

**Town of Lewis**

**Board Meeting**

**Virtual**

**January 12, 2021**

**Present:** Counselors Lanita Canavan, Dave Blades, Steve Denton, Jeff Scott, Supervisor James Monty, Highway Superintendent Keven Denton, and Code Officer Mike Flynn

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Monty at 7:00 p.m.

**Guests:** None

**Closeout Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the closeout meeting minutes of December 29, 2020 by Dave Blades and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades    Yes  
Lanita Canavan    Yes  
Steve Denton    Yes  
Jeff Scott        Yes  
James Monty    Yes

**Supervisor's Financial Report:** A motion was made to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Jeff Scott, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades    Yes  
Lanita Canavan    Yes  
Steve Denton    Yes  
Jeff Scott        Yes  
James Monty    Yes

**Public Commentary:** None

**DPW/Water Report:** Kevin Denton stated he has not heard from Soil and Water about the grant for Culverts. Kevin said the new truck is still on track for completion, and the new hire is in training.

Counselor Blades asked if Lewis is on Low Salt Usage, Supervisor Monty stated yes the Town is on Low Salt Use. Kevin stated that the town is allotted 300 ton a year and usually use 150 tons.

A motion was made to accept the water report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- a. County Expense Report – in packet
- b. Landfill Report – The landfill did well this year, may be due to COVID, as more people were home cleaning out. We are waiting on the final bill from the County. Supervisor Monty stated the Landfill employees are doing a good job.  
A motion was made to accept the Landfill Report by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- c. Charter Changes – in packet
- d. Essex County IDA – Newsletter in packet
- e. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Report in packet
- f. 480 A Stumpage – The Town has received some 480 A, and this money will be placed in the Equipment Line.
- g. Essex County Office of the Aging – Report in packet
- h. Essex County Soil and Water – Annual Report in packet

**Old Business:**

Supervisor Monty gave a COVID update – Last week the County Auditor's office and Treasurer's Office were on quarantine. The County is not planning on closing, but may make employees work shift work if necessary and spreading out employees as much as possible. The school has gone to remote learning until January 25, 2021.

Counselor Scott asked about the RFP for the Town Hall Foundation. Supervisor Monty stated he has spoken to Jim Dougan at the County and the least expensive option may be to concentrate on the bad areas of the foundation rather than doing a full engineer review.

Counselor Scott asked about having the Comptroller doing an audit of the EMS finances. Supervisor Monty would like to request having the Comptroller do an audit and assist the EMS in their reporting.

Bomber's Place Diner has been issued a large fine for operating without a Permit.

**New Business:**

1. Codes Report – Mike Flynn stated that the owners of the Kims Karpet building is working on having the building converted into a mixed use building, part residential and part storage.
2. Animal Control Report – No report this month. Supervisor Monty stated that Brad will be going out and checking on expired Dog Licenses.  
Counselor Blades asked if Brad will be enforcing the Confinement of Dogs during this season. Supervisor Monty stated he would and it would also be posted to the Towns Website and Face Book Page.
3. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – Counselor Scott stated a virtual meeting was held last night. The ski program will begin on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 12 students have signed up so far. The YC discussed a snow sculpture contest and using the skating rink in Elizabethtown.

A motion was made to accept Amy Conner as a new Youth Commission member by Jeff Scott and seconded by Dave Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Resolutions:**

21-1-34 Assessment Guidelines (see attached) a motion was made to accept resolution 21-1-34 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades Yes  
Lanita Canavan Yes  
Steve Denton Yes  
Jeff Scott Yes  
James Monty Yes

21-1-35 Adopting County resolution #4 Confinement of Dogs (see attached) a motion was made to accept resolution 21-1-35 by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades Yes  
Lanita Canavan Yes  
Steve Denton Yes  
Jeff Scott Yes  
James Monty Yes

21-1-36 Committee

Assignments for 2021 (see attached) a motion was made to accept resolution 21-1-36 by Jeff Scott and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades Yes  
Lanita Canavan Yes  
Steve Denton Yes  
Jeff Scott Yes  
James Monty Yes

A motion was made to add Steve Denton to the EMS Committee on the Committee List by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to donate 15 surplus water meters to the Town of St. Armand by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Blades Yes  
Lanita Canavan Yes  
Steve Denton Yes  
Jeff Scott Yes  
James Monty Yes

Supervisor Monty will ask for a resolution in February to replace water lines on Osawentha Drive with funds from the Office of Community Renewal.

Slic is anticipated to start network connections at the end of the month.

A motion was made to Audit and Pay the Bills by Dave Blades and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. by Dave Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Cross  
Town Clerk