



**Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary**  
**October 25, 2023**  
**7 p.m.**

**Select Board members present:** Wesley Daniel, Katherine Grinnell and Mitchell Garnett

**Others present:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson, Code Enforcement Officer Corey Fortin, town attorney Peter Drum, Recreational Trails Committee members Peg Hobbs, Lisa Sharpe and Steve Ocean

Wes Daniel called the Select Board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Town Attorney Peter Drum spoke about several projects for the town he is working on, including a trails ordinance and a large-scale residential development ordinance as well as several codes violations. He offered a trails ordinance draft for discussion and several changes were suggested. The ordinance will be presented for a town vote after it is finalized. Peter will work with the Planning Board to draft a large-scale development ordinance. The LD2003 legislation – which allows for multiple residences on one property – is currently “paused” while the state takes a closer look at it.

The town has several pending legal actions but some that are several years old must be started over because the previous CEO is unable to testify in person. Corey will send new notices of violation to the outstanding cases and the property owners will have 30 days to rectify problems before further legal action.

Peter will draft an amendment to the town’s Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to address medical marijuana retail sales.

Corey asked about Washington Manor and if an addiction rehabilitation facility would be a change of use of the property. After some discussion, Peter determined it would not be a change of use.

**Approve Summary of Oct. 18, 2023:** Motion to approve summary by Mitch, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer’s Warrants dated Oct. 26, 2023:**

P/R Warrant #85: \$4,921.04

A/P Warrant #86: \$5,678.87

Motion to approve warrants by Kate, and then Wes seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Road Foreman Report:** Written by Frank Jones Jr. and read by Wes

10/16: Replaced culverts on Old County Road on the Somerville end (30-inches by 40-feet and 18-inches by 40-feet culverts, P100, P200, excavator, compactor and transit)

10/17: Replaced culvert on Old County Road; Frank met with FEMA and Don to look at two road washouts from May rain storm; unplugged culverts plugged by beavers (15 by 36 culvert, P100, P200, excavator, compactor and transit, 24 yards gravel)

10/18: Worked on culverts on Old County Road (32 yards stone, 16 yards surface gravel, P100, P200, excavator); unplugged culverts

10/19: Worked on P200 lights, Frank went to get springs

**CEO Report:** Corey reported that last week was pretty quiet, with just a few phone calls and no inspections.

**Health Officer Report:** None.

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** The checking account balance is \$1,138,078. A revenue share check in the amount of \$31,392.28 was received. Mary contacted Axiom and signed up the Town Office, Fire Department and Public Works Department for internet service. Axiom will set a poll for the central office on Election Day. Dog registration reminder postcards have been mailed.

Planning far ahead, Mary asked Select Board members to consider making Juneteenth (June 19, 2024) a floating holiday in 2024 because it falls on a Wednesday and would interfere with the Select Board meeting – she suggested allowing Public Works to take the Thursday off and Town Office staff to take Friday.

Lynn Carroll will be in the office on Friday to help facilitate the launch of the new town website.

**Broadband update:** None. There was a Tilson meeting on Friday but nothing new came of it.

**Other Agenda Items:** Select Board members signed the August bank statement.

Mitch made a motion to use ARPA money to begin the process with Compliancy Associates, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Wes briefly mentioned a quote from Benner Tree Service for removal of trees in Maple Grove Cemetery and noted it should be added to the budget.

**Other business:** None.

**Questions/comments:** None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell