



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Oct. 20, 2021

6 p.m.

**Select Board members Present:** Wes Daniel, Tom Johnston and Mitch Garnett

**Others Present:** Code Enforcement Officer Corey Fortin, town attorney Peter Drum

Wes Daniel called the Select Board/Assessor's meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Approve Summary of Oct. 13:** Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Oct. 20, 2021:**

P/R Warrant #86: \$4,417.57

A/P Vendor Warrant #87: \$214,152.04

Motion to pay warrants by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

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

10/11: Holiday – Indigenous Peoples' Day

10/12: Chipped brush on Nelson Ridge Road North

10/13: Chipped brush on Nelson Ridge Road North

10/14: Chipped brush and cut dead trees, completed chipping on Nelson Ridge Road North

**CEO Report:** CEO Corey Fortin said he met with Willard Pierpont about a pit on Round House Road and the ordinance says gravel pits established before 2002 are exempt. Corey said Willard does not intent to fully open the pit as he is expecting to transition it to a house lot – Corey received his permit application today – and Willard intends to make a number of small ponds into one larger one to be used for animals. George Hall & Sons reached out to Corey to schedule pit inspections but Corey said he is not sure if the fees are paid. PBNJ Storage also reached out this week to let Corey know that inspection fee was paid – there was a receipt “mishap” and Corey did not realize it had been paid. The following day, Corey planned to inspect the Vanner Pit with representatives from Eurovia. He has been working on Planning Board materials as well as issuing a couple of new permits for residential houses and septic systems.

Mitch asked if, when looking at old quarries, Corey looks at the test wells. Corey said he is only required by DEP to note where the test wells are.

Tom asked for an update of the solar project at Sukeforth's. Corey said the fee has been paid and the decommissioning bond received.

**Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** None

**Other Agenda Items:** Wes said he authorized locking in a heating oil price of \$2.95 per gallon or less through Knox County but does not know the actual price yet.

Select Board members signed two 60-day notice foreclosure letters, one for map 4, lot 6A and the other for map 9, lot 43B.

Wes asked about traffic control for the upcoming Trunk-or-Treat event and if the Fire Department is involved. Tom said the department hasn't been asked but some members will be around in an unofficial capacity.

**Questions and Comments:** None.

Town attorney Peter Drum recommended Select Board members go into executive session to discuss a pending lawsuit. Wes moved the board enter executive session under 1MRSA 405, 6E, at 6:17 p.m.

Wes moved and Tom seconded exiting executive session at 6:45 p.m.

**Other business:** Wes spoke about Tim Jackson's Salvage, which was recently inspected and granted an automobile graveyard permit. He said two days after the inspection, it was full and Tim wants to expand. Tom said the Select Board should have considered a probationary permit.

**Motion to Adjourn** by Mitch Garnett, Wes Daniel seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Public hearing called to order at 7 p.m. Present: Select Board members Wes Daniel, Tom Johnston and Mitch Garnett, CEO Corey Fortin, Town Clerk Mary Anderson, Steve Ocean, Joy Nelson and Micah Nelson.

Wes Daniel read proposed wording to be voted on at the election on Nov. 2:

***Shall the Town of Washington enact the following changes to the Town of Washington Land Use Ordinance?***

***Proposed wording (insert in Art. IV, Section 2, subsection E):***

***Any conforming residential or commercial building/structure which is hereafter damaged or destroyed by fire, or any cause, may be restored or reconstructed and used as before within 24 months of the date of said damage or destruction, with permit approval by the Code Enforcement Officer. Expansion of the prior structure during reconstruction shall be governed by Article IV, Section 6, subsection A.***

Steve Ocean said his only question about the change is why there aren't more. Wes said because this change needed to be done now. Steve noted that anyone with existing damage must follow the current ordinances. He said he was present at the Select Board meeting a week prior and suggested at least two other changes to the Land Use Ordinance. He said there are always things that come up at Planning Board.

Tom asked if Steve would prefer the single update be put off until the annual town meeting instead. Steve said he isn't bothered by it being on the ballot. Mitch asked if the Select Board should check with the Planning Board going forward to see if there are additional changes. Steve said yes, and that there is a running list kept by the Planning Board.

Mitch Garnett made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Wes Daniel clarified the previous vote by the Select Board was to place the change on the ballot pending the outcome of the public hearing so no further action is required.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell