

## Select Board Meeting Minutes November 6, 2024

Attendance:, Doreen Berry, Christopher Lewis, Rose Hill, Joe Frisbee, Amber Hamblet, Casey Palmer, Joe Frisebee, Tim Veazie, Shenita Veazie, Heidi Sorensen, Pollyanna Sorensen, Chuck Cusano, Michael Berry, Reggie Cunningham, Jonny Hazard, Gary Hazard, Bill Wentworth, Anthony Lancaster and Charles Greenberg (arrived late)

Meeting brought to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doreen made a motion to adjust the agenda, Christopher, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no discussion, motion passed 2-0

The Planning Board presented the Select Board with a request for them to review the Updated Land Use Ordinance, the planning Board would like for the Select Board's approval before presenting it to the Town at a Public Hearing. After much discussion it was decided that the Select Board would attend the Planning Board meeting on November 19, 2024 to review the Updated ordinance. Upon the approval of the Board the Planning Board will follow through with scheduling a Public Hearing. Christopher thanked and complimented the Planning Board for all their hard work and long hours.

Fire Dept updates given by Secretary Amber Hamblet:

- FD continues to review out of date standards of operating procedures.
- FD continues to review the budget for present budget and 2025-2026 budget by conducting in house budget meetings
- FD continues to gather grant information & applications. Presently 15 will double the community outreach program.
- FD continues with education classes i.e.: Risk Reduction Rapid Response, proper paperwork techniques.
- FD recently was involved with two Holiday events and two live fire training. Newsletter available with info.

Fire Dept Payroll was brought to the Select Boards attention with the errors that were discovered, reviewed and corrected. FD requesting the Select Board to allow the clerk to do another payroll asap, many FD members livelihood pending on these payroll payments. The Select Board asked the payroll clerk if she would have the time to do the payroll in the next few days. The payroll clerk responded with not a problem.

The Fire Dept put a request before the Select Board for a steel door for the FD to replace a faulty door. Doreen made the motion to purchase a door with a cost of \$169.00, Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, discussion was where the door would be purchased? Home Depot was where the quote came from; the town clerk will put on the warrant or purchase order with credit card payment once the FD is ready to pick up the door. Motion passed 3-0

Joe Frisbee gave FD truck update:

- Truck 7 is going to the garage 11/11/24 for an inspection sticker.
- Truck 9 will be going to the garage 11/12/2024 for repairs and an inspection sticker.

- Truck 13 has a new inspection sticker.
- Tentative date for the pumper truck to go in for repair is Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, with the worst case scenario of being out of commission for 2 weeks.

Joe brought to the Select Board's attention that the concrete jersey barriers around the fire pond need to be moved / readjusted, so that they will not fall in the pond. Discussion involved getting a tractor to pick them up, replace /smooth out the surface under the barrier and replace them.

Joe also brought to the Select Board's attention that there needs to be fire lane signs at the FD, so folks will not park and block the driveway. Doreen said she would look at White's signs and price them out.

Fire Dept Recovery Program Representative Bill Wentworth presented to the Select Board a contract to review and sign to start getting compensation back from FD calls. Doreen thanked Bill for coming and said the Board will review and put this back on the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> agenda. A question on billable items was asked, the Select Board responded that the FD should bring before the Select Board for clarification.

Fire Chief Tim Veazie addressed the Select Board as to why the delay on the personnel issues within the FD, allegations' towards him that have taken 35 days to address? Doreen made a motion to go to executive session, Chief Veazie replied that there was no need for this; he has nothing to hide from the town. Doreen looked to the other board members for 2<sup>nd</sup>; neither Charles nor Christopher found the need for an executive session; if Chief Veazie did not wish for one, the motion was removed. Chief continued to ask the Board why he was being treated with disrespect and why attorneys had to be called in for a verbal allegation that had no evidence to back it up, why is the Board wasting Tax payers money? Charles responded that after reviewing the Employee Handbook and the recommendation of Maine Municipal Association council , it was the direction the Board took.

Charles made a motion to go into executive session FD Human Resource, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, motion passed 3-0. Board entered executive at 7:26 p.m. Chris made a motion at 8:06 p.m. to exit executive session, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no discussion, motion passed 3-0.

The Fire Dept roster at the present time with the budget that is being worked with has no room for new members' at this time.

Minutes from 10-2-2024 were reviewed, Doreen made a motion to table the minutes due to incorrect of verbiage and minor clerical errors, Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, minutes tabled

Minutes from 10-16-2024 were reviewed. Doreen made motion to table the minutes due to missing verbiage and clerical errors, Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Charles abstained from the vote. Motion passed 2-0, minutes tabled.

Minutes from the Special Town Meeting were reviewed and the Select Board suggested the minutes be corrected, for the word "Tabled" was used rather than "Postponed", the Clerk replied that the minutes were already reviewed and approved at the last minute. The Board replied that it was brought to their attention that it was not correct and after listening to the video/audio of the meeting declared that postponed was used during the discussion of the motion on the floor, rather than tabled. The Clerk at this point replied that she finds this "hinky" meaning unlawful and not comfortable putting her name on a document that has already been reviewed and passed. Chuck Cusano from the audience stood to speak and also agreed that the Select Board was out of line requesting a document already approved to be rewritten. .Concerns were that "tabled" articles expire and new warrants are needed, as in this case. The discussion has ended and minutes will remain the same.

Doreen brought to light a Select Board Secretary is needed for the Select Board Workshops to take minutes. Doreen asked Rose the Town Clerk, who responded did not want to go over budget and already at the office enough, then Charles who said he has enough on his plate right now, reached out to Amber Hamblet FD Secretary, who also responded has lots going on. Doreen said she would do it if nominated. Christopher said he would give it a shot. Doreen made a motion to nominate Christopher for Workshop Secretary; Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0

Doreen made a motion to add Christopher to the town policy on Treasurer Disbursement Warrants for Employee Wages and Benefits, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed 3-0.

Warrants were reviewed Doreen made a motion to accept and sign the warrants as is, Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motions passed 3-0.

Doreen made a motion for the Select Board to attend the next Planning Board meeting on Nov 19, @ 6:30 p.m. to go over the Land Ordinance; Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

The warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting scheduled for Wed. November 20 to begin 6:00 sharp, with check in to begin at 5:30 p.m. was reviewed. Doreen made a motion to sign the warrant to be posted in 3 designated areas in town for residents to see, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

The property tax collector presented the Select Board with a Quit Claim Deed, Doreen made a motion to sign the deed, Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion: Doreen asked for confirmation that all taxes were paid, clerk confirmed they had been paid, motion passed 3-0.

The 2023-24 Town Audit draft has been received Doreen made motion to table until the Board has more time to go over the material, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion passed 3-0

New tax maps have been completed, there is a preview form to sign and return, Doreen made a motion to table this until the Board has more time to review the new maps, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Doreen gave a cemetery update that the flags have been removed. Also the Google earth project is complete denoting the Veterans cemetery

Christopher brought to the Board and Town Residents' attention that Life Flight has opened up 2 new spots for emergency landings on the Parson's Valley Road.

Doreen made a motion to sign a support letter for Waldo Cap for Grant for manufactured Home Replacement; Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Rose will put this in the mail.

Missing Roads signs were discussed. Doreen had inquired previously how many might be missing. Rose reached out to the community and it appears many are missing. Doreen is going to call White's sign and get a quote for all new signs.

Cannabis Ordinance update was given, is going through the review and hopefully to a Public Hearing soon.

Doreen made a motion to adjourn; Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0 adjournment was 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Hill, Town Clerk







