

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
6:00 PM**

Town Attorney and Town Councilor Gaba to Attend the Meeting Remotely

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pomerleau, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Butler, Delcourt, Gaba, Leclerc, Libby, Paul and Pomerleau.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Moved by Libby seconded by Leclerc and voted to approve the minutes from the March 9th and 23rd meetings as presented. **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

MSAD # 6 Superintendent Paul Penna announced that on May 15 a meeting has been scheduled for policy makers in all towns in the district to meet to discuss matters relating to the District. He noted there is an increase in the year's budget, stating that even with the increase some items will be postponed. He touched on the drop in student enrollment in the high school and the middle school, he said that the enrollment in the grammar schools remain strong. He highlighted the programs that have been consolidated or re-organized programs to sustain the good things that they have. He cited a scenario where a part-time person was made full-time to fill in a gap here it was thought at a part-time employee could fill the position, but it was discovered that full-time staff was needed. He explained that the District employs LPNs and RNs for student needs, moving forward only RN's will be hired to have the highest level of medical attention for the students. He explained in addition some teaching positions be reclassified to provide better coverage in the classrooms. He described the literacy coach program, the program looks at the kids individually to focus on their individual needs. He publicized how in the past year this program has improved the reading ability across the district. He said that the funds that they have in the budget are used to the maximum. He noted that if their budget was "flat funded" that would mean there would have to be cuts to programs or staff.

The Business Manager, William Brockman reviewed their General Fund Budget which has increased approximately 2.15% each year over the past 10-years. He said during that same 10-year period the local property assessments have gone up on average 3.69% each year. He noted that the General-Purpose Aid has increased 2.63% during the 10-year period. He touched on the decline in student enrollment, remarking that some question why teachers' positions are not cut to coincide with the decrease in enrollments. He noted that during this decline in enrollment, there has been a reduction of 34.5 teacher positions. He said that the percentage increase in the budget is 1.89% which has been accomplished by reducing salaries and benefits. That was accomplished by moving the funding for salaries/benefits FTP funded in the General Fund budget into the Covid-19 budget.

Councilor Delcourt said that he was unable to hear the presentation, however he asked the how can there be less kids but costing more money? He said that the Social Security increase for the elderly

is not near the school's increase. He said what bothers him the most is all the improvements that need to be done but are being postponed. He said it will cost more, pay now, or pay later.

Mr. Brockman said when you look at that, the state does not give enough subsidies to be able run schools with all the programs that are required. He said that when there are only two sources of revenues -- local and state -- over the past 8-years the state subsidy has decreased, the only place to makeup the difference is on the local level.

Councilor Delcourt explained that he served on the School Board for a number of years, and he saw first-hand the pay now or pay later process plays out many times. He then questioned the superintendent about the plan to socially promote students this year.

Mr. Penna responded that in most cases students will be promoted.

Counselor Delcourt commended Mr. Penna on the BAC, noting that is the way to do a budget. He then asked what the starting salary is for a teacher?

Mr. Penna announced the starting salary for teachers is \$41,500.

Councilor Delcourt said it is hard to believe that they are paid that little.

Mr. Penna said that many teachers will tell you that they do not do it for the money, they do it for the passion. He continued to explain that the MSAD #6 graduation rate is 85%, noting that's not good enough. He said that it's their responsibility to educate our kids.

Councilor Delcourt thanked them for what they do.

Todd Delaney, BAC member and Standish Budget Committee member encouraged residents to attend the May 27, 2021 Budget Meeting and to vote on June 8, 2021.

Mr. Penna also encouraged people to attend the May 15, 2021 that will be held here at the Standish Municipal Center for town leaders to discuss matters regarding the District.

Trevor Hustus, MSAD#6 Board of Directors Chair, commended the efforts of Mr. Penna, Mr. Brockman and the BAC for their work on this budget. He said that he believes that this budget is fiscally responsible for the taxpayers of our five communities. He encouraged to attend the May 27, 2021 Budget Meeting and vote on to June 8, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Butler – Economic Development Committee – no report.

Councilor Leclerc – Ordinance Committee – it is anticipated that at the next regular Council meeting amendments to the sidewalk provisions in the Town's Ordinances will be introduced.

Councilor Libby – Finance Committee – no report.

Councilor Delcourt – Appointments Committee – no report.

Councilor Paul – Personnel Committee – no report.

Councilor Pomerleau – Finance Committee – no report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There are no consent Calendar items at this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

19-21 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 146, Floodplain Management (First Reading) [Leclerc]

Councilor Leclerc explained that this is updating the ordinance to meet current guidelines.

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments, hearing none, she called for Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote to move the ordinance to public hearing at the May 11, 2021 Town Council meeting.

VOTE TO MOVE ORDINANCE TO PUBLIC HEARING: 7 Yeas

NEW BUSINESS

26-21 Approving the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Middle Road and Authorizing the Town Clerk to Record the Certificate of Discontinuance [Pomerleau]

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to dispense with the Clerk's reading of the order.
VOTE: 7 Yeas

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments, hearing none, she called for Council comments.

Councilor Buter questioned the Town Attorney, Sally Daggett, who joined the meeting via Zoom what is the process if someone in the middle of the section of the discontinued portion of the road wants electricity, are they guaranteed the right to bring in the electricity?

Sally Daggett said yes they could.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote;

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2019, the Town Council, acting as the municipal officers of the Town of Standish, authorized and directed the provision of notice to all abutting property owners, and to file a copy thereof in the Town Clerk's office, indicating the Town's intention to discontinue approximately 2.125 miles of Middle Road;

WHEREAS, on or about December 11, 2019, notice of the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Middle Road was sent to the abutters of that approximately 2.125 miles [beginning at the northwesterly corner of property identified as Tax Map 8, Lot 23 and running northeasterly to, and ending at, the intersection of Middle Road and Oak Hill Road] long section of Middle Road, as those abutters were shown in the records of the Standish Assessor's office and as listed on the notice;

WHEREAS, over one year has passed since the date of the notice of the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Middle Road was mailed to the abutting property owners;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, the Town Council, acting as the municipal officers of the Town of Standish, authorized and directed the provision of notice to all abutting property owners, and to file a copy thereof in the Town Clerk's office, indicating the Town's intention to resume the process to discontinue approximately 2.125 miles of Middle Road;

WHEREAS, on or about January 13, 2021, notice of the resumption of the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Middle Road was sent to the abutters of that same section of Middle Road, as those abutters were shown in the records of the Standish Assessor's office and as listed on the notice;

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, the Town Council, as the municipal officers, approved an Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Middle Road (copy attached as

Exhibit 1) and scheduled a public hearing on the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Middle Road for March 9, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Standish Municipal Building, 175 Northeast Road, Standish, Maine and authorized notice of the same to be provided to all abutting property owners, which notice was in fact provided thereafter; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2021, the Town Council conducted a public hearing on the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Middle Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that after proper notice and upon due consideration, the portion of Middle Road shown in the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Middle Road is discontinued by the Town Council, acting as the legislative body of the Town, in accordance with 23 M.R.S.A. § 3026-A;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that no damages be paid to the abutters listed in the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Middle Road or other persons having interests in the road; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to record a copy of the attached Certificate of Discontinuance in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds.

EXHIBIT 1



Town of
Standish
MAINE

ORDER OF DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF MIDDLE ROAD

TO: Attached List of Middle Road Property Owners

FROM: Standish Town Council, as the Municipal Officers of the Town

Having complied with all applicable requirements of 23 M.R.S. § 3026-A, the Standish Town Council hereby orders the discontinuance of Middle Road, for a distance of approximately 2.125 miles [beginning at the northwesterly corner of property identified as Tax Map 8, Lot 23 and running northeasterly to, and ending at, the intersection of Middle Road and Oak Hill Road]. This section of Middle Road is approximately 14 feet wide and is shown more particularly on Assessor's Tax Maps 8 and 9, on file at the Standish Municipal Building, 175 Northeast Road, Standish, ME (the attached sketch is incorporated herein by reference).

A public easement will be retained in the affected section of Middle Road upon discontinuance. No damages shall be paid to the abutting property owners or other persons having interests in the affected section of Middle Road.

STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL

Date: February 9, 2021

/s/

By: Kimberly Pomerleau

Its: Chair, duly authorized

Attachments:

-List of Abutters

-Tax Map 8 & 9 Sketch

Peter M. Karajin, III
141 Limestone Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Benjamin Labon & Betsey J. Merrill
P.O. Box 154
Steep Falls, ME 04085

Michael G. Emmons Trust
Maine Woodland Properties
5210 Paylor Lane
Sarasota, FL 34240

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5210 Paylor Lane
Sarasota, FL 34240

Donald S. Parker
320 Manchester Road
Steep Falls, ME 04085

Neal C. and Delores C. Dow
511 Cape Road
Standish, ME 04084

Neal C. Dow
511 Cape Road
Standish, ME 04084

Richard Charles Hunt
11 White Birch Lane
Gorham, ME 04038

Debi D. Ridlon
254 Old Brunswick Road
Durham, ME 04222

Standish Fish & Game Club
P.O. Box 18
Steep Falls, ME 04085

Shaw Earthworks, Inc.
P.O. Box 314
Gorham, ME 04038

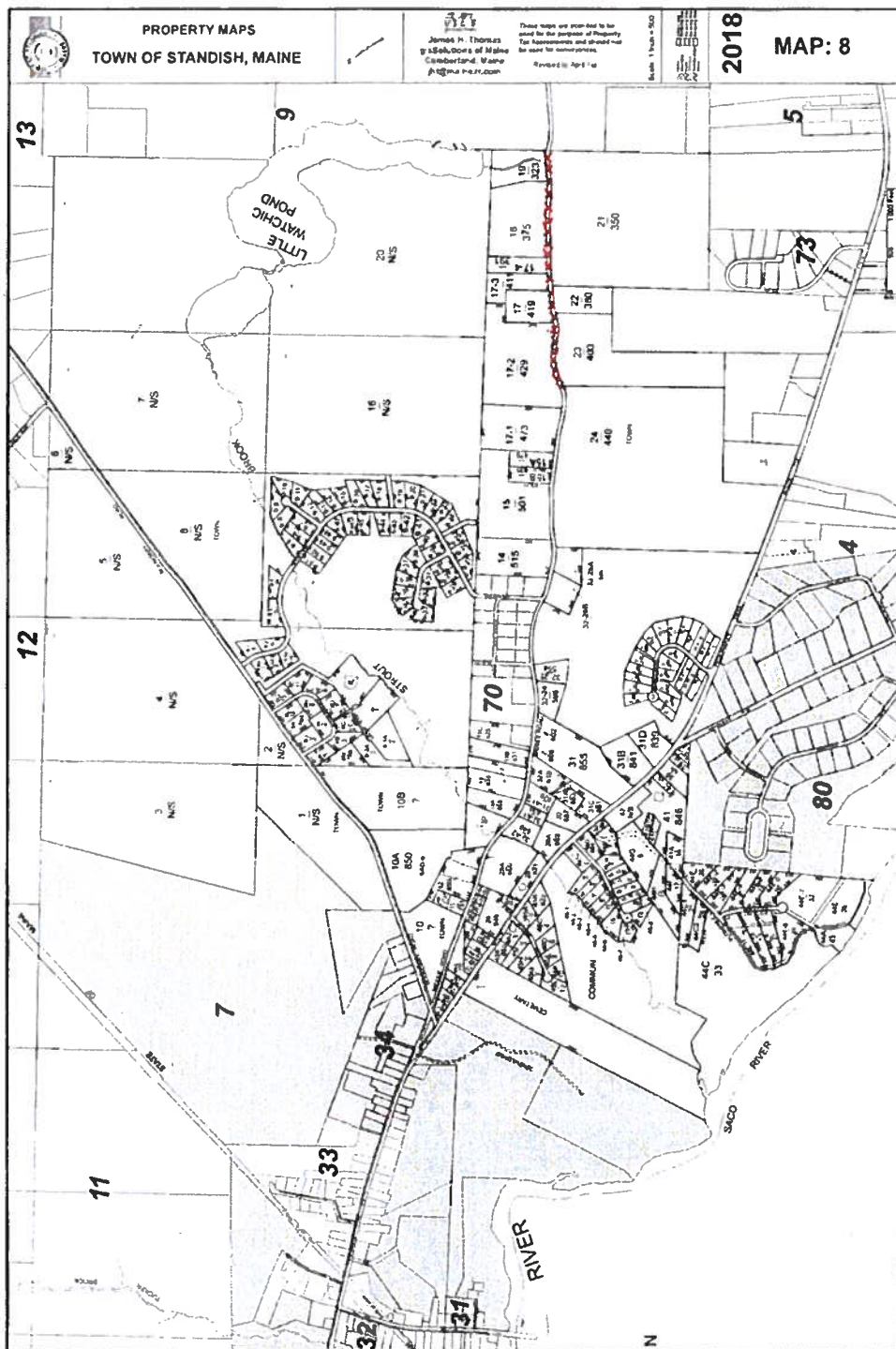
John D. Phinney
16 Overlook Drive
Gorham, ME 04038

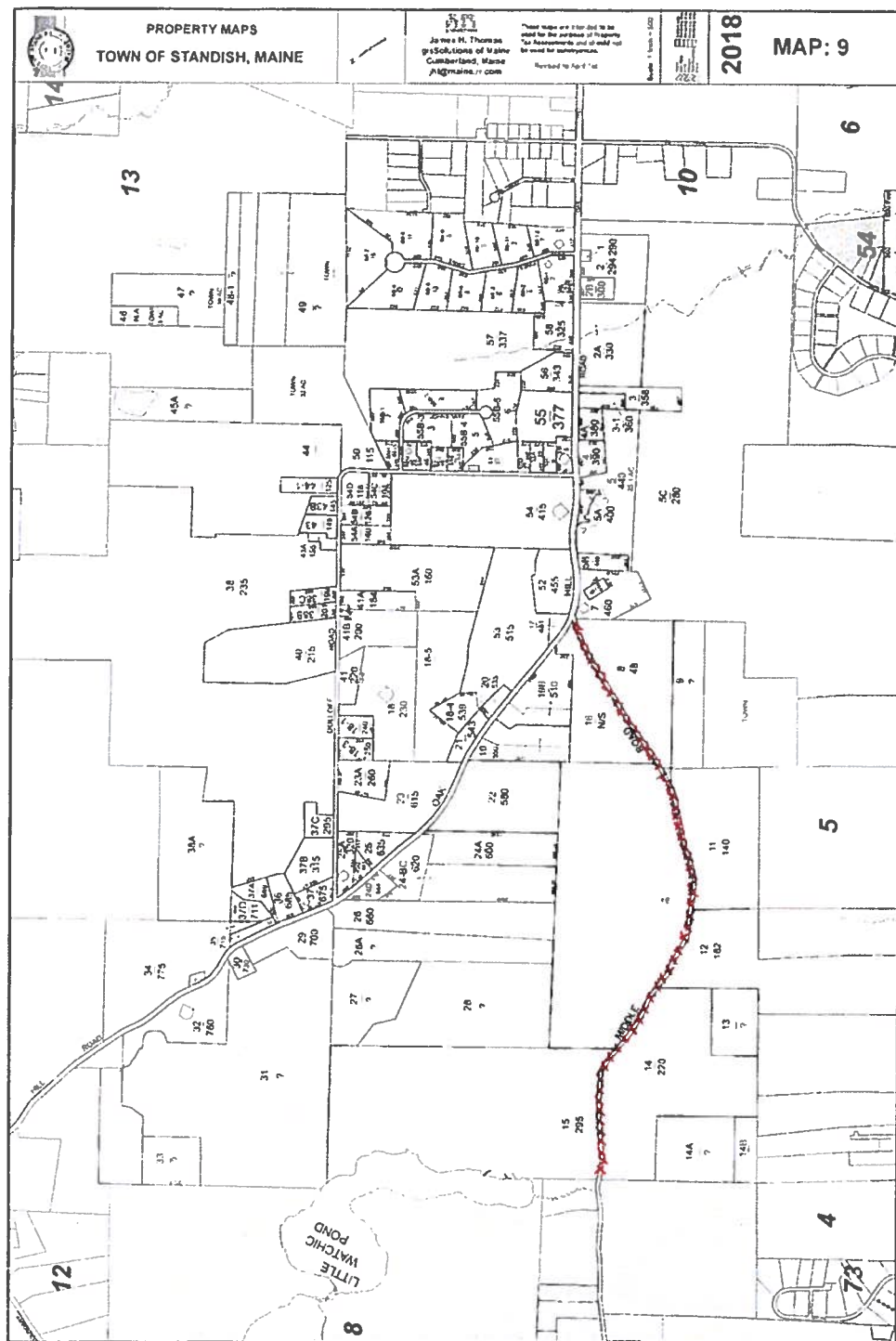
William D. Berghoff
22 Park Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

Grondin Aggregates LLC
11 Bartlett Road
Gorham, ME 04038

Nancy E. Hart
29 Memorial Drive
Troy, NH 03465

Lawrence A. & Mary Lisa Fluke
720 Oak Hill Road
Standish, ME 04084





xx = portion of middle fd proposed to be discontinued

CERTIFICATE OF DISCONTINUANCE

TOWN CLERK
CERTIFICATE

RE: DISCONTINUATION OF A PORTION OF A PUBLIC WAY (MIDDLE ROAD) IN
STANDISH, MAINE PURSUANT TO 23 M.R.S. § 3026-A

I, Mary Chapman, the duly appointed Town Clerk for the Town of Standish, hereby certify and attest that on April 6, 2021, the Standish Town Council, acting as the legislative body for the Town, after having given all notice required under 23 M.R.S. § 3026-A and as otherwise required by law, took final action by approving an Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Middle Road dated February 9, 2021.

By approving the Order, the Town of Standish has discontinued a portion of the public way known as Middle Road, all as more particularly described by Standish Town Council Order #7-2021, dated February 9, 2021, a true copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Said Town Council meeting was duly called, the item in question duly voted upon and passed by a vote of _____ to _____ (-).

Date: _____

Mary
Chapman
Town
Clerk

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, ss.

April _____, 2021

Then personally appeared the above-named Mary Chapman, Town Clerk of the Town of Standish, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed in her said capacity and the free act and deed of the Town of Standish.

Before me,

Notary Public/Attorney-at-Law

Print Name

VOTE: 6 Yeas – 1 Nay, Delcourt

**27-21 Approving the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Moody Road and
Authorizing the
Town Clerk to Record the Certificate of Discontinuance [Pomerleau]**

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to dispense with the Clerk's reading of the order.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments, hearing none, she called for Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called.

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2019, the Town Council, acting as the municipal officers of the Town of Standish, authorized and directed the provision of notice to all abutting property

owners, and to file a copy thereof in the Town Clerk's office, indicating the Town's intention to discontinue approximately 0.49 miles of Moody Road;

WHEREAS, on or about December 11, 2019, notice of the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Moody Road was sent to the abutters of that approximately 0.49 miles [beginning at the northwesterly corner of property identified as Tax Map 13, Lot 1 and running southerly to, and ending at, the driveway on Map 14, Lot 5] long section of Moody Road, as those abutters were shown in the records of the Standish Assessor's office and as listed on the notice;

WHEREAS, over one year has passed since the date of the notice of the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Moody Road was mailed to the abutting property owners;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, the Town Council, acting as the municipal officers of the Town of Standish, authorized and directed the provision of notice to all abutting property owners, and to file a copy thereof in the Town Clerk's office, indicating the Town's intention to resume the process to discontinue approximately 0.49 miles of Moody Road;

WHEREAS, on or about January 13, 2021, notice of the resumption of the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Moody Road was sent to the abutters of that same section of Moody Road, as those abutters were shown in the records of the Standish Assessor's office and as listed on the notice;

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, the Town Council, as the municipal officers, approved an Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Moody Road (copy attached as Exhibit 1) and scheduled a public hearing on the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Moody Road for March 9, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Standish Municipal Building, 175

Northeast Road, Standish, Maine and authorized notice of the same to be provided to all abutting property owners, which notice was in fact provided thereafter; and

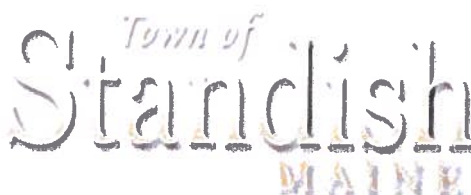
WHEREAS, on March 9, 2021, the Town Council conducted a public hearing on the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Moody Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that after proper notice and upon due consideration, the portion of Moody Road shown in the attached Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Moody Road (Exhibit 1) is discontinued by the Town Council, acting as the legislative body of the Town, in accordance with 23 M.R.S.A. § 3026-A;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that no damages be paid to the abutters listed in the Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Moody Road or other persons having interests in the road; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to record a copy of the attached Certificate of Discontinuance in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds.

EXHIBIT 1



ORDER OF DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF MOODY ROAD

TO: Attached List of Moody Road Property Owners

FROM: Standish Town Council, as the Municipal Officers of the Town

Having complied with all applicable requirements of 23 M.R.S. § 3026-A, the Standish Town Council hereby orders the discontinuance of Moody Road, for a distance of approximately 0.49 miles [beginning at the northwesterly corner of property identified as Tax Map 13, Lot 1 and running southerly to, and ending at, the driveway on Map 14, Lot 5]. This section of Moody Road is approximately 18 feet wide and is shown more particularly on Assessor's Tax Maps 13 and 14, on file at the Standish Municipal Building, 175 Northeast Road, Standish, ME (the attached sketch is incorporated herein by reference).

A public easement will be retained in the affected section of Moody Road upon discontinuance. No damages shall be paid to the abutting property owners or other persons having interests in the affected section of Moody Road.

STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL

Date: February 9, 2021

/s/ _____ By: Kimberly Pomerleau

Its: Chair, duly authorized

Attachments:

- List of Abutters
- Tax Map 13 & 14 Sketch

Vicmar Holdings, LLC
24 Shaws Mill Road
Gorham, ME 04038

Douglass W. and Robin J. Day
165 Harmons Hill Road
Standish, ME 04084

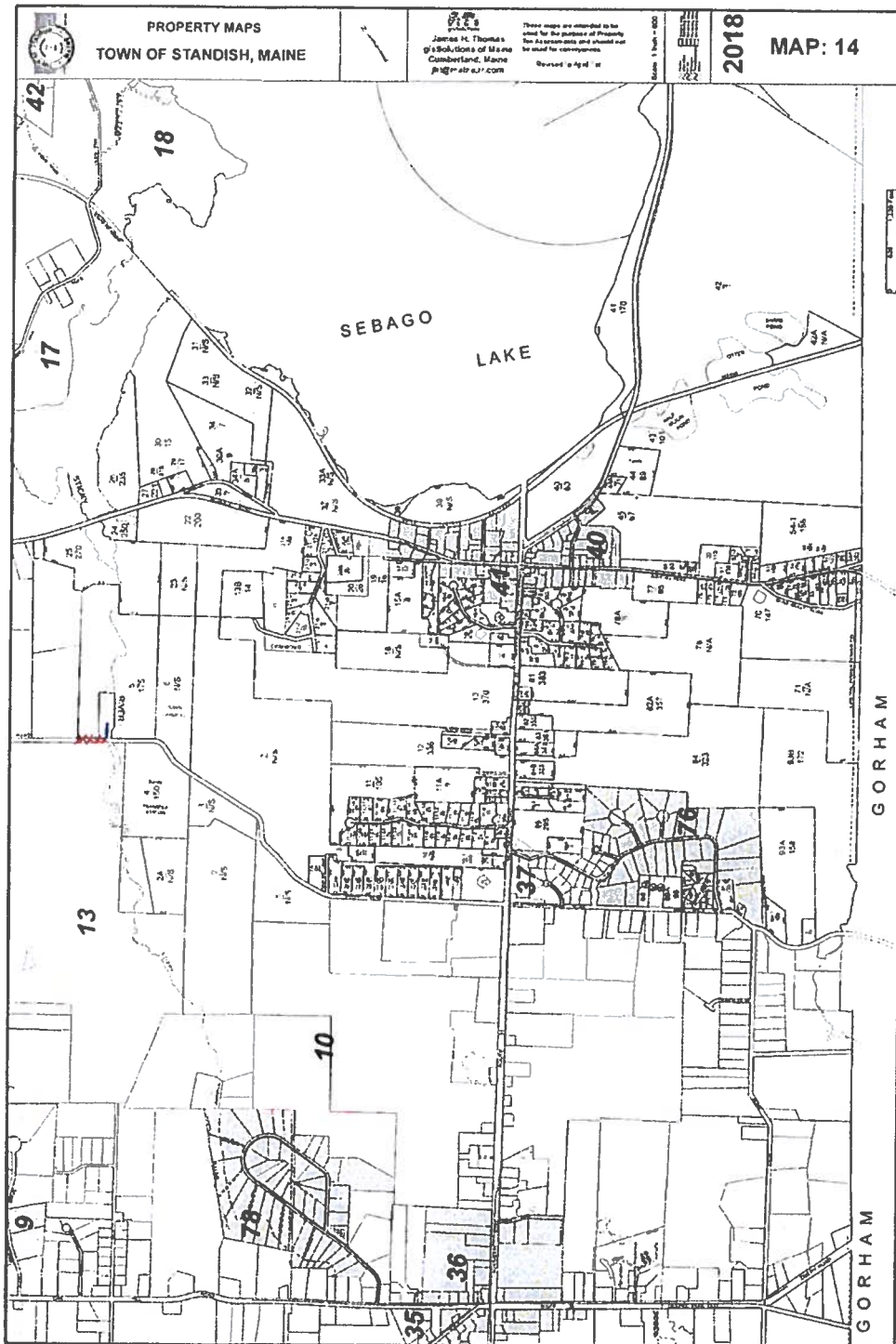
Sebago de Gama LLC
13 Rocky Point Lane
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

Daniel West, Trustee
West Family Trust

P.O. Box 517
Standish, ME 04084

William J. and Cynthia Orfant

P.O. Box 1395
Standish, ME 04084



XX = PORTION OF HOODY RD PROPOSED TO BE DISCONTINUED
 - = Driveway on map 14, Lot 5

CERTIFICATE OF DISCONTINUANCE

**TOWN CLERK CERTIFICATE
RE: DISCONTINUATION OF A PORTION OF A PUBLIC WAY (MOODY ROAD) IN
STANDISH, MAINE PURSUANT TO 23 M.R.S. § 3026-A**

I, Mary Chapman, the duly appointed Town Clerk for the Town of Standish, hereby certify and attest that on April 6, 2021, the Standish Town Council, acting as the legislative body for the Town, after having given all notice required under 23 M.R.S. § 3026-A and as otherwise required by law, took final action by approving an Order of Discontinuance of a Portion of Moody Road dated February 9, 2021.

By approving the Order, the Town of Standish has discontinued a portion of the public way known as Moody Road, all as more particularly described by Standish Town Council Order #8-2021, dated February 9, 2021, a true copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Said Town Council meeting was duly called, the item in question duly voted upon and passed by a vote of _____ to _____ (-).

Date: _____

Mary Chapman
Town Clerk

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, ss.

April _____, 2021

Then personally appeared the above-named Mary Chapman, Town Clerk of the Town of Standish, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed in her said capacity and the free act and deed of the Town of Standish.

Before me,

Notary Public/Attorney-at-Law

Print Name

VOTE: 6 Yeas – 1 Nay, Delcourt

28-21 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Regarding Medical Marijuana (Introduction) [LeClerc]

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to dispense with the Clerk's reading of the order. **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments, hearing none, she called for Council comments.

Councilor Leclerc explained that he had expected this on the agenda at a future meeting, however due to a miscommunication it is on tonight's agenda. He said since the Town Attorney is present tonight, he would be agreeable for it to move forward tonight. He continued to say that it was his opinion that it needed more discussion at the Ordinance Committee level.

Councilor Delcourt said that this ordinance makes it tough for a person to get into this business. It is being restricted to the industrial zone, and when the is approved, do we get to know who the caregivers are and the location of various facilities?

Sally Daggett said in the event that there is a problem at a property, if Code Enforcement Officer is in Contact with the state, the state will divulge that there is a registered caregiver at the property. Under current law existing registered caregivers are able to have their identity kept confidential. She explained that the under the proposed amendments, the approximate 20 established caregivers could maintain their confidential status until January 2022 when they have to register with the Code Enforcement Officer if these amendments are approved. The amended ordinance would require an annual inspection by both the Code Enforcement Officer and the Fire Chief. The Code Enforcement Officer will keep the caregivers identity confidential unless the caregiver waives their right to confidentiality. Under the new ordinance, new caregivers in place after 1/27/2021 identities are not confidential. Under the ordinance amendments new care givers will only be allowed in industrial zones, require Planning Board site plan approval; must comply with a set of performance standards and additional requirements. She explained that the amendments create two sets of regulations, one for existing caregivers and one for caregivers established after January 27, 2021.

Councilor Delcourt said that he didn't understand why their identity is confidential.

Chair Pomerleau noted that the confidential status is under the provisions of the state law.

Councilor Delcourt said that we need to fix that because we need to know where they are.

Town Manager, Bill Giroux said that he understands the Councilors concerns and our regulations needed to be framed around the state law.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote to move this to first reading at May 11, 2021 Town Council meeting.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

19-21 Call for Annual Municipal and Town Meeting Referendum Election, Place Referendum Questions on the Ballot, Authorize Warrant and Call for Informational Public Hearing for the June 8, 2021 Annual Municipal Election and Town Meeting Referendum Vote [Pomerleau]

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to dispense with the Clerk's reading of the order. **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments, hearing none, she called for Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote.

ORDERED that the Standish Town Council call that an Annual Municipal Town and Meeting Referendum Vote to be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the referendum questions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, copies of which are attached hereto, be placed on the ballot and that the financial statement included on the Warrant for Annual Municipal and Town Meeting Referendum Vote issued as of the date hereof be printed as a separate document and made available to voters at said Annual Municipal and Town Meeting Referendum Vote; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the attached warrant is approved by the Standish Town Council and that the required informational public hearing on these referendum questions will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 during the regularly scheduled monthly council meeting which begins at 6:00 pm.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

20-21 Waive Bid Process for Purchase of Used Aerial Bucket Truck [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments. hearing none, she called for Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote.

Bill Giroux explained that in the current year budget the Town Council approved the purchase of a aerial bucket truck to fix street lights, so tree work and other work. The money appropriated for the aerial truck and funds for the plowing blade, which is no longer needed will, cover the cost of this purchase. He explained that they looked all over New England for a bucket truck, and this was the best for the price.

Chair Pomerleau she called for Council comments.

Councilor Leclerc voiced his concern regarding the age of the truck.

Bill Giroux said that he would normally encourage the purchase of new vehicles. However, this type of vehicle won't get a lot of use a use and this used vehicle will meet our needs.

Councilor LeClerc questioned its use with the installation of flags.

Bill Giroux said that this truck will make it a safer process for the installation of flags.

Councilor Delcourt asked if they would be taking down American flags with this?

Councilor LeClerc explained when the flag policy is created the committee will solicit assistance from individuals that are proficient in American Flag etiquette to provide them guidance.

Councilor Butler asked if there will be training for the employees using the bucket truck?

Bill Giroux noted that the supervisor will train the staff.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Council discussion hearing, none she called for the roll call vote.

WHEREAS, Section 302(f) of the Standish Charter requires a competitive bid process for transactions exceeding \$3,500 in value, unless so waived by the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has investigated various purchase options for a used aerial bucket truck and has located a used one that meets the Town's needs, now be it

ORDERED, that the bidding requirement regarding the purchase of an aerial bucket truck is hereby waived, and

FURTHER ORDERED, that a 2009 Ford 550 aerial bucket truck shall be purchased from Hippler's Garage in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 as recommended by the Capital Improvements Committee, and

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Manager is authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute related contract documents.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

31-21 Authorize Standish Lions Club to hold Charity Toll on Moody Road in June [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau noted that the Town allows a few organizations to do this type of event during the year. She noted that the Lions Club does a lot of good things for the Town of Standish.

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments. hearing none, she called for Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote.

WHEREAS, the Standish Lions Club is a non-profit organization whose fundraising efforts serve the residents of Standish, and

WHEREAS, the Standish Lions Club desires to hold a charity toll on Moody Road as a fundraiser for their organization, and now be it

ORDERED, that the Standish Town Council authorizes the Standish Lions Club to hold a charity toll on the Moody Road on June 12th and 13th, and

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Director of Public Works will direct the Standish Lions Club members where they can set up in the area of the Transfer Station.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

32-21 Authorize Finance Director to Issue Municipal Quit Claim Deed to Richard E. Byrne and Kristen Byrne – (Map 020 Lot 23 Sub 005-000) [Libby]

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to dispense with the Clerk's reading of the order. **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

Finance Director, Scott Gesualdi explained that these taxpayers have paid all the taxes due which allows the issuance of the quit claim deed.

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments. hearing none, she called for Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote.

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of the deed is to release to the Grantee(s) herein any interest which the Town of Standish may have acquired in the foregoing property by virtue of unpaid taxes, as evidenced by tax lien certificates recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, now be it

ORDERED that the Finance Director is authorized to issue a municipal quit claim deed to Richard E. Byrnes and Kirsten Byrne of Standish, Maine:

MUNICIPAL QUITCLAIM DEED without COVENANTS

The inhabitants of the Town of Standish, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Maine and located in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, for consideration paid, release to **BYRNE, RICHARD E. AND BYRNE, KRISTEN of STANDISH, ME** a certain parcel of land with buildings thereon, if any, located in the Town of Standish, County of Cumberland, State of Maine, identified as follows:

Map 020, Lot 023, Sub 005-000, of the Assessor's Tax Maps of the Town of Standish, Maine, made by James H. Thomas, gisSolutions of Maine, of Cumberland, Maine dated April 1, 2002, and updated to April 1, 2019, which are on file at the Assessor's Office at the Town of Standish.

The sole purpose of this deed is to release to the Grantee(s) herein any interest which the Town of Standish may have acquired in the foregoing property by virtue of unpaid taxes, as evidenced by tax lien certificates recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds as follows:

Lien dated October 3, 2018 recorded in Book 35188, Page 197

Lien dated October 8, 2019 recorded in Book 36050, Page 265

Lien dated October 5, 2020 recorded in Book 37262, Page 123

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Standish has caused this deed to be signed by its Treasurer as authorized.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

33-21 Announce that the Town Clerk's Office will be Opened on Friday, June 4, 2021 for Absentee Voting Prior to the June 8, 2021 Elections and Amend Voter Registration Hours Previously Adopted [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments. hearing none, she called for Council comments.

Councilor Paul asked if the Town Clerk's Office will be open for any other town business on that day?

The Clerk explained that only election related transactions will be processed.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order No. 8 extends the deadline for absentee voting in the presence of the municipal clerk to 5:00 p.m. on the second business day prior to Election Day, and this date falls on Friday June 4, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Standish Town Offices are normally closed on Fridays, now be it

ORDERED, that the Standish Town Clerk's Office will be opened on Friday, June 4, 2021 for absentee voting and other election related duties, and

FURTHER ORDERED, that the voter registration hours adopted by Order 16-21 are amended as follows: Town Clerk's Office will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2021 and on Friday, June 4, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for absentee voting and voter registration prior to the June 8, 2021 elections.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

34-21 Receive List of Delinquent Personal Property Accounts from Finance Director as Required by the Personal Property Tax Collection Policy [Libby]

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments.

Scott Gesualdi the Finance Director explained that is process is required by the Town's Outstanding Personal Property Tax Policy.

Councilor Leclerc said that he was against the personal property tax and would not vote in favor of this order.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Council comments.

Councilor Butler asked what is the Council being asked to do?

Scott Gesualdi explained that this gives authority to move forward in the collection of these outstanding taxes.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Council comments, hearing none, she called for the roll called vote.

WHEREAS Town Council order 37-15 adopted the *Outstanding Personal Property Tax Collection Policy* which provides the procedural outline for the Finance Department staff to follow in collection of unpaid personal property taxes, and

WHEREAS in March the Finance Department has reviewed the outstanding accounts and sent letters to taxpayers in question as required in the policy, and

WHEREAS the policy requires that the following list of delinquent taxpayers is then presented to the Town Council at their April meeting:

SOUTHERN MAINE AGRI, LLC LOCATED AT 234 NORTHEAST ROAD \$911.65

NOW BE IT ORDERED that the Finance Director is authorized to mail letters to the taxpayers in question notifying them of the status of their account, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the second order to the Council regarding this procedure will be presented to them at their Special Town Council meeting on June 12.

VOTE: 6 Yeas – 1 Nay, LeClerc

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were no public items at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several meetings were announced.

Bill Giroux reminded them that on April 20, 2021 there will be a brief Special Town Council Meeting followed by a Town Council Workshop where the architect will provide a presentation illustrating the options available for the prospective Standish Community Center.

Councilor LeClerc asked if members of the public will be able to comment at the workshop.

Councilor Libby said that normally workshops are for the gathering of information for the Town Council.

Bill Giroux explained at future meetings the Council will have the opportunity to solicit public comments.

Bill Giroux explained to Councilor Gaba who was remotely attending the meeting that she should contact him by phone in a few minutes to join the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to move into an Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S Section 405 (6) (A), the Town Manager, Bill Giroux will join them in the Executive Session. **VOTE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7 Yeas**

Chair Pomerleau announced that there will be additional town business conducted after the Executive Session.

Moved seconded and voted to arise from the Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. and the regular meeting continued.

35-21 Approve Town Manager's Employment Contract [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public comments, hearing none, she called for Council comments, hearing none, he called for the roll called vote.

ORDERED that the terms of William D. Giroux's employment that are outlined in the proposed employment contract are hereby accepted.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. by roll call vote. 7 Yeas

Submitted by:
Clerk/Secretary

Mary E. Chepur