TOWN OF EAGLE LAKE

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING**

**April 14, 2021**

1. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Arthur Carroll at5:30 P.M.

The Board members present included: Arthur Carroll, Wendy Dube, Brian Devoe, and Raymond Saucier, Jennifer Dube via Zoom.

Others in attendance were: John Sutherland, Town Manager; Apryl Gagnon, Deputy

Clerk; and Rene St. Onge, Fire Chief. There were numerous members of the community in attendance to discuss their support for the Town of Eagle Lake becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

2. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

UPDATES

a. Micro Loan

All Micro Loans are current.

b. Pond Brook Estates

Maintenance is finishing up on painting the down stairs. Chris has gone through all

of the appliances and heating vents. Our goal is having the apartment ready for

occupancy by the end of next week. We have an applicant that is ready to move in.

Dead River installed the new boiler last week. The new unit is up and running. Dead

River had to return to remove an air lock from a couple of lines and heat was restored

to two apartments.

Rental accounts are current.

c. Roads

The town had a stop sign violation on St. Maurice Street which was caught on video

camera. The information was forwarded to Michael Delena, of the Aroostook

Sheriff’s Department for review. Unfortunately, the license plate number is not

clearly visible and the image of the driver was not clear. A temporary Stop sign has

been installed until the ground thaws for proper installation of a permanent sign.

There continues to be erosion issues on Convent Road. John Sutherland has

contacted Maine DEP and has a meeting scheduled for next week to tour the area

with Scott Belair from the Maine DEP. Scott states that after he sees the area, he will

advise what needs to be done to move forward. Phill Corriveau has also been

contacted and assessed the area to give an estimate on the cost to fix the erosion

before it can undermine the road.

John Sutherland received a concern from a local resident in regards to the railroad

crossing on Gilmore Brook Road. John contacted Jeff Pitcher, Track Maintenance

Director for Maine Northern Railway, in regards to the issue. Jeff stated that he

would send a couple of crew members to go look at the crossing. Jeff called John and

stated that the crew members put some dirt on the tracks to help alleviate the

concerns until they can properly resolve the issue.

John Sutherland and Arthur Carroll looked at the end of Sly Brook Road and

evaluated the ditching and culvert placement. The culverts are fine, but at the end of

the road the ditches are not sloped enough to move water from the to the culverts.

Arthur recommended that when the town goes out for bid for Sly Brook that we

include ditching in the bid proposal packet.

d. NASWA

NASWA will start their summer hours May 5, 2021. The Grand opening for the

Recycling Center will be Saturday May 8, 2021. Community Clean-Up Day is

scheduled for May 15, 2021. At this time, NASWA Community members can drop

off fee related items at no charge except tires and roofing materials.

e. Eagle Lake Fire Department

The Eagle Lake responded to one call last month. They used the JAWS to remove a

male driver who collided with a UPS truck during a snow storm.

The next training will be at 8:00am, Sunday, April 18, 2021.

The Eagle Lake Fire Department has acquired a jaws spreader with a hydraulic pump

that was donated from the Livermore Falls Fire Department. The only work needed is

to change the hydraulic fittings to make them compatible with our units. The Fire

Department now has three units.

Rene St. Onge, Fire Chief states that the 1980 International Forestry Truck is ready

for to go out.to bid. He has removed all emergency identification, stickers and lights.

3. MONTHLY FINANCIALS-March 2021

Review monthly financials for March 2021

a. Bank Reconciliations and Pond Brook Reconciliation

Moved by Brian Devoe to accept the Bank Reconciliations for both the Town of Eagle Lake

and Pond Brook Estates for March 2021, seconded by Raymond Saucier.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

b. Sample Check Audit

Moved by Raymond Saucier to accept the Sample Check Audit for March 2021, seconded by Brian Devoe.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

c. Sign Warrants

John updated the Board of Selectman on a second Warrant for the Town of Eagle for

March 2021.

Moved by Brian Devoe to accept the Warrants for the Town of Eagle Lake for March

2021, seconded by Wendy Dube

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

Moved by Jennifer Dube to accept the Payroll Warrants for the month of March 2021,

seconded by Wendy Dube.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

Moved by Raymond Saucier to accept the Warrants for Pond Brook Estates for March

2021, seconded by Brian Devoe.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

d. Microloan Reconciliation

Moved by Raymond Saucier to accept the Microloan Reconciliations for March 2021,

seconded by Wendy Dube.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

5. REVIEW AND CONSIDER A CITIZEN’S REQUEST FOR THE TOWN OF EAGLE LAKE TO

BECOME A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY.

Multiple members of the public voiced their concerns to have the Board sign a resolution

to make the Town of Eagle Lake a Second Amendment Sanctuary. The Board opted to have a

town vote at the Municipal Elections for this and have the town’s citizens vote on the issue.

Moved by Raymond Saucier to have a public hearing to discuss the Second Amendment

Sanctuary in May and vote on Election Day, June 8th, 2021, seconded by Wendy Dube.

Vote: 3-1, with 1 abstained.

6. REVIEW AND CONSIDER AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT WITH FORT KENT

. Eagle Lake Fire Chief Rene St. Onge reports that the new dispatching system is working great. All

calls are toned out with no issues. Rene states that with the Automatic Aid Agreement, the Fort

Kent Fire Department will be toned out to all calls in Eagle Lake and Wallagrass automatically.

There is not extra fee for this. When and if Eagle Lake Fire Department gets to the seen first, they

will report to the Fort Kent Fire Department and let them know if their assistance is needed on

scene

Moved by Brian Devoe to accept the Automatic Aid Agreement, seconded by Raymond Saucier.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

7. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE March 17, 2021 SELECTMEN’S MEETING

No concerns with the minutes.

Moved by Brian Devoe to accept the Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2021, seconded by Raymond Saucier.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

8. REVIEW TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND SET DATE FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Reviewed Warrant for changes and corrections. The Board of Selectmen agreed to eliminate the

Capital Equipment Reserve and keep the Fire Equipment Reserve.

9. ASSIST EAGLE LAKE WINTER RIDERS WITH GROOMER PURCHASE

In the previous years, the Town has assisted the Eagle Lake Winter Riders Snowmobile Club with

purchasing a new groomer. The Town applied for the loan in our name and we took the payment

amount from the yearly trail reimbursement grant that the Eagle Lake Winter Riders received

from the State of Maine. We would remove the cost for the yearly payment and any other expense

that the Town of Eagle Lake would incur as a result of the loan. Winter Riders Club President

John Frances informed Town Manager John Sutherland that he would be comfortable with a total

payment under $ 12,000.

The Town of Eagle Lake has applied for two grants for a new groomer. One for $99,998 from the

U.S.D.A. and the second is the State of Maine Capital Equipment Grant. With these grants the

Town of Eagle Lake will own the groomer and lease it to the Winter Riders for the cost of the

payment and the insurance. All maintenance cost will be covered by the Winter Riders.

There was no motion made.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A) PERSONNEL MATTER

TOWN MANAGER’S YEARLY EVALUATION

The Board agreed to complete the evaluation forms in 1 week and pass them in to Chairman

Arthur Carroll for review. The Board will complete the evaluation with John at the next Board

of Selectmen’s Meeting May 19, 2021

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Reminder that Board of Selectmen and School Board Director nomination papers are due April

23, 2021.

Reminder that the Town Office will be closed on April 19, 2021 in observation of Patriots’ Day.

The Board discussed the permit requested by Bruce Dube to have a Junk Yard on his property.

The Board has agreed to have the Town CEO and a DEP representative evaluate the land and

determine if the site is a good area to utilize as a junk yard.

Moved by Brian Devoe seconded by Raymond Saucier to contact DEP Representative and Town

CEO to do a site survey on Bruce Dube’s property.

Vote: 4-0 1-Abstained.

12. ADJOURN

Moved by Wendy Dube to Adjourn at 8:30 p.m. seconded by Brian Devoe.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.