

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2023

Attendance: Rose Hill, Doreen Berry, Charles Greenberg, Jeff Trafton, Reggie Cunningham, Garnett Robinson, John Thornhill, Jonathan Shaw

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

Checking account balance reviewed: Checking - \$ 51,451.43

Motion made by Jeff to adjust the schedule and put representative from Albion Jonathan Shaw to the beginning of the meeting, Doreen 2nd, motion passes 3-0

LS Power- Jonathan Shaw was at the meeting, he is from Albion and is on a committee to inform local town about the LS Power Corridor potentially coming through Maine. He mentioned that there is misinformation out there and encouraged the Thorndike select board to offer public information meetings to discuss and answer questions and concerns. He also suggested, as many towns are in the process, of creating a moratorium for energy corridors. Was a great discussion, Rose shared the town email with Jonathan and said it would okay to send any and all information to share with the residents of Thorndike.

Tax Commitment- Charles informed that the mil rate will stay at 17.5. Motion was made to by Doreen to accept and sign the 2023 tax commitment, Charles 2nd the motion, no further conversation, the motion passes 3-0.

MMA- Jeff received a dividend check from workman's compensation of \$509.00 motion by Jeff to cash check, Charles 2nd, no discussion, passes 3-0.

ARAP Funds was reviewed and determined that they could be used for road repairs instead FEMA money.

Rose would like to attend a training class in Augusta for election training; Jeff made a motion to approve the meeting attendance, Charles 2nd no discussion motion 3-0

Sand & Salt shed final papers were signed this morning by Jeff and Rose and overnight mailed for the town attorney who working with the Maine Bond Bank.

Heat Pumps were discussed with the possibility of putting 2 in the Town office. Doreen reviewed quotes that had come in per request. Motion made by Jeff to apply for Efficiency Maine Grant to help with heat pump purchase, Charles 2nd no discussion motion passes 3-0.

FEMA update- Doreen will be meeting with FEMA on 8-17-23 to finish up paperwork and submit any last minute request. Looking to get reimbursed by the end of the year,

John Thornhill was present to update that the entire tree trimming for this year is complete. The big tree next to the town office has been removed also.

Winter sand pile and salt is set to be put up for the upcoming winter. Sand is \$10 per yard want to have 4000 yd on hand. Doreen made motion to get 5 loads of salt from New England Salt LLC, Jeff 2nd the motion, no discussion motion passes 3-0.

Ditching paved roads was discussed and will put off until next year unless something pressing comes up. Board will get the figures together for next year's budget and do a 3 year rotation plan.

Parks & Rec have an invoice to add to the warrant for tee-shirts that will be sold to benefit the Marie Gloh park project. Jeff made motion, Charles 2nd no discussion, motion passes 3-0

Waldo County Woodshed has been looking for a new destination for the project. Doreen has had many conversations with Bob McGregor the director. The board discussed and a motion was made by Doreen to place the Waldo County Woodshed to be placed here on Town Office premises in the back of the building, Jeff 2nd no discussion motion passes 3-0.

Warrants were reviewed, Jeff made motion to accept and sign the warrants, Doreen 2nd discussion was to add ZOOM and tee shirt payment to the warrant, motion passes 3-0

OTHER:

Coffin road update: The landowner of 60 Coffin Road has given written permission/request for the select board /CEO to take photos of his property. The property is under some permit violations and these photos will add to the file.

ZOOM is now back up to date and new invoice is available, Charles made a motion to pay 104.93 for yearly services Jeff 2nd no discussion passes 3-0.

Motion made by Jeff to adjourn, Doreen 2nd, no further discussion motion passes 3-0

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff, Charles 2nd motion passes 30 7:50 p.m

Respectfully submitted

Rosemarie Hill
Town Clerk

