

## Select Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2024

Attendance: Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Chris Lewis, Rose Hill, Joe Frisbee, Amber Hamblet, David Schofield, Wes Balda, Michelle Lewis and Anthony Lancaster.

Meeting brought to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First order of business was to elect a new Select Board Chair; Christopher made a motion for Doreen to be Chair, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion, discussion Charles added to the motion himself as Chair, no one to 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Motion for Doreen to be Select Board Chair was passed 3-0 Doreen made a motion for Christopher to become Vice Chair to the Select Board, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>: discussion: Christopher asked the other Select Board members why they was not a Vice chair in the previous year, response was that it just did not get motioned to be voted on, the motion passed 3-0

Fire Dept, Update: acting Chief Palmer was not present.

Joe Frisbee from the FD gave a fleet update and put in request:

Tanker 7 needs minor repairs to pass inspection. Doreen made a motion of up to \$1000 to get the tanker up to inspection level, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion, the motion passed 3-0.

The FD Pickup need inspection: needs wipers, brakes, tires and an exhaust issues. The board asked about the trucks major function? Joe said mostly used for traffic control. Joe also reminded the Board that is getting harder to find parts for the truck.

Amber updated the Board on some Grants that are out there for the FD to apply for. Doreen made a motion to give approval to apply for the Grants (with matching funds), Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion, motion passed 3-0.

Doreen made a motion to enter executive session @ 6:50 p.m. for personnel and property issues, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3 -0.

Chris made a motion to exit executive session @ 7:35 p.m., Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup>; the motion passes 3-0.

Doreen made a motion that the present FD Investigation needs to be handled by town legal team on the present allegations made within the FD, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion, the motion passes 3-0.

Doreen made a motion that the individuals remain on Administrative leave during the investigation, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion passes 3-0.

Motion was made by Doreen that David Schofield have complete support of the board to proceed with issues on Unity Road; Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Motion by Doreen was made for David Schofield to move forward with inspection of 40 Gordon Hill Road, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, and motion passed 3-0.

Minutes for the Special Town meeting were reviewed: Doreen made motion to accept the minutes, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, discussion was about the incorrect spelling of Farwell, should be correct, motion passed with correction to be made 3-0.

Warrants were reviewed: Doreen made a motion to accept and sign the warrants; Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no discussion, the motion passed 3-0.

Pressure washed bid was reviewed: Doreen made motion to accept the bid of \$968.00 for Maine Power Wash to clean the outside of the Town Office siding, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, discussion was to have this taken out of the Administrative Improvement line, motion passed 3-0.

Wes Balda presented his credentials to the Select Board to apply for the vacant Emergency Management Admin position. Charles had a concern of availability during winter months with the knowledge given by Wes that he travels a lot. Wes has been to Waldo County EMA meetings learning the process. Doreen made a motion to accept Wes Balda to the EMA position available, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passes 3-0.

The Assessor has presented to the Board the yearly Municipal Valuation return: Doreen made motion to accept and sign, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passes 3-0. Rose was instructed to be sure there is a copy in the Commitment book.

Charles made a motion to purchase a printer for the FD, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed 3-0. Charles will send a link to the Town Clerk as to which one to purchase.

Doreen gave a roads update: Parsons Valley has a plugged culvert, Doreen will contact the FD about unplugging Saraiva's and Costa's culverts.

Jonny Hazard gave an update on the Lending Closet; there is about 50 pieces of medical equipment inventoried at this time and has about 2 request a week. Jonny has brought to the Select Boards attention that she has received some donation and wanted to know what she should be doing with them. After much discussion Doreen made a motion that Jonny use the donations to put back into the Lend Closet, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion, the motion passes 3-0

Rose representing Parks & Rec. asked the Select Boards permission to use the event room for Thanksgiving day for a Free Community meal. Doreen made a motion to accept the request, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion, motion passes 3-0.

Doreen presented to the Board an ACO situation where a sick kitten was picked up and taken to the Safe Harbor Sanctuary for care. Doreen made a motion to donation of \$100 to the SHS to help with the care, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, no further discussion, motion passes 3 -0.

Doreen has had a discussion with Anthony Brillard in regards to the Center cemetery map and how the map is labeled. Section A is not an area that plots can be developed; the Cemetery committee will be working on updating the sheet/map.

Comprehensive Planning Update: The board is still researching companies that can expedite the process of updating the Plan.

Charles made a motion to order some updates for the FD surveillance equipment, of \$75.00, Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, discussion: will order from Amazon, motion passes 3-0.

Motion made to adjourn made by Chris, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> adjournment approved 3-0 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Rosemarie Hill, Town Clerk

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