

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

Attendance: Rose Hill, Doreen Berry, Charles Greenberg, Reggie Cunningham

Jeff called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Checking account balance reviewed: Checking - \$ 54,807.57

Minutes from 8/2/23 we reviewed; Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections noted.
Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0

Fire Dept Update: No representative from the Fire Dept. present.

Town Office – Keel Hood the town's auditor passed away unexpectedly and now the search has begun for a new auditor. Jeff has sent out emails to RHR Smith in Buxton and LG&H auditing firm out of Bangor. In the emails Jeff asked for proposals as to what the new companies expectations and fees will be. Doreen recommended going on the state website or checking with MMA for possible Auditor list.

A Moratorium proposal for wind, solar and energy corridors has been suggested to the board. Jeff has got 3 different local moratoriums to use as guidelines (Troy, Albion, Dixmont copies attached to these minutes). Concerns that came up: residential as to commercial, how will the solar aspect effect present solar plans of the Town Office, what direction is the energy corridor taking. Doreen recommends talking with the Town Attorney. Also it was recommended that the Planning Board revisit present ordinances that are in place to see that they are up to date.

Skipping ahead on the agenda it has been brought the board to organize an LS Power Committee. Tanya Blanchard has stepped up to co-chair/lead until someone else shows a strong interest. Other members added to the committee:

Jonny hazard, Gary Hazard, Jeff Trafton, Heidi Sorensen, Michelle Lewis, Janet Abrahamson, Doreen Berry (tentative)

Purpose of the committee;

- 1 Work on a moratorium draft.
- 2 Keeping connection with LS Power and getting the FACTS.
- 3 Inform the community of Thorndike as to the information that comes to the committee.

Tanya will draft and email to send to Rose so that she can share in the Town Eblast.

Jeff made motion to accept the committee with Tanya Blanchard as chair; Doreen 2nd no further discussion motion passes 3-0

Revenue Report discrepancy has been noticed, Rose will research the issue and let the board know immediately upon finding the error. Tabled until further information is available

Heat pump proposal update, Town was approved for the efficiency Maine project that was due by August 31, \$2800. Approved for the heat pumps. This will coincide with the solar project installation

The parking lot needs to be repaired from the area where the new sign was installed. Wellman Paving gave a quote of \$500.00. Jeff made motion to pay the bill out of marquee line \$176.35 and professional services \$323.65, Charles 2nd the motion no further discussion motion passes 3-0.

The town road commissioners have put in a request for new traffic cones. Jeff made motion was made to spend up to \$500.00 through White Signs to purchase traffic cones, Charles 2nd, Doreen will pick these up when the new Town sign is ready. Motion passed 3-0.

Sand & salt shed is finally complete and the first payment will be made in October.

FEMA update from Doreen is that all the paperwork has been turned and she has been working directly with the FEMA office for the past month. Estimated return of funds is \$48,000.

Fall ditching is something that will be done in designated, with the most road issues for now. That is to include parts of Files Hill, parts of Ward Hill and any other danger zone. A plan to get all the ditching done will be put into place to start in the Spring. Doreen made a motion to pay up \$10,000 to J&S gravel for ditching the areas previously spoke of. Jeff 2nd the motion, no further discussion. The motion passed 3-0

Warrants 47 -52 were reviewed. Jeff made a motion to sign the warrants with the addition to Wellman Paving to the present warrant, Charles 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Rose will email Wellman the signed agreement to fix Town Office parking lot.

Invoice for the bounce house tabled.

The speed on Gordon Hill through 25mph zone is still in the danger zone of drivers going too fast. The town does have a solar powered speed sign that can be put into place, to encourage drivers to slow down. Discussion continued with there are many areas in town that could use a speed sign. Conversation led to possibly mounting the present sign to a trailer that can be moved from place to place as needed. The board reminded that this sign does not enforce the speed but serves as a reminder for drivers to slow down.

No other discussions, Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Doreen 2nd motion passed 3 -0 adjournment 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rosemarie Hill
Town Clerk

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