



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

May 11, 2022

7 p.m.

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

Others Present: Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson

Wes Daniel called the meeting to order with a motion to go into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E) – discussion with legal counsel – at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Tom Johnston; all in favor, motion passes. Executive session adjourned at 7:10 p.m. and regular meeting was called to order.

Approve Summary of May 4, 2022: Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated May 13, 2022:

P/R Warrant #38: \$4,315.52

A/P Warrant #39: \$15,039.41

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

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

5/2: Hauled gravel to Mountain and Lenfest roads

5/3: David and Frank fixed some of the road signs; Frank graded Mountain and Lenfest roads; Steven had a doctor's appointment

5/4: Started to take P200 apart to work on the engine; Travis came to work on P200

5/5: Worked on P200 washing parts, needs cam bearings and lifters (parts cost about \$4,000); Jacolby inspected trucks – P100 and P600 passed, but P200, P300 and P500 did not pass and Frank called for parts to fix them

CEO Report: None

Health Officer Report: None

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Mary Anderson said she ordered the monument wreath, which will be picked up May 26.

The school ballots and warrant were received on Friday and the district budget meeting is Tuesday, May 17.

Dan Furrow has signed the easement for the turnaround and Mary has sent it to the Registry of Deeds.

The checking account balance is \$197,713.

Mary requested approval to increase the Planning Board secretary pay to \$16/per hour from \$15.30. Tom made a motion to approve the pay increase, Wes seconded; motion passes.

Forty-thousand dollars has been moved from checking to savings accounts -- \$20,000 each for the fire truck replacement fund and the public works truck replacement fund.

Liens for unpaid 2021 taxes will be filed with the Registry of Deeds on Friday. There are 66 total.

Sample ballots for the state primary have been received.

Tom asked if the town ballots are ready, and about the upcoming public hearing. Mary said the public hearing for town ballot items is set for May 25 at 7 p.m. (the Select Board meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. that evening). Wes suggested limiting speaking time to 2 minutes; then Tom suggested 5 minutes per person during the public hearing. Wes then made a motion to limit speakers to 2 minutes, Mitch seconded; Wes and Mitch in favor, Tom did not vote.

Other Agenda Items: Select Board members signed appointment papers for Ballot Clerks: Joan Tognacci and Sarah Reynolds; and Scholarship Committee: Amy Donaghy and Antyna Gould (alternate), following a motion by Mitch and second by Tom; all in favor, motion passes.

Wes said he talked to Jason Chapman and Jason is willing to re-roof the generator room at the fire station. Tom made a motion to have Jason do the work, second by Mitch; all in favor, motion passes.

Other business: Wes reached out to Benner Tree Service about Maple Grove Cemetery tree removal. He said the estimate is between \$1,500 and \$1,800 to chip and put the wood into the back of Frank's truck. Wes made a motion to use Benner Tree Service, Tom seconded; all in favor, motion passes.

Salt bids were received and the cost for delivery by Eastern Salt Co. is \$97.90 per ton, by Morton Salt is \$72.87 per ton and by New England Salt Co. is \$81.65 per ton. The bids for loaded salt are \$97.90 from Eastern Salt Co., \$72.00 from Morton and \$80.00 from New England Salt Co. Wes said Morton is the lowest bidder but has not been dependable in the past. Wes said he could reach out to New England Salt Co. to see if the town could get a better price. Tom made a motion to allow Wes to negotiate with New England Salt Co, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion passes.

Questions/comments: Mitch asked about the next meeting with Mark Ouellette from Axiom Technologies about the proposed central office location. Tom said Mark will call him when he's available.

The next official meeting with Axiom/Mark and Hawkeye Construction is June 1 – Tom will meet with them at 4:30 p.m. for a drive-around look at utility poles and all will convene at 6 p.m. at the Town Office for a meeting.

Tom also asked if any paving bids have been received. Mary said none have been submitted at this point.

Motion to Adjourn by Mitch Garnett, Tom Johnston seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell