

## Select Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2024

Attendance: Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Rose Hill, Tim Veazie, Joe Frisbee Amber Hamblet, Reggie Cunningham

Meeting brought to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were reviewed from 3-30-2024, Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes with a few clerical errors, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion motion passes 3- 0

Update was given on the checking account balance.

Warrants were reviewed by the Select Board; Jeff made a motion to accept warrants and proceeds with signing the warrants, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. There was no further discussion and motion passed 3-0.

Rose presented the board with the completed 2022-2023 FY Audit Report. Was reviewed, Rose will send a copy to Maine Bond Bank in the morning.

Fire Dept.;

Rose had reached out to Mike Dionne and still no response.

Fire Chief Veazie gave update. Thorndike responded to a full involved structure fire in the town of Troy recently with an 8 member team. Some were able to get some interior fire fighting experience. The Fire Dept is transitioning to the new staffing positions.

The tanker was placed outside, due some fluids that were leaking on the floor, trying to avoid floor damage. While outside precautions have been taken to be sure there are no outside contaminations to the surrounding area. Rose mentioned many have inquired about the trucks; she will put out in the town eblast the update of the trucks.

Joe, fleet manager gave an update on the search for a new fire truck. The trucks in the age range they are looking for are much pricier than they thought. Did locate one in Canada, the board recommends a little more searching.

Question of how much money is in the Fire Truck replacement account, Rose did not have number with her, will be sure to bring to the next meeting.

The board would like a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion of the trouble with the present tanker, Jeff will contact the Montville Fire Chief who has experience in inspecting Fire trucks.

Jeff made a motion to table new truck purchase until the 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection of the tanker has been completed and Rose brings back an account balance. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion, motion passes 3-0.

The Fire Dept plans on standing by at the station during the upcoming snow storm that is predicating lots of snow and high winds. A request has been made for finances to provide food to the Dept employees, Rose had already presented with petty cash of 100.00.

The fire dept will check with EMA for some additional cots other than the 2 that are presently here at the Town office. Doreen asked if dispatch has been notified and Chief Veazie confirmed that this had been taken care of.

The Thorndike Fire Dept Auxiliary will be hosting a Corn Hole tournament to raise funds for additional forestry gear for the Dept.

Town office updates were as follow:

The MMA legal request has been tabled until a letter of intent can be drawn up and signed by the Select Board.

Audio Equipment will be ordered for the Town office. The present equipment mostly belongs to Select Board member Charles Greenberg, who has graciously brought in to be used. The new equipment will be wall mounted and make it a lot more convenient to use. The order will consist of new micro phones, wall mount camera, computer/mouse and utility cart. Cost approx. \$310,00 up to \$360.00. Jeff made a motion to allow funds up to \$375.00 to be allocated for the new office audio equipment; Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Check book reconciliation or the lack of documentation to the board was addressed. Rose the town treasurer spoke to the board that this has been an achilles heel for her throughout the time of learning the job. She will have documentation ready for the next Select Board meeting.

The 2024-2025 Curbside Recycling contract was presented to the board for review. Jeff made a motion to sign the one year contract with the terms written, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0 Contract signed by the Board and Joseph Frisbee.

Road update given by Doreen, J&S Gavel has been out and assessed the culvert issue on the Reid Road. The culvert is presently caving in. Suggestions to extend the culvert out by adding an extension, should fix the issue.

Cemetery Committee update from Doreen. Discussion has come up about the time frame to have a graveside funeral with a hole being dug. After talking with Mr. Abbott it has been agreed that the time frame for burial will be from April 30 to November 1. The committee will be updating the ordinance.

Rose let the Board know that the FEMA money for the expenses during December 2023 storm have been received.

Farewell Committee update given by Charles. The committee is made up of nine members: Charles Greenberg, Wendy Trafton, Maggie Camden, Ben Darling, Jacquie Ludden, Winnie Noyes, Rose Hill, Michelle Clinch, Britney Mayer. It is a group with a diverse age group.

A scholarship application has been approved by the committee and is presently being introduced to Mount View and surrounding graduating Seniors. There will be a meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> to review the returned applications. This will be a public meeting and to maintain privacy applicants will be read with an assigned letter. The decisions will be presented to the board, approval will be take place and disbursement letters will be sent out.

Farwell Museum is hosting a 3 day event in town Aug. 2, 3, & 4 they have put in a request to the town for the closure of Depot Street for nonresident traffic during the event. Jeff made a motion to approve the closure, Doreen 2<sup>n</sup> the motion, Farewell representative will notify the town. Motion passed 3-0

A proposed Freedom of Access request for NOVA farms g=has been brought up. Rose confirmed she had spoke with Aaron Lewis, and he informed her that this company is working with them directly and not sure why they have called here. Jeff will follow up with Aaron for more information

Reappointments have been tabled until next meeting. Rose and Jeff will connect and get an updated list going.

Rose put in for a vacation day in June,. Board reviewed and approved.

Motion made to adjourn by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doreen passed 3-0 adjournment 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Hill  
Town Clerk

