

**TOWN OF SANGERVILLE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING AGENDA MINUTES  
Beginning @ 5:00PM  
Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

**Item 1. Open Meeting: (Pledge).** Chairman Mike Wark called meeting to order at 5:03 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. **Selectmen Present:** Mike Wark, Jody Cabot, Dale Gray
- b. **Employees Present:** Lois Jones
- c. **Residents Present:** None.

Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> to recess the Select Board meeting at 5:04PM to hold the GA Public hearing. All in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NEW GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE AT 5:00PM**

There was a brief discussion regarding the new ordinance. When the state updates laws, for example the health insurance laws, it affects the state's laws and how the General Assistance Program is administered.

Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> to resume session of the Select Board meeting. All in favor.

**Item 2: Approval of Minutes:**

- A. **October 17, 2018 – Select Board Meeting.**
- B. **October 22, 2018 – Select Board Emergency Meeting.**
- C. **October 23, 2018 – Select Board Emergency Meeting.**
- D. **October 31, 2018 – Select Board Emergency Meeting.**

Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the October 17, 2018 minutes, and to table the October 22, 23, and 31<sup>st</sup> minutes until such time as the Board has had time to read them. All in favor.

**Item 3. Review of the Treasurer's Warrants:**

- A. **Payroll #143, 145, 147.**
- B. **Accounts Payable #139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 146, 148.**

Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> to recess the Board meeting so they may review the warrants prior to approving and signing. All in favor.

Returned to session at 5:20PM.

Selectman Gray made a motion and Selectman Cabot 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve all warrants. All in favor.

**Item 4. Open Session: Limited to 2 Minutes – Extension per Chairman.** None.

**Item 5: Selectmen Concerns:**

- A. **Chairman Wark:** Chairman Wark brought discussion regarding the amount of sand/silt remaining from last year's snow season and that it should be cleaned up before the next season, including the town hall parking and the town garage lot. Another point of discussion was the "No trespassing" or "authorized personnel only" signs that should be in place around the sand/salt pile to protect the town against possible liability.

**Item 6. Committee Reports:**

- A. **Road Commissioner.** Discussion was on paving progress on the Silver's Mills Road. The estimate for paving was 1.1 miles and the amount actually being paved is further than the 1.1 miles – all the way to the intersection with Brockway Mills. To complete shim and overlay, it will cost approximately \$155,000. Board discussion was to finish the shim, and overlay as far as \$125,000 will get us, starting where Pike left off in the spring, and to finish the overlay when we pave McPhetres Road next year.

**Item 7. New Business:**

- A. **New GA ordinance.** Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the new August 2017 version of the General Assistance ordinance. All in favor.
- B. **Appointment – Diane Boretos, Road Committee Alternate.** Selectman Cabot made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve and appoint Diane Boretos to the road committee, as an alternate. All in favor.
- C. **Easler Road.** Discussion was to decide if, at what point, and in what manner, should the Easler Road be discontinued. There are several other roads that may need to be declared discontinued or abandoned – Grange Road, Poulin Road, #10 Road, Islesboro Road, for example. It was recommended to contact the appraiser we used and inquire if we can get a bulk rate for discontinuing more than one road.
- D. **New Insurance rates.** Chairman Wark made a motion and Selectman Cabot 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the new rates for the PPO2500 health insurance plan and to continue to cover the complete cost for the 2019FY, the new rate being \$785.79. All in favor.

**Item 8. Old Business:** None.

**Item 9. Correspondence.** None.

**Item 10. Request for Additional Agenda Items.** None.

**Item 11. Executive Session.**

- A. Chairman Wark made a motion and Selectman Cabot 2<sup>nd</sup> to go into executive session at 6:12PM with an ethical concern, as spelled out in the Town of Sangerville's Code of Ethics policy, on page 6, 1 MRS §405. All in favor.

Chairman Wark made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> to come out of executive session at 7:10PM. All in favor.

Chairman Wark made a motion and Selectman Gray 2<sup>nd</sup> that Joanne Cabot will abstain from any HAD#4 matters. All in favor (Selectman Cabot abstained).


Selectman Cabot requested that, due to her abstention required from HAD#4 matters, her name needs to be redacted from the letter that was sent on 10/23/18. Also, that the same list of email recipients receive a notice to redact her name from the letter that was emailed. (Notice to redact is attached to minutes and also in the Town Clerk's book.)

**Item 12: Adjourn.** Selectman Gray made a motion and Selectman Cabot 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Lois A. Jones

  
Michael Wark  
Dale Gray  
Joanne Cabot

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November 8, 2018

RE: Joanne Cabot, Selectman

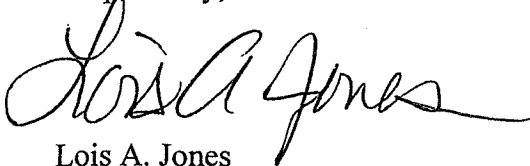
Sangerville Town Clerk, Sangerville Residents and Fellow Municipal Selectmen:

This letter is to notify you that at the November 7, 2018 Board of Selectmen's meeting, it was motioned, seconded, and approved that Joanne Cabot will abstain from any HAD#4 matters. Due to this action by the Sangerville Board of Selectmen, Joanne Cabot's votes and signatures on any previous action, will be void and/or removed.

For this reason, Joanne Cabot's signature on the letter from the Sangerville Board of Selectmen, from the October 23, 2018 meeting, that was distributed via email to other HAD#4 member towns' Boards of Selectmen, is to be redacted.

Further, this letter is to notify the Sangerville Town Clerk for inclusion in the clerk's records, that any vote or action by Joanne Cabot on any HAD#4 matters, is to be removed and/or excluded from inclusion.

Respectfully,



Lois A. Jones  
Town Manager

To the Towns of:

Abbot  
Atkinson  
Bradford  
Cambridge  
Dexter  
Dover-Foxcroft  
Guilford  
Milo  
Monson  
Parkman  
Sebec  
Willimantic

The purpose of this letter is to request that you, as the twelve other towns that comprise Hospital Administrative District 4, will urge your HAD4 Board Members to table a vote scheduled for Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed merger of HAD4, d/b/a Mayo Regional Hospital, with EMHS, now known as Northern Lights Health.

We, as the Sangerville Selectmen, have additional questions and a number of concerns about this proposed merger, what is being taken and what is not being committed to in return. We feel that we have been asked to sign a letter of support without full disclosure of the facts of what we are being asked to *support*.

At the October 17, 2018 meeting of the Sangerville Selectmen, we had the opportunity to meet with Mayo's CEO, CFO, Chairman of the Board, executive assistant and the representative for our town. Unfortunately, we found the CEO and Chair of the Board to be somewhat combative while answering our thoughtful and detailed questions. We, as representatives of the community, were merely doing our job to glean as much information as possible about the process and proposed merger. At this time we have no intention of signing a letter of support for the merger. Marie Vienneau, CEO of Mayo Hospital, assured us that they could and would plan to proceed with or without our support.

We have been informed that the HAD4 Board of Directors will vote on an agreement with Northern Lights Health to begin the process of a merger on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. From what we understand, this "first" vote is what will set the wheels of a merger in motion and that our function and power as members of HAD4 will be altered, all without our consent. Adding to our concern is that Mayo and EMHS are unwilling to let us to see the proposal that will be voted on. In fact, our elected representative has been cautioned that he is not allowed to share much of the information with the very constituents that he represents.

We, as representatives of Sangerville, have a right and an obligation to fully understand what will happen to “our” forty-five year old Hospital Administrative District. We are hopeful that you, as representatives of the towns that make up the hospital administrative district will demand the vote scheduled for October 24th be tabled so that we, as a whole, as an administrative district, can get satisfactory answers to our questions and acceptable responses to our concerns regarding the proposed merger.

Furthermore, the HAD4 Charter, the framework that was created by the Maine State Legislature in 1973, and which governs HAD4, would HAVE to be amended by emergency legislation in order for a merger to take place. The current Charter (posted on Sangerville’s webpage – Mayo tab) offers very specific protections to each of the municipalities; in Sangerville’s case, a vote of the town’s citizens for a change of this magnitude would be required. As of this date, we have not been allowed to even see what the proposed amendments to the Charter are.

We are aware that in some instances, town leadership had no understanding as to the significance of the action they were being encouraged to support. To illustrate, in September, the Sangerville Selectmen received a letter from the Mayo Board of Directors seeking a letter of support for the proposed “merger”. Their document had some compelling graphs as well as a brief overview of some of the many challenges a rural hospital like Mayo must bear. Near the end of the document, it was noted:

*“another aspect for the HAD communities to carefully consider is that the merger with EMHS will effectively relieve the community of its debt obligation to the HAD, as well as the risk of future taxation. Currently, for the community of Sangerville, the debt is \$459,510 as of 12/31/17.”*

It seems that the highlighting of the \$460,000 debt may have been an attempt to persuade our support. While it technically is true that Sangerville’s portion of the HAD4 debt is \$460,000, even basic accounting principles would require that we need to offset debts with assets in order to get an accurate understanding of our financial situation.

In truth Sangerville’s proportional share of the HAD4 is nearly \$1.8 million in net equity.

The impression was created that if we support the merger EMHS was going to forgive our \$460,000 in debt when the reality is that we’re being asked to support the surrendering of \$1.8 million in equity.

This misrepresentation perhaps accidental was repeated in each of the thirteen municipalities.

For larger towns, Dexter, Dover and Guilford, the ratios are the same, the numbers are just much larger. Dexter's "debt" was a large scary number when in truth, unbeknownst to the council, they are being asked to surrender over \$5 million dollars in assets to a plan that they are not allowed to review. No wonder they signed the letter of support.

We encourage you to reach out to any one of us for further discussion.

\*As of the time of this meeting we have been told that a Maine Superior Court judge has granted a temporary restraining order blocking tomorrow's HAD4 vote.

Respectfully,



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cc: HAD4 Board of Directors