

**TOWN OF SANGERVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING AGENDA
Beginning @ 5:00 p.m.
August 9, 2017**

Item 1. Open Meeting: (Pledge). Chairman Mike Wark called meeting to order at 5:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. **Selectmen Present:** Mike Wark, Jody Cabot, Dale Gray
- b. **Employees Present:** Lois Jones
- c. **Residents Present:** Terri Wark, Dyan McCarthy-Clark

Item 2. Approval of Minutes:

- A. **August 2, 2017.** Selectman Gray made a motion and Selectman Cabot 2nd to approve the August 2, 2017, as read. All in favor.

Item 3. Review of the Treasurer's Warrants:

- A. **Payroll #s 129, 134.**
- B. **Accounts Payable #s 130, 131, 132, 133.**
Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2nd to approve the payroll and accounts payable warrants. All in favor.

Item 4. Open Session: Limited to 2 Minutes – Extension per Chairman

- A. Dyan McCarthy-Clark read a letter addressed to the residents the Board of Selectmen regarding her concerns about rumors, unfounded information and a better way to bring the Town together. Attached to the minutes.

Item 5: Selectmen Concerns:

- A. **Mike Wark.** None.
- B. **Jody Cabot.** Stated that residents are calling the wrong people to get answers, they need to go to the Board or the Town Manager when they hear “something” they have a question about.
- C. **Dale Gray.** After hearing resident’s concerns, Selectman Gray shared concerns of social media – incorrect information being shared. Also, when members of the Selectboard receive emails from concerned citizens that are also being sent to the Town Manager, they are letting the Town Manager answer with a “reply all” email response.

Item 6. Committee Reports:

- A. **Road Committee.** Discovered that Silver’s Mills Road and French’s Mill Road are both 4 rod roads. They have also completed the culvert inventory of Silver’s Mills Road.

Item 7. New Business:

- A. **Cemetery Deed – Blaze Farrar-Townhouse Cemetery-Plot 11.** Selectman Gray made a motion and Chairman Wark 2nd to approve the cemetery deed for Blaze Farrar’s mother, Beverley Farrar in the Town House cemetery. All in favor.
- B. **Village Cemetery Embankment.** The Town Manager alerted the Board of erosion on the bank of the Village Cemetery and Piscataquis River. The bank is eroding away and encroaching on the

cemetery road. Town Manager has requested grant information from PCEDC, but has not received a reply. Manager will contact Haley's to discuss if they have any thoughts, ideas or experience with this type of issue.

- C. **Review of Administrative Policy for Road Projects.** Brief discussion. Tabled.
- D. **Review of job Description of Public Works Director.** Brief discussion. Tabled.
- E. **New office hours.** Town Manager informed Board that beginning September 11, 2017, the Town office will be open until 6PM on Mondays.

Item 8. Old Business:

- A. **Paving/Groundwork Projects Bids.** Selectman Cabot made a motion and Chairman Wark 2nd to award the paving portion of the bids, the 2200 feet on French's Mill Road and the 3300 feet on Silver's Mills Road, to Pike on the condition that they guarantee work will be completed by October 7th, 2017. Also, to award the 800 foot elevation project on Silver's Mills Road, and the shoulder removal on French's Mill Road to Lawson Landscape Construction. Finally, to award the 800 foot new section paving binder and the five culverts on French's Mill Road to S & G. If S&G does not accept partial bid award, award all to Pike. All in favor.
- B. **Personnel Policy – Discussion.** Tabled.
- C. **Winter Sand Bid.** After a clarification from MMA that there is no conflict for a committee member to submit bids on Town projects bids were opened. Chairman Wark made a motion and Selectman Cabot 2nd to award C & W Nuite the sand bid, to include the mixing of the sand and salt by said contractor for \$10.25/yd. All in favor.
- D. **ATV posted speed limit.** Ongoing discussion regarding speed limit and time of travel. Can we post, are we required to post, will it be enforced by law enforcement? Directed Town Manager to talk to Sheriff John Goggin for answers.

Item 9. Correspondence. None.

Item 10. Request for Additional Agenda Items.

- A. **Appalachian Trail Through-Hiker.** Town Manager informed Board that a Appalachian Trail through-hiker sought permission to camp for the night on Town property as he had a dr. appt the following day.
- B. There was a tree limb down on Silver's Mills Road – public works had gone home for the day.
- C. Phil Martin was present and inquired of the Board about putting the cleaning of the Town Hall out to bid. He stated there were complaints that the library and Town offices weren't cleaned properly. Manager will check with Librarian.

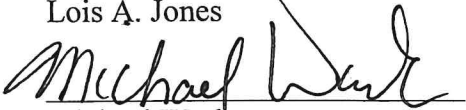
Item 11. Executive Session. None.

Item 12: Adjourn. Chairman Wark made a motion and Selectman Cabot 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 6:53PM. All in favor. **(NEXT MEETING AUGUST 23, 2017, 5PM)**

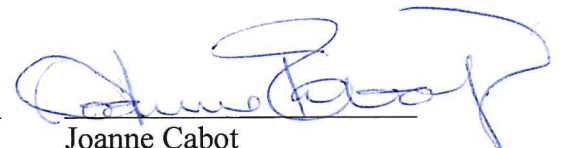
Respectfully submitted,



Lois A. Jones



Michael Wark


Dale Gray
Joanne Cabot

August 8, 2017

Dear Sangerville Select Board,

I had great hopes that, with a new town manager and two new select board members elected in March of this year, that the climate of our town would take a positive turn in attitude. I have been heartened by discussions I have had with many citizens in Sangerville who have shared my hopes and vision for a cooperative, positive future. Sadly, however, in recent weeks I have learned of an undercurrent of negativity that is again moving to subvert any promise of that new future for our town.

I am disheartened about the new wave of innuendo and unsubstantiated accusations concerning both the town manager and the Select Board that seem to be made in an effort to fuel a tone of suspicion among some of the people in the town. Our town cannot afford to continue suffering from the toxic nature of such behavior if it is to ever have the chance to move forward and become a strong, unified, positive community. We have already missed out on one significant development opportunity through the Libra Foundation due to the pernicious nature of gossip that has tainted our town's reputation. Sangerville needs to pave a new road toward a brighter future that is free of hearsay, unverified allegations and malicious agitation.

The purpose of this letter is to be on record that I am publically encouraging all the citizens of our small town to pull together to purge the noxious rumor mills that corrode the town's very foundation. Rather than maligning our town officials, especially through backroom tactics, individuals with concerns should attend the regularly scheduled meetings of the Select Board and make those concerns known in a public forum. Citizens who are uneasy about the business of the town have a responsibility to participate in the civic process in a productive manner, especially if they have the best interests of the town in mind.

It's time stop the divisiveness and begin a new path that brings the people of the town together. A true civic partnership between the town's officials and its citizens is of indispensable value. Sangerville has a rich history and so many positive attributes. Now it is time to have a promising future. I'm not asking for blind faith, but knowledgeable participation in the democratic process. I look forward to a trend toward optimism and public, civil participation. If you are a citizen who is dissatisfied, attend the select board meetings. Voice your concerns. Find out the facts. Share in a common constructive effort for the sake of our town's future.

Sincerely,



Dyan McCarthy-Clark