

## Select Board Meeting Minutes September 4, 2024

Attendance: Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Rose Hill, Tim Veazie, Joe Frisbee, Wendy Trafton

Meeting brought to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from 8-21-2024 Select Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Jeff made motion to approve the minutes with corrections; Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, discussion from Doreen was questioning verbiage discussing: "A town residents commenting on that Doreen held Select Board, Cemetery committee and Town sexton offices and would her being on the Planning Board be a conflict" written and not recollecting the conversation. Jeff informed her that these were concerns spoken by a Town resident at the meeting, motion passes 3-0

Doreen representing the Cemetery Committee has put in a request for items to help with stone repair. Slings to help with the Hoyer lift previously purchased and a canopy to work under. Jeff made a motion to approve and add these items to the present warrant, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, Doreen abstained because she is the one requesting the funds, and motion passed 2-0

Charles put in a request of 8 LED acid batteries to be purchased to be used in the building safety lights with a cost of up to \$220.00; Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> the request, the request approved 3-0, to be added to the present warrant.

Warrants were reviewed by the Select Board; Jeff made a motion to accept warrants and proceed with signing the warrants, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the added items. Motion passed 2-0 Doreen abstained

Fire Dept update given by Chief Veazie:

Only 4 EMS assist dispatched calls: farm accident, false alarm at RSU Complex.

New hire training has been taking place at the Fire House: back to basics, Jaws of Life training, and forestry team exercises.

Clyde Rolerson, a long time member of Thorndike FD has recently passed. He has been honored in this month's FD Newsletter and the FD will be honoring his widow at Thorndike Day with a plaque.

Upcoming training classes that are closer than the last ones presented to the board. An Evacuation Course , 2 day class and Pump Course are available. The intentions are to be sending 3 members to Evac. Course and 3 to the pump course. Cost of the classes will be up to \$300.00.

Old Fire truck sale update: Joe Frisbee updated the board that they had a buyer asking if the FD will take \$4500.00. The bid is at the lowest amount that the FD was looking for. Jeff made a motion to accept the amount of \$4500 with the condition that the payment is up front and it is to be hauled off at the buyer's expense. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion passed 3-0

Jeff approached the Fire Dept with the chore of cutting all the overgrown vegetation around the old Fire House. MMA had noticed this during their on sight inspection and put in a request for it to be removed. Fire Chief Tim said this would not be a problem.

MMA also made note of a hole in the Old Fire House roof and it needs to be repaired. Doreen is going to check with local contractor Craig Brown to see if he might be available to take on the task. Will keep the board updated.

MMA also noted that the outside of the Town Office needs to be pressured washed as it is getting mildew build up on it. Jeff made a motion to put this out to bid in the Rolling Thunder, the Town Marquee, and Town Website. Bids due October 2<sup>nd</sup>, end of business day, 6 p.m. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0

Special Town meeting warrant for October 5 2024 will be finalized at the September 18th Select Board meeting.

Doreen presented minutes from the June 17, 2024 Public Hearing, after review Jeff made motion to accept the minutes as written, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, passed 2-0 Doreen abstained because she prepared the minutes.

The empty position on the Planning Board was discussed. Per the vote of the last meeting MMA was contacted for legal advice as to the conflict with Doreen holding a position on Planning Board and presently a Select Board member. Charles read that MMA does not recommend it, and asked Doreen if she still had an interest in the position at this time? Doreen has declined, and no has no interest in the Planning Board at this time. At this time the opening is vacant with a possible candidate who can step up in November 2024, Select Board will table until November or until a suitable candidate steps up.

Doreen directed a question to the Board: How does the Board feel about her holding other positions as well as her Select Board position? Charles responded that the relevance to the positions of Sexton and Cemetery Comm. Chair do not fall under the same guidelines as holding a position on the Planning Board. The conflict of interest is not the same. Jeff agreed with Charles no issue with Doreen holding those positions.

Reid Road complaint came in that the end of the Reid Road is washing out. John and Todd have been notified and will be doing some ditching. Doreen reminded residents in the audience that the Reid Rd is a summer maintained road and will need to be repaired.

Rose brought to the Boards attention that Animal Control Officer Perri Petersen and Asst. Animal Control Officer Jessica Small have not signed their new oaths. Previous oaths were for 90 days, as a trial period. Jeff will reach out to Perri.

Doreen brought to the Board and Tax Collector that there were some errors in the recent 2024 Real-estate Tax Bill in the information section:

**Information**

Without State Aid for Education, Homestead Exemption Reimbursement and State Municipal Revenue Sharing your tax bill would have been 36% higher Interest at 6.00% per annum will be charged on unpaid taxes beginning October 20 2023

The Town's outstanding bond indebtedness as of 08/03/2022 \$600,000.00 for the new Sand & Salt Shed.

The interest due date is incorrect and the indebtedness' amount, although the information is correct, i was not updated with the present year's balance

Discussion took place as to what should be done. Doreen recommended sending out all new tax bills. Tax collector recommended contacting MMA Legal to get clarification on how to proceed. Jeff made a motion to not make a decision until MMA Legal has been contacted, but in the event MMA recommends sending out new bills, the board will make a decision at that time. Doreen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion passed 3-0

No other business to discuss. Jeff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed 3-0.  
7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hill, Town Clerk

