

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
April 10, 2017 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: **Jeff Menard, Supervisor**
 Donald Perras, Councilperson
 Mary Myatt, Councilperson
 Eugene "Dickie" Boulerice

Recording Secretary: **Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk**

Others Present: **Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification Committee**
 Art Menard, Library

Absent: **Gerald LaValley, Councilperson**
 Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, he then asked Mrs. Jessica Bulriss to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance," which she did.

Minutes: All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the March 13, 2017 Minutes. Councilperson Perras made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore was not present, but he had given Supervisor Menard a list of what he currently needs. He stated that Mr. Todd Deyo has cut down some trees on the Emery road at no cost to the town. Mr. Deyo takes the firewood as payment. Superintendent Gilmore is requesting Board approval to purchase six-inch round road signs at \$40.00 each. He is requesting Board approval because the funds will be taken out of the general fund. Supervisor Menard also informed the Board that Superintendent Gilmore purchased a large sheet of metal from Mr. Deyo to make the Howard Road passable due to heavy rainfall and snow melt, which washed out a culvert. The Highway Department is currently ditching the Emery Road and patching potholes. Supervisor Menard stated that the second military truck is back with all of the equipment installed, however the frame needs to be stretched.

Supervisor Menard asked the Board if they would like to give Superintendent Gilmore approval to purchase the six-inch road signs. Councilperson Boulerice stated that we should check the budget and make sure that the cost comes out of the general fund and not the highway fund. Supervisor Menard stated the he would check to see where the cost of the signs would be taken from. He then asked if the cost does come out of the general fund if the Board would like to make a motion giving Superintendent Gilmore permission to purchase the signs. Councilperson Perras made a motion to give Superintendent Gilmore permission to purchase the road signs if the cost comes out of the general fund. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulerice. The result of the ROLL CALL was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, stated that an article was sent to Mrs. Susan Moore regarding fundraising for the new library. He also stated that they have a group of eight to ten people who are really going to make a big push in the "brick by brick fundraiser during the next three months. Supervisor Menard informed everyone that no bids were received for the old library. Mr. Menard said that they have a goal to be in the new library by summer. He stated that right now they are focusing on the lighting and completing the inside of the new library. Mr. Menard also wanted everyone to know that in September the Mooers Library will be celebrating their 100th anniversary.

Dog Control: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Dog Control would like to address the Board. No person was present wishing to address the Board.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, stated that the flower pots will be ready to be put out soon, as soon as the weather is warm enough.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, present, stated that he has come to realize that many homes in the Town of Mooers have shared septic systems with their neighbor. He believes that they are all grandfathered in. Supervisor Menard asked about the home whose roof is coming off. Mr. Wolff said that he does not know who owns the home.

Youth Program: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Youth Program would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Town Historian: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the office of The Town Historian would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Fire Department: Mr. Danny Dumas, present, stated that the new mutual aid has not officially started. Supervisor Menard stated that for the month of March there were nine calls. There have been twenty-five calls this year.

EMS: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from EMS would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard stated

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of the Town Historian would like to address the Board. No person was present wishing to address the Board.

Code Enforcement Officer: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the office of Code Enforcement would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Cemeteries: None

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated the HR Consultants have sent the first draft of the employee hand book. They are in the process of reviewing it. After it is has been reviewed it will be sent back for a final draft.

Old Business 2: Supervisor Menard said the town received a letter from Mr. Eric Gustafson, the lawyer that represents the towns regarding wind mills, proposing the town be paid \$5,000/kilowatt. The original proposal was for \$3000/kilowatt.

Old Business 3: Supervisor Menard received a call from Ms. Melissa McManus, the executive director of the industrial development agency. Ms. McManus is working along with the Delaware River Solar. They will be holding a meeting on at 3:30pm, Monday April 17, 2017 at NCCS.

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard received a call from a customs officer informing him that the border crossing at Cannon's Corners will open in May and have "winter hours" all year, 8am to 4pm. He also said that the border crossing on the Hemmingford Road will be closed 10pm to 4am.

New Business 2: Mrs. Andre Labarge, present, presented the Board with her insurance proposal. There was discussion regarding the insurance proposal. Councilperson Boulерice made a motion to accept Labarge Agency's insurance proposal. Councilperson Perras seconded the

motion. The result of the ROLL CALL was 4 AYES (Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Public Comment : **None**

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on April 10, 2017 as follows:

General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 71-86)-----	\$8,551.12
Highway - Townwide -----(Vouchers 62-78)-----	\$50,837.68
Trust and Agency----- (Vouchers 49-52)-----	\$13,954.85
Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 84)-----	\$371.05
Mooers Lights ----- (Voucher 84)-----	\$639.72

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----\$74,354.42

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR