

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 3, 2023

Attendance: Rose Hill, Jeff Trafton, Jeff Fowler, Reggie Cunningham, Doreen Berry, Chuck Cusano, Mike Dione

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

CHECKING

General Checking - \$49,535.44

Repurchase – \$551,715.41

Minutes from 4/5/2023 were reviewed. Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes with minor correction, Doreen 2nd Motion passes

Roads updates: Has been discussed due to the mild spring to un-post the roads. Jeff made a motion to take the signs down, Doreen 2nd the motion passes. Rose will put out to the public immediately.

Charles met with D.O.T. last week to discuss the condition of bridges in Thorndike. After discussion and going out to view the bridges it looks like the bridge on the Dolloff Road is going to be replaced. This bridge could get up to a million in cost. Another bridge being looked at is on the East Thorndike Road. This bridge at this time may just need some repairs and a facelift. There is another meeting set up to discuss this on May 15, 2023 There are grants out there that may help to defer the cost of the bridge repairs. Doreen will be looking into these.

A brief conversation took place about hiring a grant writer for the town. There are so many grants out there to apply for but it does take time and precision.

Wellman Paving will be submitting projective quotes for town road repairs, but we are not able to get them any sooner than July 2023

J & s Gravel have been notified about the road closure on Knox station road and should start the repairs within days

Sand / Salt shed- Is officially 100% complete. A partial payment request to the Bond Bank is the last step. Jeff made a a motion to sign the partial payment request to include \$2,7050.00 to be pay PDQ door and \$1,632.43to pay Liberty East Electric, total amount \$28,681.43. Jeff made motion to sign the document Doreen 2nd motion. Motion passes. Rose will send this off to AE Hodson via email.

Rose questioned if PDQ Door payment should be added to the present warrant, Doreen made motion to add the payment to get the check cut but hold the check until funds are in the Town checking account, Jeff 2nd the motion. Passes 2-0

Due to issues with the door on the sand and salt shed it ran behind schedule. So the Maine Bond Bank has sent the town a loan closing extension form to get us over the timeline threshold. Jeff made a motion to sign the form; Doreen 2nd the motion, motion passes 2-0. Rose will get into the mail immediately.

Turner Trucking submitted an invoice for the cleanup he did at the sand and salt shed property. The job had been previously approved for up \$500.00 Doreen made a motion to pay the invoice on the present warrant and to take out of professional services. Jeff 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Fire Dept update: Mike Dione was present to update the new fire truck is ready to be put to work, with the exception of getting lettering on the truck. He is still waiting on quotes from companies. Was mentioned that he call and see if the truck can go out with the no lettering.

The 2 going to fire training are ½ way through. Jeff mentioned a recognition ceremony when the complete the classes for all their hard work and dedication. Doreen had questioned Dione about the firefighters getting paid more frequently as to waiting until the end of the year. Mike will take this back to the next FD meeting.

Cemetery News: The cemetery committee is fundraising and has requested to use the Town Office for a community event. There will be bands, concessions and great food. Date selected is Saturday July 1st. Doreen made a motion to approve the use of Town event room and outside area, Jeff 2nd, motion passes

Town Office Business:

The Town websites contract is up and needs to be renewed after discussion of pros and cons Doreen made motion to accept the one year contract and pursue other avenues for the future. Jeff 2nd the motion. Motion passes. This will come out of professional services line

Town office sign is still in the organizing stage. The sign company will do all the work up the building, and then the town would need an electrician to connect to the power. Jeff is reaching out to Liberty east electric to see if he will complete the work.

Rose is requesting to re-order Town checks used to pay invoices and payroll. The amount of the invoice will be \$525. 58. Jeff made a motion to approve the purchase Doreen 2nd motion passes.

Town Clean-up date has now become a fall event due to the issue of weekends already booked. A date has been set for Saturday September 9, 2023

Parks and Rec. have purchased 2 gazebos like structures and 2 picnic tables to place at Marie Gloh Park. The permit approval needs to go before the Planning Board due to the flood zone ordinance the Town accepted.

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

Employment opportunities: Rose has hired Desiree Nelson for the Town Office cleaning position. Rose is slowly looking for a new Deputy Clerk.

Nova Farm has sent to the Select board their new inspection papers to renew license. They have submitted in an untimely manner and the inspection will be done asap by Robert Geaghan.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Doreen 2nd motion passes 2-0 adjournment 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie Hill
Town Clerk