



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Oct. 27, 2021

7 p.m.

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

**Others Present:** Code Enforcement Officer Corey Fortin, Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson, Peg Hobbs, Roxanne Eggen

Wes Daniel called the Select Board/Assessor's meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Approve Summary of Oct. 20:** Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Oct. 27, 2021:**

P/R Warrants #88 & #89: \$3,589.00 & \$357.00

A/P Vendor Warrant #90: \$3761.87

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

10/18: Frank marked Nelson Ridge Road for ditching and worked a half day; Steven took a sick day; David worked in the pit

10/19: Unplugged culverts; worked on chipper and P500; picked up steel for P500

10/20: Worked on P500; Frank looked at culvert on Prescott Road

10/21: Worked on P500

**CEO Report:** CEO Corey Fortin said he inspected Vanner quarry and it looks good. They are hauling out the stockpile, then plan to reclaim and close it even though the lease is for four more years. He also inspected PBNJ's pit – also fine. Wednesday, Corey inspected Ludwig quarry and said it looks pretty good but still needs some work to be reclaimed. Most of his time has been spent on Planning Board items. Tuesday night, following a public hearing, the Planning Board approved CTL's application for a Quonset hut for firewood storage but did not take action on Maine Audio Visual because the paperwork is not complete.

Tom asked about the status of George Hall's pits. Corey said he has taken several phone calls and informed the company the fees need to be paid before he will inspect them.

**Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Mary Anderson said the town received a tree growth check in the amount of \$4,406.07 and a revenue sharing check in the amount of \$22,741.34. The checking account balance is \$1,368,555. Mary requested funds from the Select Board discretionary line to purchase lunch for election workers next week and her request was approved. She asked if anyone is available to set up voting booths on Monday and Wes said he would be here. A new copier for the office was delivered Wednesday and scheduled to be installed Thursday; Mary and Stephanie will stay after hours to train on it. Mary noted there have been quite a few absentee ballots cast already. She also is working on tier three of the safety protocols and has begun training Stephanie to complete payroll in anticipation of Mary's December vacation.

Tom asked if there's been any interest in the open deputy clerk position. Mary has conducted two interviews so far; one candidate did not have any municipal experience and the other will be in the office Friday to meet with Mary and Stephanie and observe some of what the job entails. Tom said he was just curious because he hadn't heard anything about the open position for a while and said, though it's not ideal, he would not be surprised if the position remained vacant for a while still. Mary said three people really are needed but she is in no rush to fill the position.

**Other Agenda Items:** Peg Hobbs and Roxanne Eggen spoke about a new committee formed to investigate the potential to resume the town parade on a biennial schedule, alternating years with Liberty. Roxanne said there used to be parades and many people have mentioned them to her as well as Peg so they decided to look into options. It was recommended by the Department of Transportation that the group talk to the Select Board to get permission to close sections of the road for the parade, which is currently scheduled for July 2022. Peg said the anticipated route is from Prescott Memorial School to Bartlett's Garage on Bill Luce Road. She said the group is considering putting on the parade during the annual Strawberry Festival in the hope of drawing more people to both events. Animals, at this time, will not be included in the parade. Peg said Washington will have its parade on even years and Liberty will have its parade on odd years.

Tom asked about insurance required for a parade and if there is an additional cost for the insurance. Wes said he does not think there is any additional cost but that the town should notify its insurance company. Mary said she would look into the issue.

Peg said she'd like to have the details nailed down by March or April because people get busy in the summer. Mary asked if there would be a theme for the parade; Peg said that hasn't been determined yet.

Tom asked who the active members of the parade group are and Peg said along with herself and Roxanne, the group includes Wendy Carr, Mildred Melgard, Matt Shannon, Michelle Dostie and Roxanne's daughter.

As a side note, Peg also encouraged anyone interested in joining the Rec Committee to reach out as members are dwindling. She also told Select Board members the fence near the fire pond can be removed because the soccer teams are practicing at the school instead. Wes said he would prefer to

leave at least part of the fence in place, or all of it, for now. Tom concurred. Wes noted the fence does need to be tightened.

Wes said heating oil was locked in for the town at \$2.81 per gallon and the paperwork has been taken care of already.

A written bid was received on the plow truck the town has for sale and Wes has talked to the interested party. Wes said a different person from northern Maine is coming to look at the truck on Saturday who also seems quite interested. He asked if other Board members are comfortable with authorizing Wes to sell the truck and Tom and Mitch said they were. Mary said she will be available for any paperwork needed. Tom suggested if the purchase is paid by check that the town retain the title until the check clears.

**Questions and Comments:** None.

**Other business:** None.

**Motion to Adjourn** by Mitch Garnett, Tom Johnston seconded; in in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell