

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 1, 2023

Attendance: Rose Hill, Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Reggie Cunningham, Alfred Wren, Jonny Hazard, Gary Hazard, Wendy Trafton, and Diana Prizio

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

Jeff made a motion to move the agenda article around for the guest, Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0.

Up first Diana Prizio who presented to the Board a State of Maine Liquor license application to sell Spirits at their upcoming fundraising event. After much conversation about the Town Liquor laws Charles made a motion to sign the license that limits the sales to just beer and wine. Jeff 2nd motion passes 3-0

Select Board needs to convey to the Planning board about having an Ordinance in place.

Jeff made a motion to take a 5 minute break, so that Clerk can help Diana with faxing her paperwork.

Up second is Alfred Wren who wanted to discuss the upcoming snowplow bid that will come out in the Spring. His concerns are around the Select Boards conversations to have a Town Public Works. He has stated that he would not want to work for the Town of Thorndike as an employee and chooses to keep his independent contractor status. Another concern is that he is looking for more than a one year contract; he has options to bid elsewhere if the Town is not able to provide/guarantee a 3 year contract. Alfred wanted to let the Boards know his present situation.

CHECKING

General Checking - \$49,230.50

Repurchase – \$759,433.30

Minutes were read from 2/15/2023 meeting. Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes with the fixing of minor clerical errors; Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0

Available sand update: Alfred will connect with John Cranouski to assist with putting the outside pile into the shed to get it mixed with salt.

Fire Dept: Doreen made a motion to sign the annual Fire Dept. MSAP form, Jeff 2nd the motion passes. Clerk needs to be sure to put a copy in the code enforcement box and the ordinance binder.

Roadside Trimming Bid update; Jeff had a conversation with Begeron who had submitted a bill considerably low. They were under the impression that the brush was only being cut back 5 feet. They did not come to the Workshop meeting held on 2/27/2023. The previous contractors bid amount will go on the upcoming warrant. Doreen made a motion to put on warrant \$37,400 for 2023 road trimming, Jeff 2nd motion passes 3-0.

Sand and salt shed update from Jeff is that we are waiting on the electrician to come hook up the door, email final PDQ, final inspection from A.E Hodsdon and phew long adventure will be complete. Nate Wren the electrician had some personal issues that delayed him getting to the job. Alfred will relay back to him that we would like this done before 3/17/2023

Laptop update: Charles has been working with Ryan Vines from Tech Source to get the last 3 laptops setup. Goal is to meet on 3/8/2023 at the Planning Board meeting to finish them up. Rose will extend an invitation for Mike Dione to come this meeting.

It was discussed that there needs to be a Public Hearing to discuss proposed Cannabis Ordinance. There will be a Special Town Meeting in April to finalize.

The new generator will be installed either 3/4/2023 or 3/10/2023. Jeff made a motion to put the old generator out to bid, Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0 Jeff will get rose the specs so that she can advertise on all Municipal sights. The bids will need to be in by noon 4/3/2023 with a decision being made on 4/5/2023.

Budget Committee Members had approached the Town Office Clerk who brought the proposal the select board meeting, to add a Outside Electronic Marquee Sign for the Town. Two proposals were handed to the board and reviewed. After much conversation a motion was made to add to the upcoming Town Meeting Warrant for 3/18/2023 Jeff made a Motion was made to ask for \$24,000 for the purchase, installation and all labor, Charles 2nd motion passes 3-0. An article will be added to the warrant for town approval.

Town Meeting Warrant for 3/18/2023 was reviewed. All adjustments were made with a great group effort. Jeff made the motion to sign the warrant, Charles 2nd motion passes 3 -0. Rose will contact dan page to get these out in the correct places for the public's viewing.

ATV Club Document signing.-Each year the ATV club presents the Board with a document for them to choose the roads that will be okay for the ATV riders to use. These roads will coincide with the ATV trails and are to be used as access roads. Jeff made a motion to sign, 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 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie Hill

Town Clerk