

Town of Mercer  
Municipal Officer's Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2020 -- COVID-19  
Approved 5/28/2020

**Present:** 1st MO- Ricky Parlin, 2nd Mo-Gary Mosher, 3rd MO- Dari Hurley, Yolanda Violette (Tax Collector/Town Clerk), Tammy Lamphere (Secretary) Residents: Joel Lamphere and Rick Loadwick

**Meeting Opens:** Ricky P opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

**Citizens Inquiry:** Rick Loadwick asked if East Sandy River Road, past the Transfer Station to the West Sandy River Road, is discontinued to Summer Maintenance? Curious of what would happen if someone were to build on the road. Yolanda will check into this.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**-Bountry Line Agreement:** Dari received an email from Amanda Meader stating that she had a productive discussion with Andrew Zulieve to work towards a resolution. He is reviewing Amanda's materials now and she does not have any feedback on his position or what else we might need to change. Gary would like all correspondences to be sent to the Town Office email as well. Then Yolanda can print out for Gary and Ricky to review. Yolanda asked what does Andrew Zulieve want? Dari did not have any information on this question.

**-Winter Roads:** An ad was placed in the local paper, Morning Sentinel, it ran on April 16<sup>th</sup>, not the April 14<sup>th</sup> as planned due to the power outage over the weekend and is running April 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>, due to a misunderstanding in the original request of dates by the newspaper. It's on the town web site, MMA, Maine Jobs help wanted FB, Mercer Maine Bulletin Board on FB, posted in local businesses and on the town roadside sign.

**-Abandoned Property:** Vern removed all his personal property on April 19, 2020. Gary and Ricky discovered a couple new, 18" X 20' culverts that had been pushed over the embankment. Joel stated that those size culverts could be used in upcoming road repairs.

**-MCC Gutters:** Installation was postponed until May 2, 2020 because of incorrect material received.

**-Assessing:** Gerry Redlevske, Ricky P and Dari have the list for review and New/Notification list. Gerry will contact Ricky to discuss a start date.

**-Gravel Pricing:** Gary contacted Ron Farrand from Norridgewock. Ron was not interested in selling winter sand at this time.

**-Lien Notices:** 13 accounts have been paid in full since notices went out on 4/4/20 (65 sent out). Liens will be filed on May 8, 2020

**-Burr Inquiry:** Ricky sat down with the Burr's for 3 hours to discuss their concerns. Ricky had questions that would need input from Gerry Redlevske.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**-For the Record:** A workshop was held on April 16th at 3:15 pm. Items discussed were a visit/inspection at the Old Town Office/Cert Building. The purpose was to inspect for the purpose of putting it on the market for sale. Also discussed Summer Roads, Ditching & Grant project budgets. Ricky, Gary, Dari and Yolanda attended the visit. (2hrs)

**-Turnaround on Clement Road:** Daniel Charles of Clement Rd (the only house on the road) has requested (to Gary) that the plow trucks no longer turn around in his yard. Gary relayed the message to Ricky. Ricky and Donnie Howard went to Clement Rd and assessed the situation. The Town will need to build a turn around and it will need to come from the property that will be for sale. The turnaround will measure 55' X 24' X 60'. There is a cellar hole that will need to be filled. Dan already removed the trees that were growing in the hole.

**-Rome Road/Grading:** There have been complaints from the Bus Company (Mosher's) that it's too rough for the buses. This was a major discussion with many factors. The bus needs to deliver lunches and work assignments but spending money to grade the road when there was much work to be done before grading was wasting money. Ricky did tell Mosher's Bus Service he would deliver the meals if needed. Ricky also stated there are no trees in the road, there are a few on the lines that have been there for years. Dari would contact TDS to let them know there are trees on the lines. The next discussion was that Dari had spoken with Donnie Howard earlier in the day to grade Rome Rd & Pond Rd and had him sign a contract. Gary stated that he was not on board with this discussion. Ricky corrected Gary by explaining that all 3 MO had discussed hiring MS&G (Donnie Howard), by phone contact, Gary then agreed that they had. Gary then stated Ron Chase, on his own, reached out to him earlier that day and said he came out and looked at Rome Road and Elm Street. Gary let him know they would discuss it at the meeting and get back to him. Gary was willing to hold off on working with Ron Chase with the urgent situation of Rome Road but wanted to discuss future grading of the roads, he made a motion to have MS&G grade Rome and Pond this time seeing they were contacted earlier in the day and already signed the contract. Much discussion was made of who to hire and what needed to be graded. Gary made a motion to withdraw hiring MS&G to grade the Rome Road and hire Ron Chase. The motion included hiring MS&G to grade the Pond Road and Elm Street (from the tar to East Sandy River & from Indian Stream to FC Rd- which Ricky will look into on Friday to make sure the road is able to be graded. **VOTED 3-0**

**-Roadside Cleanup:** A huge thank you to all the residents of Mercer who helped make the town beautiful!!!! Gary and Michelle Mosher cleaned up Beech Hill Rd from Rte. 2 to the boat launch! Julia Howard and a crew of many Volunteers did Rome Rd, and did a great job! Thanks to Bruce Hurley for picking up the trash bags and hauling them to the transfer station. A crew on West Sandy River Rd chipped up all the downed trees from the last storm along the Fenton Apple Orchard. They continued down the road, cutting and chipping all the trees along the road that needed to be cleared. Thank you to Joel Lamphere for the huge chipper and pole saw!

**-MCC Parking Lot Cleanup:** Thank you to the volunteers that helped clean up the parking lot, playground, and tree limbs. It was a 2 part/day, April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>, clean up. There was much sweeping, raking, scooping, dumping and trimming! Ricky P and Joel L on the sweepers, John C brought his tractor. Donna P, Dari H, Tammy L, Dennis O, Robin C, Mary & Bob B, Robin Laverdiere and Bruce Roche — raked and raked. Bob B and John shoveled Dennis O raked all the leaves on the fence and cut up the broken limbs.

**-Winter Salt Bid:** Discussion on the need to submit our salt amount to the state. Joel Lamphere was asked to give an estimate on how much is left. The town in the past has ordered 300 ton. With the new WRC stating 500 will be available this contract. A motion was made by Ricky to submit an amount of 450 ton (with the knowledge of 25% more or less) **VOTE 3-0**

**-Homestead Reimbursement:** HS Reimbursement Application has been received, it is due June 1, 2020. Yolanda will submit. The 2020 HS Exemption is \$25,000. 75% is received by August 1, 2020. 25% will be received after tax commitment, once the MVR has been filed, which is by November 1, 2020.

**-Posted Road Signs:** Discussion on the conditions of the roads and two requests from residents wanting to have heavy deliveries. Gary made a motion that all posted roads be open in town EXCEPT Elm Street from the intersection of Kimball Schoolhouse Rd and East Sandy River to Fredericks Corner Road – will remain posted until May 15th) Dari will take down posted signs on Sunday and Ricky will post Elm to FC Rd. **VOTE 3-0**

**-Old Town Office/CERT Building:** Ricky received 2 CMA's, Rick Loadwick from Palmer Realty and Aaron Bolster from Allied Realty. The MO's read the presentation packages from both. Dari was concerned with the low selling numbers of Palmer Realty. Gary made a motion to hire Rick Loadwick from Palmer Realty with a listing price of \$69,900. **VOTE 3-0**

Jessie Crandall (Cert) has been contacted by Ricky about cleaning out the building, he will be in to clean out the CERT supplies/belongings.

### **Approval of Warrant:**

- Municipal Officer's approved the Warrant preview as presented, **Vote 3-0**

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- April 9, 2020 minutes were Approved as presented, **Vote 3-0**

### **Next Meetings:**

- Workshops: April 30, 2020 3:15 pm

- MO Meetings: May 14, 2020 (Please call Office if interested in attending)  
May 28, 2020 (Please call Office if interested in attending)

**Adjournment:** 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Lamphere