

Select Board Meeting Minutes May 01, 2024

Attendance: Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Rose Hill, Tim Veazie, Joe Frisbee Amber Hamblet, Reggie Cunningham, chuck Cusano, Ricky Foster and Desirae wark

Meeting brought to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion and motion passed 3-0.

Motion was made by Jeff to enter executive session for treasury, Charles 2d no discussion, motion passes 3-0, entered executive session at 6:50 p.m.

Motion made by Jeff to exit executive session at 7:20 p.m., Charles 2nd, motion passes 3-0

Fire Dept update given by Chief Veazie: The fire dept presented to the board to follow town ordinance of collecting recovery fees from services rendered on fire/accident calls. Would like to go back to February events and move forward. . Jeff directed that the FD and board meet with **Central Maine Cost Recovery LLC**, the company involved with the billing and payments. Jeff made a motion for the FD to pursue with the Cost Recovery, Doreen 2nd, discussion entailed giving Thorndike residents a discount, motion passes 3-0

Knox Funds was discussed as to how the funds are allocated. Knox Funds are monies received from the Town of Knox for Mutual FD Aide. The funds are held into an account for the purpose of something within the fire dept needs to be attended urgently. The funds are to remain at the balance of no larger than \$15,000, if at the end of the fiscal year the funds are greater than \$15,000.00 the excess rolls in to the FD Fire Truck Replacement Fund.

Reggie handed some literature to the board and FD about the changing in municipal fire dept and how they will become obsolete with a 10 year span. Fire Dept will leaning towards central station. The board and FD thanked him for the information.

The FD has found a fire truck that meets the present search criteria. It is located in Canada, \$177,100 and 2200 miles on it. This amount would include all international paper work and a delivery fee. The FD would like to move forward with this purchase. The treasurer informed the board and FD that there replacement truck balance is \$207,798.13. Joe Frisbee has made contact with the seller and they will take a deposit to hold the truck for 2 weeks for a Special town meeting.

The FD also has requested of the board funds that went in to surplus from last year be given back to the FD, because of expenses that should have been last year are now coming out of the current budget. There are new members at the dept and it leaves very little funds to outfit the crew. They know that asking for all the funds may seem unreasonable, so requesting \$13,600. A motion was made by Jeff motion write up a warrant to have a special town meeting on may 15 @ 6:00 for the town to vote on the purchase of a new fire truck, to send a deposit in the amount of \$18,000 to hold the fire truck until the results of the special town meeting with a clause that \$17,000 be refunded in the event that the town does not approve, Doreen 2nd the motion, discussion continued to add to the motion for the FD to receive the remainder of FY2023-24 budget be returned to the FD, \$10,600. Also the remainder of the American rescue plan funds of \$14,424.66 be given to the fire dept to go towards improvement at the FD, motion passes 3-0

Charles wrote up the warrant for the Special Town meeting to reflect the previous motion that passed. Jeff made a motion to accept and sign the Warrant as written, Doreen 2nd motion passed 3-0 Rose will get Dan page to post.

Doreen made a motion for the FD to have their own Petty cash, so as to not have to come to the Town Office, this will come out of the FD expense report, Jeff 2nd the motion no discussion motion passes 3-0

Doreen gave an update on the Street light purchase. The town will not be charged any early termination fees.

Doreen has motion to the board for the funds for a Memorial Day wreath to place at the Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day for those who would like to have a quiet moment. The wreath will be in place from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The funds needs for the wreath being made at Unity flower shop is \$75.00. Motion was made by Jeff 2nd the motion passes 3-0

Land Use ordinance is being reviewed by the Board and they are preparing to set a date for a public hearing. The ordinance will not be sent to KVCOG at this time.

Cannabis ordinance will sent to town lawyer to prepare for the ordinance to go to a Special town meeting after a public hearing.

Knox Excise agreement need to be approved and signed, Jeff made motion to accept and sign, Charles 2nd the motion, the motion passes 3-0.

Road grading, Rose was able to obtain information for Toby Farrington who used to grade the Town roads, to see if he could fill in for John Cranouski while his grader is being prepared. Doreen replied to the board that John and her had decided grading was not necessary this year, that materials would be bought into build up the roads. Doreen made a motion for \$15,000 to be allocated for material for Parsons Valley, Wingate and Raven Road, to come out of summer roads funds, Jeff 2nd motion passes 3-0

Town Certified Ratio form was presented to the board by the Town assessor, Jeff made a motion to sign the form, Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0

The board has been presented with Tree Growth Penalty from the assessor, Jeff made motion to sign , Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0.

Foreclosure update , Jeff and Rose have reached out the state to be sure all letters have been sent to the landowner. The State of Maine sent a form letter to fill out and send as a final letter.

Rose requested permission from the board to work Friday May 3 to be available for Chapman Chimney to repair the boiler chimney. Board was okay with this.

Rose asked about altering her hours on Tuesday and Thursdays to be able to work hours when the office is closed to work more quietly Friday

Motion made by Jeff to adjourn Doreen 2nd motion passed 3-0 8:56 p.m.

