

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES April 5, 2023

Attendance: Rose Hill, Jeff Trafton, Jeff Fowler, Alfred Wren, Lucille Gardiner, Jonny Hazard, Gary Hazard, Ashley Duclos, Doug Raven II, John Thornhill, Amy Bliss

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

CHECKING

General Checking - \$51,284.30

Repurchase – \$649,222.91

FY 2023-2024 Board Chair was voted upon. Charles made a motion for Jeff Trafton to continue to be chair, Doreen 2nd motion passes

Rose had a presentation to award Doreen Berry with a volunteerism/community service award. Awarded to her by the Waldo County Commissioners Office.

Doug Raven II was present to discuss an issue with getting electricity into his property. Issues are neighbor will not sign and easement, so solution would be to move the Center Cemetery Sign to allow him to get power into his property at less cost. After much discussion the board committed to doing a feasibility study of the area to see what the best approach would be. Doug was content with their decision to investigate further and get back to him.

Michael Abbott was nominated by Doreen to be the Thorndike Cemetery graveyard digging contract, Jeff 2nd the motion, no discussion motion passes 3-0. Rose will add this to the website.

Ashley Duclos was present to discuss issue with the contracted trash pickup in the town and to see if it could be a once a week pick up fro trash instead of 3 trash and 1 recycling. The board discussed how this a contract already made and that this is something to bring up at next year's town meeting. As far as complaints about the trash not being picked up/forgotten, the board suggested that all complaints come into the Town Office and the Clerk will contact Sullivan's waste and keep documentation of the events.

Town Road Plowbid- The board was presented a letter by Alfred stating that A & Z Farm LLC would like to continue with plowing the roads for a 3 year contract at the same rate (\$250,000.00) the FY of 2022-23. Jeff made a motion to accept the letter and the terms of the amount to award A & Z farm LLC the plowing contract from the FY 2023-24, 2024-2025, and 2025-26 and sign the contract Doreen 2nd the motion passes 3-0.

Roadside trimming Bids after Select Board reviewing all the contractor bids a motion was made by Jeff to accept the 3 year contract bid from Construction Unlimited (John Thornhill) Doreen 2nd Motion passes. 3-0 Doreen added a motion to add first installment be added to the present warrant pay Construction Unlimited, Jeff 2nd the motion, motion passes 3-0.

Rose asked if it was okay to call Roy Greeley and let him know that at a previous meeting he was awarded Roadside mowing contract. Board granted permission.

FEMA Reimbursement- Rose has the information to submit final road repairs from the winter storm to get reimbursement.

Sand / Salt shed- The overhead doors have been installed, electrical done now PDQ needs to come back and hook up the door sensors. Completion is almost done.

Roads;

Many roads are need of repair and pothole work. Listed below are the roads presently needed of Dec storm repair

Curtis Pond Road, Bailey Road – Palmer Road- Parsons Valley, Reid Road and Coffin Road. There are many issue to address: ditching, culverts, grading, pot holes Motion was made for J & S Gravel to move forward with the repairs by Doreen, Jeff 2nd motion passes 3-0 It is being recommended that grading takes place twice this year, Spring and fall.

Wellman paving has been contacted to come out and give a quote for the pothole filling.

Fire Dept Update. Chief Dionne stated that the new Fire Truck is nearly complete and ready for work. He also advised that 2 Vol. FF are presently half way through fire safety class.

Town Office Business:

The Assessor left a form for the select board to sign and be sent to MMA Jeff made motion to sign, Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0. Rose will make copy for the assessor before mailing.

Salt for FY year 2023-24 is need to be ordered and has been decided to stay with New England salt works for the Town winter road salt.

Cannabis Ordinance Proposal has been reviewed by KVCOG and given approval to move forward. There will be a Public Formal Hearing April 19 @ 6:00 p.m. Rose will advertise in the Rolling Thunder, website, and social media spots.

A Special town meeting will be set up for April 29th in the event that the town legislative body proves the ordinance Doreen made the motion Jeff 2nd motion passes

MMA Bond Bank notice has been tabled until the next meeting more information needed. The invoice will be removed from the warrant.

Jeff gave us an update on the Town Sign, the company has agreed that they can run the electrical to the building and then we would have to get an electrician to continue from there. Nathan Wren of Liberty East Electrical will be contacted by Jeff to see if he can complete the job for us.

Town Clean-Up update was given by Rose. Tipping fees a have gone up. Lots of ideas thrown out to see what fees should be. This is still in organization mode. Update at next meeting.

The town website has been brought up, need more information and pursue other avenues. This has been tabled until the next meeting.

Employment Opportunities: Rose brought to the boards attention that the office will need to hire a Deputy Clerk and Cleaning person. Jeff made motion to go ahead and advertise locally Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0.

Doreen has requested to reach out to MMA Legal about the article at town meeting that was tabled and then funds allotted for that were used for another project after town legislative body made and amendment Doreen made motion, Jeff 2nd, motion passes 3-0

Solar Array goes out to bid Rose will post this in the Rolling Thunder, Town Website and social media. Bids are due April 19th by 5 p.m.

Doreen made a request to pursue the resilience grant through Efficiency Maine. Grant amount \$50,000..
Doreen made motion to approve Charles 2nd, motion passes 3-0

Brick Yard – the cemetery committee would like to do a brick fundraiser to go towards the veteran’s memorial. Brick fee would be \$40.00. Jeff motioned to approve, Charles 2nd motion passes 3-0

Tyler Curtis, town sexton has not been responding to emails and phone calls for assistants with cemetery issues. Doreen is offering to take assistant sexton position upon waiting to hear from Tyler by April 19 to see if he will continue his job. Motion made to accept Doreen proposal made by Charles, Jeff 2nd motion passes 3-0

Motion was made by Jeff to accept the presented minutes with minor corrections, to the Town meeting minutes, Doreen 2nd, motion passes 3-0

Jeff made a motion to review the warrants, Doreen 2nd Warrants reviewed Jeff made motion to accept and sign the warrants, Charles 2nd motion passes warrants signed.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0 adjournment 9:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie Hill
Town Clerk