



**Select Board's Meeting  
Town of Bowdoin, Maine  
06/05/2023**

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**Present were:**

**Marc Bernier**

**Brad Totten**

**6:30 PM: Pledge of Allegiance**

**Administrative**

***Reviewed and signed Warrants and Minutes for 05/15/2023 and 05/22/2023 Marc made the motion to accept, Brad second, vote was unanimous.***

**Other Business:**

- Wendall Card Jr. would like to know who maintains the South Bowdoin cemetery as there has been no mowing so far this year. Jr. hired someone to mow before his father's burial. The Board extended their condolences to him for his father's death. Melanie will try to find out who is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery.  
Jr. filled out the questionnaire sent by MDOT for the upcoming Bridge Replacement Project of bridge #5396 carrying the Rte.125/Main St over Cathance Stream in Bowdoin. Melanie will email the form back to the State.  
The Board asked Jr. when he thought he might be able to shape and pave the new entrance to the Town Office addition. Jr. said he would try to get to it next weekend, depending on the weather.
- Several residents from the West Burrough Rd (George and Donna Morgan, George Jr and Jennifer Morgan and Dana Morgan) were in to discuss the status of their road. They have been calling the Town of Lisbon daily seeking information on what is happening with a solution for the bridge. FEMA did go to the site and look at the bridge (which is in Lisbon). The Morgans

were told that the Town of Lisbon has discussed with FEMA about the possibility of renting a temporary bridge. (at a cost of \$90,000?) At this point the State of Maine has not gotten a Declaration of Emergency for the Flood in May.

George Jr. questions-

1. Does Sagadahoc county know about the bridge situation?
2. Do they know the extent of the Emergency for the residents of West Burrough Road?
3. If the Town of Lisbon refuses to do something, what can the Town of Bowdoin do? Legally who can force them to do something?

This is of grave concern for the unprotected residents of the West Burrough Road (fire trucks cannot get to their homes, no oil trucks and no trash trucks) and is an absolute emergency. Brad Totten stated that Jr. Card has been talking with the MDOT to see if they can expedite the situation for at least a temporary bridge.

The residents feel that the road has been flooding over, before the bridge/culvert problem, and has prevented the school bus from picking up the children for school. They feel something should be done to raise the road. The bridge is in Lisbon and they should do something about it. It was stated that our State Representatives should be made aware of the problem.

- David Manfredi and Karan Stark did a zoom meeting with the Auditors. The Auditors stated they would meet with both in two weeks. They still have the Towns' laptop.
- The Select Board appointed David Manfredi for General Assistance. **Marc made the motion Brad second, unanimous. Melanie swore him in.**
- **Marc made a motion to accept the proposal from B&B Locksmith to change all locks and combinations plus a new doorknob with a lock for the Clerk's office, Brad second, unanimous.**

**Adjournment at 8:42 PM Motion by Marc, Seconded by Brad, and the vote was unanimous.**

***Respectfully Submitted by Melanie R. Page***