

Select Board Meeting Minutes September 18, 2024

Attendance: Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Rose Hill, Joe Frisbee, Wendy Trafton, Bruce Cook Representing Unity Ambulance.

Meeting brought to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff made a motion to move Bruce Cook representative of Unity Ambulance to the beginning of the agenda, Doreen 2nd the motion, no discussion, the motion passed 3-0

Bruce cook representing Unity Ambulance presented to the Select Board the new direction of the company. At this time Unity Ambulance is trying to eliminate volunteers and go to full-time employees with set schedules. The ambulance office is equipped for those on a 24 hours on call status, with places to sleep and prepare meals. At this time it is projected to have per diem positions until benefits can be offered. Bruce went to explain that this is a process that will need financial backing those hopefully surrounding Towns with step forward and help make this happen. Bruce explained that due to being a small ambulance and only having 600 calls per year the company does not qualify for ICSD state allocated funds.

Bruce is asking of each Town that he is visiting for the Select Boards help in finding a town resident who might want to be on the Unity Ambulance Committee that is in the process of being formed. The Select Board informed Bruce that we do have a new Public health nurse and they will reach out to her to see if she has an interest. Bruce has also put in a request of the Town of Thorndike to use the big room to hold the Committee Meeting once the Committee is formed and ready to meet. Bruce has also asked the Select Board to sign a form showing an interest in the Unity Ambulance expansion and to show Bruce was at the meeting. Jeff made a motion to allow the Unity ambulance Committee to use the Thorndike Town office event room to meet , and to sign to recognition/ interest agreement, Doreen 2nd the motion, no further discussion motion passed 3-0.

Minutes were reviewed from 9-4-2024 Select Board Meeting. Jeff noted some clerical errors and Doreen has some verbiage correction that she wanted changed. Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes to be made, Charles 2nd the motion, discussion from the Clerk that the minutes would be brought back to the next meeting to be reviewed again, motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer report given included all savings and investment updated amounts and checking balance report was for May2024. Jeff made a motion to initial the checking statement, Charles 2nd motion passed 3-0.

Warrants were reviewed Jeff made a motion to accept the warrants with account line corrections, Doreen 2nd motion, no discussion motion passed 3-0.

Fire Dept. Update given by Joe Frisbee in Chief Veazie absence; It has been a slow month four calls only. The FD continues weekly training. Engine 13 will be going out for repair and will be out of service for 2 weeks provided no other issues arise. The pick-up truck got an estimate of \$890.87 from Muffler King in Newport; this is what the truck needs to pass inspection. The old Ford truck has been picked up by the winning bidder. The FD is working on getting the old vegetation removed around the old fire house. Joe said once it is done they will provide a photo to send to MMA.

The boiler system is now up to date and functioning. Waldo County Oil came and inspected the system it was clogged, full of soot and had a leaky oil line. There were some screws missing and they will be ordering the replacement and come back and put them. Estimate at this time \$ 978.75.

The FD is looking into a fire proof door for the building to put the new security lock on. Doreen did ask Joe about the safety features on the FD big garage doors. The feature is a sensor that prevents the doors from closing if someone or an object is in the way.

The Worthy Poor Committee represented by Charles Greenberg has made a motion to be put on the Special Town Meeting on Oct 5, 2024 as article to request funds from the Town Body of \$5000.00, Jeff 2nd the motion no further discussion motion passes 3-0.

The warrant for the upcoming Special Election and Special Town Meeting October 4 and 5, 2024 was reviewed, updated and all correction made. Jeff made a motion to accept and sign the Warrant, Charles 2nd no discussion motion passed 3-0

Doreen asked for clarification for the time chosen for Special town meeting. Saturday at 3:00 p.m. middle of day is an odd time. Jeff replied that the morning was booked with Bulky Waste Day until 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 left time for the Clerk cleanup from Bulky Waste Day and set up for the meeting.

Doreen put in motion to allow expenditures up to an additional \$40,000.00 for J&S Construction to finish up work on the Palmer Road, Parsons Valley road and ditching on the Mile Road Jeff 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Doreen also mentioned to check out culverts on Ward Hill near Kenneth Copp's and on the Coffin Road near the Hoxie's

Heidi Sorensen had put in request to set the microphones in better positions so that the ZOOM meeting attendees can hear the meeting better. Charles had adjusted them and Heidi reported back that sound was much more audible.

Rose brought to the Boards attention that the Railroad Company has requested to use the Sand & Salt Shed for parking during Common Ground Fair. The Board agreed, Jeff made the motion, Doreen 2nd to allow parking with the condition of putting cones around the sand pile to deter anyone from climbing on the pile of sand motion passed 3-0.

Doreen presented to the Board the need to find a solution to get the Comprehensive Plan updated, suggesting that a company may need to be hired to do it. Charles made a motion to put an ad out in the Rolling Thunder for a 3 week period to seek proposals, Jeff 2nd the motion, the motion passed 3 -0 Proposals will be due back to the office Nov 4th by noon. It was also suggested that Rose send out to the Maine Clerk Association to see what other towns are doing.

Doreen put in a made a motion for cemetery supplies, wooden post that cost \$12.00 each, (4inch by 8 foot) for a total of \$22.00, Jeff 2nd, the motion passed 3-0.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Charles 2nd motion passed 3-0 adjournment 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by
Rosemarie Hill , Town Clerk

