Selectman's Meeting 10/06/2026

Called to order at 6:03pm

In attendance: Josh Larrabee, Jeff Stevens, Isaac Ingraham, Mark Chadwick, Vicky Larrabee, Andrew Larrabee, and Mackensie Russell

Meeting Minutes from 09/15/2026 were approved

All warrants were signed: Warrant #81 - $1,200.00
Warrant #82 - $1,295.03
Warrant #83 - $69,751.64
Warrant #84 - $2,095.83
Warrant #85 - $5,922.49

Expense and revenue reports were reviewed and accepted

Mackensie and Contessa wanted to know if they should order a plaque for the next Boston Post Cane recipient. Josh said yes so Mackensie will reach out to Yankee Trophy tomorrow to get the order started.

Josh spoke with American Concrete last week about the Shibles Road Bridge and they thought the Bridge should be finished and ready to install at the end of the month. Josh will reach out to F.C. Works to let them know the timeline to get us on the schedule for installing the culvert.

The Superintendent sent a letter to the town to inform the Selectboard that herself and the Assistant Superintendent plan to attend the December 1st Selectboard meeting.

Ridgetop Restaurant reached out to get their liquor license signed off by the town for renewal. It just needed an acknowledgement from the town that it was allowed, and Mackensie sent that to the State. The Ridgetop Restaurant owner would like to expand his liquor license to include Spirits, he will be sending a document that needs town approval. To add the spirits to his Liquor license he had to have the previous liquor license for Beer and Wine approved. When that new document is in the office Mackensie will reach out to Josh to have him sign it.

Cindy Larrabee left an envelope in the office for the Snowmobile club grant, the grant needed a Selectman's signature, Jeff signed it.

The town received an estimated valuation for 2027 from the state of Maine which showed an increase from $88,850,000 to an estimated $110,400,000. This drastic increase will cause the Town's percentage to drop below 60% next year, which will cause the Homestead exemption to be less than $300 per household with potential for the state to pull all Homestead Exemption funding or mandate a revaluation. The Selectmen would like to send an appeal letter to the State explaining why the estimated value they have given the Town is not valid.

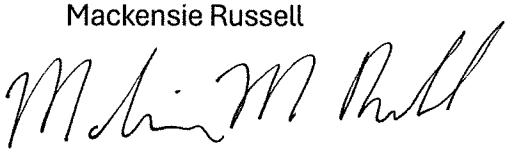
Josh said that the stop signs and other road signs Contessa ordered have arrived and are in Hearse House.

Mark spoke to the Maine Council of Government about a Comprehensive Plan update for the Town of Knox. Every town should have one, but it is not required and there is no repercussions for not updating it however the cost to update them grows with length of time between updates. They estimated that it would likely be between $30,000 and $35,000 to update our plan. Mark does not believe it is a feasible option for the town.

Mark also brought up the Code Enforcement position and the Building Ordinance. He spoke to someone in Augusta about the qualifications and certificates required to hold the job. He thinks we should have records in office of our Code Enforcement Officers' credentials, so we are able to verify his licenses. Mark looked through the building permits going back roughly 20 years to find any discrepancies or ongoing issues. He noticed that there are some discrepancies in the costs of permits based on the fee schedule listed in the ordinance, however there is a section that states the Code Enforcement Officer can adjust the fees from the schedule based on the permit application and other details that he may notice when inspection the building site and plans. Mark mentioned that it seemed building permits for houses had no plumbing permits, Mackensie informed him that plumbing and Subsurface Waste permits were all filed separately. Mark suggested putting the permit numbers from those applications on the building permit so they can be referenced to each other more easily. Everyone agreed the building ordinance, especially the fee schedule, needs to be updated. The planning board is going to review the ordinance and bring the Selectboard some options for changes. There was also discussion of changing the Building Permit applications to make them more streamlined so hopefully there will be less errors or omissions on permits going forward.

Vicky mentioned concern about meeting minutes from September 1st not showing discussion of CEO position and Mackensie said it was her mistake and she will revise the issue and bring it to the Selectboard for resubmission once the changes have been made. There was also further discussion on the CEO position and the decisions made on September 1st about a new CEO, Vicky and Mark wanted more clarification why the Selectboard made the decision to keep David as our current CEO. The Selectmen stated that they felt it was fair to give David time to fix issues brought to the town before we found a new CEO.

Meeting Closed 7:52pm

Respectfully submitted by

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