



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Sept. 22, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson

Wes Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approve Summary of Sept. 15: Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Sept. 22, 2021:

P/R Warrant #78: \$5,388.91

A/P Vendor Warrant #79: \$176,671.76

Wes Daniel noted the A/P warrant includes payments to RSU 40 and Tri-County Solid Waste Management. 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

9/13: Put brakes on the rear of P300; patched culverts on McDowell Road, used 4 tons of hot top

9/14: Patched culverts on Calderwood Road; patched the end of Sprague Road to Calderwood Road, used 9 tons of hot top

9/15: Put up winter sand

9/16: Put in salt and put up winter sand; called out for downed tree on Bill Luce Road

CEO Report: None

Health Officer Report: None

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Mary Anderson said Fire Chief Phil Meunier stopped by to express concerns about the town's liability during the Trunk-Or-Treat event tentatively planned for Oct. 30. Mary checked with Marcus at MMA and he said because the event is not town-funded or town-sponsored, the town can be added to the school's liability policy and be covered. The checking account balance is \$268,387; property tax payments from Core Logic arrived and will all be entered by Friday; and a state revenue sharing check in the amount of \$17,055.90 was received. Mary applied for and the town was approved to receive \$159,902.32 through the American Rescue Plan Act, which is a federal program. There are stipulations on how the money may be spent and funds must be used by December 2024. There has been no word from Knox County on Washington's application for grant funding. Mitch

and Mary both mentioned a newspaper article citing each town's request to Knox County, the total of which exceeded available funding. Tom suggested spending up to \$100,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act on air packs for the fire department. The department has applied for a Fire Act Grant to replace the 20-year-old packs but has not received notification of funding at this point. Tom said he should have more information Thursday about the grant end date, which typically is when all of the funding is exhausted.

Other Agenda Items: None.

Questions and Comments: Wes asked if Select Board members were interested in selling tailings from the town pit. Tom said no because the town has a use for the tailings. Wes said the board, at one point, voted to allow tailings sales and should now rescind that vote. Tom made a motion to rescind the prior vote to sell tailings – effectively to not sell products from the town gravel pit. Wes asked if “products” includes old culverts and Tom amended his motion to state “mineral products.” Wes seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carries.

Tom said he wanted to revisit the plans for Halloween one more time – he expressed concern about how the road would be blocked off to keep the children safe during Trunk-Or-Treat. He said during fire department hose testing/trainings in daylight hours, there are always a few cars that drive through the area despite the flashing red lights on the fire trucks and cones in the road. He said he feels the school property is a better location for the event.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell