

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 7, 2023

Attendance: Rose Hill, Jeff Trafton, Doreen Berry and Reggie Cunningham (Charles absent due to school business)

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

Road Update: The Culvert on East Thorndike Road will be repaired on Sunday June 11th Road will be closed at the Mile Road and at the Palmer Road. Traffic will be redirected to those roads. Rose will post this in the appropriate places for town residents to see. The potholes on East Thorndike road will be filled with dirt for now until that part of the roads can be repaired by Wellman Paving. There will also be 4 dump truck loads of gravel hauled into the Reid Road to ensure that the Farmers on that road can have access the haying fields.

Fire Dept: Reggie Cunningham proposed that the Fire Dept make a donation to Canteen 19 (an organization that helps during fires and other fire dept situations) to help repay the kindness and support that they showed during the recent fire on the Reid Road. Jeff discussed that this has to be a decision of the present Fire Chief and the Dept. Rose will reach out to Mike. The proposal has been tabled. There will be fire hose testing done and the Thorndike Fire station Wednesday the 14th for Freedom and Troy and Thursday the 15th for Thorndike and Unity.

The Cemetery Committee: Concert on the Lawn is a go for Saturday July 1 2023 rain or shine. On July 29th the Cemetery committee will host the Maine Old Cemetery association for a day of workshops. Lunch and breakfast will be available; all proceeds to this event go toward the Veterans Memorial Fundraiser. There is also going to be BRICK DRIVE where you can purchase a brick to place in the building of the new memorial. These bricks will cost \$40.00 and the person for the brick does not have to be a veteran.

Town Office: Northern signs came over reassessed the placement of the marquis sign, and are ready to get started. Jeff made a motion to pay the deposit of \$10,900. To get the project moving, Doreen 2nd the motion with no further discussion. Passes 2 – 0
There is a dead tree on Mount View Road that needs to be cut to prevent any further incidents. John Thornhill has put is a proposal of \$500.00 to remove the tree, Jeff made motion to accept the \$500.00 proposal, Doreen 2nd the motion. Motion passes 2-0.

Special Town meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 21st @ 6:00 p.m. at the town hall. This meeting is to go over the Solar Array Proposals and Moving money from surplus back into Park & Rec. account that was from fundraising and donations The Board will have Special Select Board meeting June 14th to sign the Town warrant for the Special Town Meeting and Dan Page will be available to post the warrants,

Generator contract signing has been tabled, searching other options

The board was presented with yearly contract for the Bangor Humane society, Jeff made the motion to sign the contract Doreen 2nd the motion passes.

Municipal Parking Lot Plow bid was present to the board for signing; Jeff made a motion to sign the contract Doreen 2nd contract signed. Rose will notify A&Z Farm LLC for their signature.

RSU 3 budget warrant papers were presented to the board for signing for the upcoming Budget Vote. Jeff made motion to sign Doreen 2nd.

Park & Rec. The gazebos are slowly being put up just waiting for the rain to stop to complete. Picnic tables will be put in place and working on getting charcoal grill to put in place.

Motion was made by Jeff to review the warrants, Doreen 2nd the motion, after review Jeff motion made to sign the warrants with the add on for John Thornhill and Mel Cole, Doreen 2nd the motion, the motion passes.

Reappointments were made by the select board. Motion made to reappoint Charlie Porter CEO and Robert Geaghan, Asst. CEO.

Jeff made a motion to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. Doreen 2nd the motion.

Jeff made a motion to exit executive session at 7:54 p.m.

Motion made by Jeff to remove the present motion and to table after employee reviews,

Motion made by Doreen to appoint Rose Hill as Tax Collector, Clerk, Excise Collector, Registrar and (11 Addressing officer. Jeff 2nd the motion, the motion passes.

Maine Bond association has contacted the Board to let them know the finalization of the Sand and Salt shed ar almost complete and payment amounts will be sent out soon.

Vault cleaning: Donna smith has been working diligently to repair some filing issues in the vault; she has been working all the property map/lot folders which have been in disarray. They are looking great. There were concerns from Select Board member Doreen who thought there be some unnecessary shredding taking place. Rose assured the board that this is not the case; any that was observed was from something other than the project at hand. There is a shred bucket in the office and it does get emptied. There is a book that is kept in the office of any important documents that have reached the shred date and it is written in this book.

Nova Farms has confirmed that the inspection papers that were improperly dated and retuned to be fixed have got to the state in time and the inspection and license were both approved.

Planning Board- Patty Pendergast has given her resignation from the planning board effective immediately. Patty has done an amazing job over the years on the board, and the select board thank her. Rose will post the need for new planning board member on the website,

Rose submitted a request for a vacation day on Aug 31st, this will coincide with the long holiday weekend, her goal is to not close the office anymore that she needs to.

Rose has submitted a request to the MTCCA Clerk Training class on July 18, this class is a must take and she finds that she is behind on taking it. The office will be closed that day. Jeff made a motion to approve the fee of \$60.00 to take the training, Doreen 2nd Motion passes.

Jeff made a motion at 8:05 p.m. to adjourn, Doreen 2nd the motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosemarie Hill Town Clerk

