

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Carolyn Yoder, Carolyn Hanke, Chris Hayward – Town Cloud, John Defrancesco, Bailey Bowden

Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:03 PM.

John inquired about his property tax; he owns less land than he is assessed on. Hatch provided him with the abatement form and instructions to submit his claim.

Chris delivered a very thorough presentation of his firm Town Cloud and what range of services they can provide in terms of creating a cloud-based website for the town. The basic website platform costs \$75/month. This includes two - administrator access. The town can lock in a special price for a three-year contract for the price of two (\$1,800), by placing a \$500 down payment. Town Cloud also has developed a financial platform alternative to Trio which could be bundled in the future.

Avery Varney (HCPC) will be here on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to give an overview of LD-2003. It was suggested to have Dana Willis & Bryce Farnham attend.

Pete Coughlan - Maine DOT Community Services Division is coming to meet with the Board for a sand/salt shed option presentation. He will be here at the town office on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

Bailey presented the draft Aquaculture Ordinance. Board approved for the draft to be reviewed by Drummond Woodsum. The fee for this legal review is \$285/hour.

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Bailey reported that the town met all the DMR metrics for Wight's Pond for 3-year-old returning fish. This should improve the Town's chance for opening a commercial harvest at Wight's and possibly Pierce's Pond.

Board approved securing a six-month Certificate of Deposit with the First National in the amount of \$250,000. Funds will be taken from the Town's checking account to establish this CD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.