I. OPEN MEETING
A. Opening Ceremonies
Chairman Edgerly opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

II. CONSENT AGENDA
Treasurer Warrants
1. Payroll Warrant #26, #28
2. Administrative Warrant #27

Resolution #086-102819
MOTION: Conroy, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting – October 15, 2019
Resolution #087-102819
MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting of October 15, 2019. Motion passed.

IV. QUITCLAIM DEEDS

V. BOARD OF ASSESSORS/MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
Abatements and Supplements
Town Manager, Jack Clukey said the assessing committee reviewed and made recommendations for the abatements and supplements as presented.

Resolution #088-102819
MOTION: Conroy, seconded: Taylor, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the recommendations of the assessing committee for the abatements and supplements submitted. Motion passed.
VI. OPEN SESSION
A. Public Hearings

B. Open Session – Public
RSU No. 68 New School Year Update – Superintendent Stacy Shorey
Superintendent Stacy Shorey gave an update on SeDoMoCha School. She said enrollment is steady at 699 with 344 students in middle school and 355 in elementary school and 28 in pre-k. She explained that enrollment in pre-k is low because transportation is not available. Supt. Shorey also gave an update on positions that have been filled, impacts of new legislation, and efforts to keep the building in good repair. Supt. Shorey said that test scores came back with increases in all three categories of ELA, Math, and Science. Supt. Shorey said that the School Resource Officer has been successful and heavily involved with students and she noted that Chief Reardon has been instrumental in resolving a recent issue with a student who ran from school and was missing for several hours. New after school programs were also discussed. Supt. Shorey said that SeDoMocha has an amazing administrative team and staff and shared that the staff recently stayed extra hours to support a book study. She invited the Board of Selectmen to tour the school at any time.

Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr asked about recent turnover of teachers from SeDoMoCha to the Levant School System.

Superintendent Shorey said that she always conducts exit interviews when a staff member leaves their position and believes that some who have left have wanted to be closer to Bangor. She said that some teachers have also moved to the southern part of the State.

Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr also asked about goals to serve all children in pre-k.

Superintendent Shorey said that she has met with Headstart and that another meeting is planned for December to look at transportation.

Selectman Conroy and Selectman D’Agostino both asked questions about pre-k and how the district is evaluating the decision on providing transportation.

Selectman Conroy also asked about books on the bus and the try a new fruit program.

Superintendent Shorey said that the district is exploring ways to hold pre-k sessions and how best to make it work with the bus schedules. She also said that books on the bus has worked well with older students reading with younger students and that the students are enjoying new exotic fruits.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Superintendent Shorey for her report.

Foxcroft Academy New School Year Update – Headmaster Arnold Shorey
Headmaster Arnold Shorey said that the Academy had a smooth start this year. He said enrollment has decreased at 392 students primarily due to a decrease in boarding. He said he expects enrollment to rebound now that the Academy is an IB School which is popular in overseas countries. He said he also expects an increase due to other assets such as the new ice arena and fieldhouse.

Headmaster Shorey said that there are 31 students in the IB program with Donna Newhouse as the Coordinator.
He reported that all fall sports teams have made the play offs and noted upcoming games and an upcoming fall musical.

Headmaster Shorey said that the capital campaign for the new fieldhouse is underway and hopes to meet goals by the end of June.

Headmaster Shorey said he appreciates the work of the School Resource Officer Dennis and that Chief Reardon and Sgt. Grant visit often. He also said that there is a reunification drill planned with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Emergency Management Director.

Headmaster Shorey thanked the town for its support with homecoming festivities and for the police and fire departments in leading the parade down Main Street.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Headmaster Shorey for his report.

Other Open Session - Public

Chris Arno was present to discuss the proposal for the airport to be a location for a solar energy project. He said that he and many others are in support of the Chase family and their desire to keep the Charles A. Chase Memorial Field open as an airport.

Carolyn Chase Hall read a biography of Charles A. Chase and gave a statement regarding her family’s legacy and the gift of the airport to the town from the Chase family. She spoke of the many contributions of the Chase family and many businesses the family has brought to Dover-Foxcroft. She said that Charles A. Chase and the Chase family are admired by many and that the airport was a gift to the people of Dover-Foxcroft and it was the intention of the family to keep the airport in operation and Charles A. Chase’s memory alive.

Chris Arno said that although it is difficult to know when people are coming and going from the airport, it is good for businesses, for people visiting the area, and for emergency services. Mr. Arno said that Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has used the airport for search and rescue operations, it is used for forestry and as a refueling base for fire fighters. He said that Lifeflight has landed there and that he also knows of someone who landed recently due to an oil pressure problem.

He said he is soon to receive his pilot’s license and plans on building a hangar at the airport and knows of others that plan to do the same or lease space but not with uncertainty around the airport staying open.

Chris Arno said that the effort to keep the airport open has received an immense response from the Pilots Association and that the effort has brought a great response from the public.

Chris Arno requested that the Board take a formal vote to keep the Charles A. Chase Memorial Field in operation as an airport at this meeting, prior to the November 12th public hearing. He said that he is not against the solar project, but does not want it located at the airport site.

Selectman D’Agostino asked how long the support and interest for the airport could be sustained if the solar project was not proposed for the airport.

Chris Arno said that it depends upon the economy but that there are also younger people becoming involved in aviation.
He said that the town has not had an up to date listing of the airport manager, and there has not been town involvement with the airport. He also said that the town of Pittsfield is holding a flight school at their airport and that our town could do something similar.

He said there is a Fly In scheduled for November 10th and other events in support of the airport are planned.

Steve Hall asked why the airport was chosen as the proposed location for the solar project.

Town Manager, Jack Clukey said that the airport was not the only option for the proposal and that is was being considered because it would likely be the quickest site to develop for a larger scale project, but that there are other viable options for a project.

Chairman Edgerly explained that a public hearing is scheduled on the proposal of the airport being considered as the location for a solar project and that the airport as a location was never a “done deal”.

Craig Marden asked if maintaining the airport is a financial burden on the town.

The Town Manager said that the airport requires a small budget for insurance, telephone, and electricity with costs less than $2,000.00 per year and that he wouldn’t call it a financial burden. He noted that the airport in-kind support from the town for mowing, brush cutting, and snow plowing represents a much higher cost.

Mr. Marden asked about income generated by the airport.

The Town Manager said that the town receives a small fee annually for hangar lot rentals.

Jane Hibbard Merrill asked if there was a trust account for the airport.

Dave Johnson, Treasurer/Finance Director said he was not aware of trust funds for the airport, but noted stumpage money that is put in reserves when the field is cut

The Town Manager said that stumpage income has been earmarked for the airport.

Chris Arno said that if the Charles A. Chase Memorial Field is not being used as an airport, the town should return it to the Chase Family. He said if the land is not being used as it was intended by the Chase family, it is the right thing to do.

Chairman Edgerly asked if there were documents pertaining to the airport and restrictions on the use of the site.

Chris Arno said that documentation is being researched regarding the gift of the airport and its use.

Shawn Racila of the ATV Club proposed that Route 7 to the end of the Borough Road be open to ATV access. He said the Sangerville end is already open. He said it is 9/10 of a mile and that a family on the road has requested to have it ATV accessible.

Board members asked questions to clarify the location of the proposed access route and whether property owners would be notified. Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr asked if there was a process for when requests such as this are made.
The Town Manager said that when a request for ATV access is made, he directs the requestor to the ATV Club to consider whether the request is beneficial to the trail system as a whole, and then the next step is for the ATV Club to bring it forward to the town if they feel the request is beneficial.

Town Manager, Jack Clukey said that since the season is at its end, there is plenty of time to consider the request and notify abutters and bring the ATV Club back to discuss the proposal. He said the promotion and development committee can review the request and then a recommendation would be brought to the Board of Selectmen to discuss and consider at a meeting.

Deanna Hughes, Burough Road resident, said that she is in support of the request.

Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr asked Selectman Taylor if he foresees more requests like this in the future.

Selectman Taylor said that he expects these requests from rural areas of town, but not in the village areas.

Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr said that if the request is granted for Burough Road there may additional requests for other rural roads or side streets.

The Town Manager said the ATV Club may feel that since the Sangerville end of the Burough Road has ATV access that it makes sense for the Dover-Foxcroft side to be open as well. Shawn Racila said he wouldn’t be making the request if 2/3 of the road wasn’t already open to ATVs.

Selectman D’Agostino asked if there would be an environmental impact study.

Selectman Taylor said there always is.

Chairman Edgerly said that this matter will be reviewed by the promotion and development committee.

C. Open Session – Board of Selectmen
D. Adjustments to the Agenda

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Town Manager, Jack Clukey reported that the administrative/assessing committee met on October 22nd to discuss new motor vehicle fee legislation and the abatements and supplements submitted.

Town Manager, Jack Clukey reported that the public works committee met on October 23rd to discuss the Highland Road Request for Maintenance.
VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS
A. Police Officer Appointment
Chief Reardon introduced Jarrett Hill and discussed his education and background. The Selectmen welcomed Jarrett Hill to the police department.

Resolution #089-102819
MOTION: D'Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (6-0) to appoint Jarrett Hill as Police Officer for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft with a term to expire June 30, 2020. Motion passed.

B. Highland Road Request for Maintenance
Town Manager, Jack Clukey said that the public works committee met and discussed the request by Highland Road property owners for year round maintenance on October 23rd and that the committee recommends that the town does provide year round maintenance on Highland Road.

Resolution #090-102819
MOTION: Taylor, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve summer and winter maintenance to be performed on Highland Road beginning in 2019 and subject to periodic review by the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed.

Charles Merrill thanked the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager on behalf of the Highland Road property owners.

C. Wastewater Truck Bid
The Board received a copy of bids that were reviewed by the wastewater committee for a wastewater work/plow truck. The low bid was from Prouty Ford for $35,580.00 for the truck and $6,390.00 for the plow.

Resolution #091-102819
MOTION: D'Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (6-0) to accept the bid from Prouty Ford for a 2020 F350 work/plow truck. Motion passed.

D. Right of Way Abandonment
Town Manager, Jack Clukey referred to a survey of the original layout of Fairview Avenue compared with its actual location. He said that an abutter asked that the town clarify that Fairview Avenue does not in fact encroach on their lot. The Town Manager said that Attorney, John Cunningham suggests that a way to make this clarification is for the Board of Selectmen to deem this portion of Fairview Avenue abandoned.

Resolution #092-102819
MOTION: Conroy, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve and authorize Chairman Edgerly to sign the Resolution of Determination of Status of a Town Way for Fairview Avenue. Motion passed.
E. Snowmobile Club Grant-In-Aid Program

Resolution #093-102819

MOTION: Taylor, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the Town’s participation in the 2019-2020 Snowmobile Club Municipal/County Grant-in-Aid Program. Motion passed.

F. Motor Vehicle Agent Fees

Dave Johnson, Finance Director explained that recent legislation (LD917) has passed allowing increased agent fees on new motor vehicle registrations of $6 and $5 for renewals.

Resolution #094-102819

MOTION: Conroy, seconded: D’Agostino, and voted unanimously (6-0) to charge motor vehicle agent fees within limits shown in legislative actions. Motion passed.

G. Sewer Billing 2020 2nd Quarter

Resolution #095-102819

MOTION: Taylor, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to sign the Sewer Billing 2020 2nd Quarter Usage Period of July 1, September 30, 2019. Motion passed.

H. Next Meeting Agenda

The Town Manager said that with questions and uncertainty about votes taken beyond the public hearing at the next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting regarding the airport, and given the fact that the town is considering other viable alternative sites for the solar project, it would be helpful if the Board clarified whether it is planning to vote on the airport as a potential site for a solar project on November 12th.

Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr agreed that it would be appropriate to clarify whether a vote would be taken considering the amount of information to consider in a short amount of time.

The Board of Selectmen consented to allow the public to take part in discussion outside of open session.

Chris Arno asked the Board to take a formal vote that the Charles A. Chase Memorial Field would not be used as the location for a solar project and would remain an airport.

Selectman Conroy said that the town has posted a public hearing to allow comments and questions from all citizens whether in support of or against the location of the solar project.

Chris Arno said that the town has a moral obligation to the Chase family and does not have the right to take the airport land for another use.

Selectman D’Agostino and Vice Chairman Freeman Cyr agreed that the town is obligated to hold the public hearing as publicized.

The Town Manager asked if a proposed airport closure would require a town meeting vote.

Chairman Edgerly said he thinks the town needs to hold the public hearing before taking a vote on the matter.
Barry Hutchins asked if the Chase family would consider requesting that the Board vote to amend the deed to require that the land would be used only as an airport.

Mr. Hutchins also said that he believes the Board of Selectmen are doing as they should be doing by publicizing and holding a public hearing on the matter and that no other opinions have been heard.

Resolution #096-102819
MOTION: Conroy, seconded: Thomas, and voted unanimously (6-0) to vote that no votes will be taken on November 12th to close the airport.

It was suggested that if the deed was to be amended to restrict the use of the land as an airport, the town should consult legal counsel.

Motion passed.

I. November and December Meeting Schedule
The Town Manager said that the second meeting in November conflicts with the County Budget Hearing on Monday, November 25th and asked the Board to schedule the second meeting in November for Tuesday, November 26th. He also said that typically, the Board holds one meeting in December and asked the Board to schedule the December meeting on Monday, December 16th.

Resolution #097-102819
MOTION: Taylor, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (6-0) to schedule the second meeting in November on Tuesday, November 26th and one regular meeting in December on Monday, December 16, 2019. Motion passed.

J. Town Manager’s Report
Town Manager, Jack Clukey gave the following report:

Paving for 2019 is expected to be completed this week. The Monument Square properties are on track to be removed by the end of the year. The Fire Department is planning a training exercise in December.

Enclosed in Correspondence is some solar project information from Revision in terms of benefits of larger scale projects.

X. CORRESPONDENCE
-MRC Newsletter, October 2019
-From: Revision Energy, Re: Solar Project Information

XI. CLOSING REMARKS (Open Session if necessary and time permitting.)
XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Consultation with Legal Counsel
Resolution #098-102819
MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (6-0) to go into Executive Session per 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) to consult with legal counsel on an impending legal matter. Motion passed.

Resolution #099-102819
MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (6-0) to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

XIII. ADJOURN
Resolution #100-102819
MOTION: D’Agostino, seconded: Conroy, and voted unanimously (6-0) to adjourn. Motion passed.