

# Town of Amherst Maine

## Selectman Meeting

July 19, 2019 3:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Westley Ellington

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### In Attendance

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Greg Palman, Phil Deckers, Wes Ellington

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### Approval of Warrant

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The warrant was reviewed and approved by Greg Palman, Phil Deckers, and Westley Ellington.

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### Roads

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- It was discussed that Herbert Jordan had not received payment for any winter plowing for the 2018/19 Winter
- It was discussed that we are still waiting on confirmation of 4<sup>th</sup> salt payment value so that Great Pond can be charged for their portion of the salt bill (1/3)

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### School

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- No new business

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### Town Office

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- No new business

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### Correspondence

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- We received correspondence from MMA Lawyers regarding Hardship Abatement of Taxes Applications once foreclosure has occurred. The Correspondence instructs that only if the select board has town appointed authority to dispose of municipal property can they act on any issues post foreclosure.
- We received correspondence from TRIO (Harris Computer) explaining that they had performed a requested inspection of our current system and determined that due to the amount of data we will need upgrade to Microsoft SQL at the originally quoted price of \$2,649.95.

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### Other Business

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- It was discussed that a letter from the Select Board should be written to Randy Hayward stating that the partial payment he made to the town post-foreclosure was collected incorrectly. Because of the mistake the Select Board is willing to allow full payment of the remaining amount including current taxes and any current lien in an amount of time to be determined in a special meeting which is scheduled to be held on July 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM.
- The Select Board agreed to place the cost of the TRIO upgrade on the annual warrant for town approval. It has not been decided whether this will be its own line item or if it will fall within town

administrative expenses and explained to the town prior to vote. This will be determined as the warrant is developed over the next few weeks.

- The topic of post-foreclosure abatements was discussed, and it was decided based on MMA Legal advice that the Select Board does not have the authority to dispose of the property at this time without town authorization. It was also determined that these abatements should be made prior to foreclosure of property, and after the fact is an improper application.
- Meeting Adjourned at 4:04 PM

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### Next Meeting

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July 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM, Amherst Town Hall