

Selectmen's /Assessors Meeting Summary

April 17, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Selectmen Present: Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott (Wesley Daniel was not present due to a death in the family.)

Others Present: Town Clerk-Mary Anderson, Frank Jones, Jr., Charlotte Henderson, Erze Martin, Jay Tosthill, Gene Alley, Addie Halligan. Traci Hoffman, Denise Hylton

Tom Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approve Summary of April 10, 2019:

Motion to approve by: Berkley Linscott

2nd by: Tom Johnston

All in favor.

Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated April 17, 2019:

\$5,344.41-Payroll

\$163,876.33-A/P Vendor (includes RSU 40 and Knox County payments)

Motion to approve by: Berkley Linscott

2nd by: Tom Johnston

All in favor.

Road Foreman Report: Written by Frank Jones, Jr. and read by Tom Johnston:

4/8/19 6:30AM-10:00PM: Put plow and wing on P-300; Replaced cutting edge on P-100 wing; Worked on P-500 spring; I called Steven in to plow at 1:30PM

4/9/19 5:00AM-4:00PM: I called in Greg and Steven to sand for ice and slush, Steven left at 10AM; Put P-500 spring in and put truck back together, all set to plow; washed off trucks and put salt in; The Town of Union called at 6:30PM for a plow truck; Steven took P-400 to plow in Union, he was back at 11PM; I called in Jason, Greg and Kevin to plow.

4/10/19 4:00AM-3:30PM: I called in Jason, Kevin and Greg to plow and sand; Jason left at 9:00AM; washed off trucks.

4/11/19 6:30AM-2:30PM: P-200 would not start; cleaned all wires to the battery; greased P-500 and adjusted bed chain; fixed mirror on P-400, adjusted bed chain and greased truck; fixed lights on back hoe, fueled and greased it; I called Portland North for ECM wire for P-200.

4/12/19 Wesley and I met with Wellman Paving to go over paving and shoulder work.

CEO Report:

Bob Temple stated that the Jojoba Warehouse has received all approvals and is waiting for Mitch's signature then construction can begin. There has been a draft written up regarding what needs to be done on the property on Route 17 to bring it into compliance, there is a verbal agreement and the property owner is making good progress. Bob plans on checking in on a monthly basis to assure that progress is continuing. The Rea subdivision is still continuing. There have also been several new building permits issued.

Health Officer Report: Brian Alves was not present.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

Mary Anderson stated that the Bank Balance is: \$263,020.14. Mary stated that she dropped off 104 liens to the Registry of Deeds in Rockland on Friday and they came back in the mail today with Book and Page. Mary sent Bruce Flaherty the write up for the Spirit of America Award for Kathy and Steve Ocean. There is no charge for the insurance rider for the

excavator that will be rented but the insurance company does need a signed copy of the contract. Mary is going to Sam's to pick up paper towel's and would like to know if anyone needs anything to let her know.

Other Agenda Items:

Paving Bids:

Tom Johnston opened the sealed paving bids. We received bids from PB Paving, Northeast Paving, Wellman Paving, Hagar Enterprises, Pike Industries and All States. The bids were read but since some were missing pertinent information. The bids will be put on hold until all of the necessary information has been submitted and Wesley Daniel is back. The decision will be announced next Wednesday at the Selectmen's meeting.

Midcoast Conservancy:

Addie Halligan from the Midcoast Conservancy spoke concerning the water quality in the Damariscotta Lake Watershed. There was a grant awarded from the DEP for \$127,478 to help control erosion and runoff that could negatively affect the Damariscotta Lake. The grant covers road improvement, prevent washouts and replace culverts. The grant was supposed to have been used by 2018 but they have received a one-year extension. There is \$80,000 left to be used in 2019. The grant is a cost-sharing grant and up to 50% of the cost of the project can be contributed by the Midcoast Conservancy. Addie also stated as of January 1st that the Medomak Valley Land Trust has merged with the Midcoast Conservancy. Addie stated that there are both 319 Grants and Stream Crossing Upgrade Grants available for projects. Addie recommended that the Selectmen reach out to discuss using the grant money for the Fitch Road improvement projects. Addie also volunteered to help apply for any other grants that may be available for road works that will help maintain and improve water quality of the Damariscotta Lake Watershed. I have attached the informational document that Addie supplied.

Questions and Comments:

Road Grading:

Tom Johnston stated that he believed that there was not a hurry to grade the roads as they may not be ready but Frank Jones Jr. stated that there were some roads that were ready. Tom stated that he spoke to Dave Sinclair and that he would grade at state rates. Tom Johnston suggested that they wait to discuss road grading until Wesley Daniel returns. After further discussion with Berkley Linscott it was decided that Frank's quote of \$75 an hour with operator, is reasonable and less than we paid for grading last year. Frank will be paid as a vendor for the time that he is using his grader and will not be on the clock as a Town employee. Tom was concerned about the monitoring of the rest of the road crew and possible conflict of interest. Frank stated that it has been done this way many times in the past and Tom stated that since he has been on the Board of Selectmen that it has been done by Works for \$89 an hour. Frank's grader is covered under his personal insurance. Berkley Linscott made a motion for Frank Jones, Jr. to begin grading roads, Tom Johnston 2nd, All in Favor. Grading will begin on Skidmore Road.

CMPCO Transmission Upgrade:

CMPCO will be doing a transmission line upgrade from Windsor to Stickney Corner. They are looking to expand their easement to 100ft.

Motion to Adjourn by: Tom Johnston

2nd by: Berkley Linscott

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hayward