging – Selectmen decide 2-0-1 to schedule bid notices after boundary line agreement complete.
- Installment contracts for tax foreclosure properties Yolanda will contact Paul Taylor's daughter about his bill. Town will contact Shane Alexson concerning his late payments.
- Ethel Springer Scholarship– no award in 2018 because none of the seniors responded to Yolanda's notification letter.
- Roadside trimming - To be scheduled soon.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.