



Selectmen's /Assessors Meeting Summary

December 16, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Selectmen Present: Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott

Others Present: Mary Anderson-Town Clerk, Bob Temple-CEO, Frank Jones, Jr., Sara Bullard, Erick Anderson

Wesley Daniel called the Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approve Summary of December 9, 2020: Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott 2nd, All in favor, Motion's carried.

Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated December 16, 2020:

Payroll Warrant #101- \$5,682.83

A/P Vendor Warrant #102 - \$230,167.83

Motion to pay warrants by Tom Johnston, Berkley Linscott 2nd, All in favor, Motion's carried.

Road Foreman Report: Written by Frank Jones, Jr. and read by Wesley Daniel:

12/06/2020: 2:30am-1:30pm - I called in Greg, Steven and Jason; Called Troy in to learn the route and the trucks; I had to go over the Mountain Road for slush.

12/07/2020: 6:00am-4:30pm – We worked on truck; We rotated the cutting edge on P500 wing and fixed lights; Made a new chain lift for P 200 plow and started on P400 fuel strap.

12/08/2020: 6:30am-4:30pm – We were called out for down trees on Old County Road; We patched big hole on Nelson Ridge N; Stopped water from going over Mountain Rd and making ice.

12/09/2020: 6:30am-6:30pm – I called for a load of salt; We worked on P-400 fuel strap and P100 head lights; The back hoe will need new batteries; Put cold patch in P300 to warm up.

12/10/2020: 3:30am-1:00pm – I called in Greg and Steven to sand; They patched pot holes on Leigher, Fitch and Calderwood Roads; We have a new plow truck; Thanks to the Town.

CEO Report: Bob Temple stated that he is getting ready for the new year. Tom asked if he checked on the Chavanne property regarding the new building. Bob stated that he is going to check on it and check in with Peter.

Health Officer Report: Brian Alves was not present.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Mary Anderson stated that the boiler in the office was repaired last week. It was making a funny noise and needed a new motor and the cage; The check for the old fire truck was received and the title was mailed out; The insurance was cancelled; The bank balance is \$614,961.98; We received an email with new plates for the new plow truck; The Selectmen signed the September bank statement.

Other Agenda Items:

Sara Bullard, Broadband Committee- Sara stated that Erick Anderson, who was present, created a Facebook page for the Broadband Committee; Sara presented the Selectmen a document outlining 4 different options for bringing Broadband to Washington. All of the options had varying degrees of monetary investment that would have to be made by the town. There was discussion regarding sending out an informational document to all of the Townspeople to inform them of the different options and let them know that there will be a question on the Warrant at the Annual Town Meeting regarding bringing Broadband to town. Tom Johnston asked a question about Star Link and if satellite technology will make Fiberoptics obsolete. Sara responded that she wished that she had an answer for him but people are saying that they want another option (besides Consolidated DSL). There are a couple of Star Link Beta testers in town that really love it so far. Erick Anderson stated that if more people connect to Star Link that the signal may get weakened by more users. When it comes to fiber, it is reliable and will be around as a robust internet system for many years to come. The Selectmen approved covering the cost for the mailing using the Fire Department's bulk mailing rate. Sara is going to write up the mailer for the Selectmen to approve.

Payment approval for Midcoast Humane Society- Wesley Daniel stated that the cost for using the Midcoast Humane Society for Animal Control Services is going up to \$2415. Wes made a motion to approve continuing to use Midcoast Humane Society for Animal Control Service, Tom Johnston 2nd, All in favor, Motion's passed.

The Selectmen received notification that the new part-time CEO, Mo Dube is moving to Augusta, so she will not be able to accept the position. The Selectmen discussed asking her if she might be willing to do the job in the interim until a replacement can be found. The Selectmen decided to table the issue until next week.

Questions and Comments:

None

Motion to Adjourn by Berkley Linscott, Tom Johnston 2nd, All in favor, Motion's carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hayward