



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

July 13, 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 Select Board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Approve Summary of July 6, 2022: Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated July 14, 2022:

P/R Warrant #56: \$4,642.26

A/P Warrant #57: \$8,818.41

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

7/4: Holiday

7/5: Finished ditching on Fitch Road; started on trees at Town Office

7/6: Cut and chipped brush at Town Office, started building pad

7/7: Finished pad and seeded; Frank marked Sprague Road for ditching (DigSafe)

CEO Report: None

Health Officer Report: None

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson said the SimpleIRA deductions has been set up for the six participating employees. She sent a photo of the building pad to Mark Ouellette of Axiom at his request.

Mary continues to seek liability insurance quotes for the broadband project from several sources – HUB (suggested by MMA), Gosline Insurance (suggested by Wes) and Axiom's insurance provider (suggested by Stephanie). Gosline asked if the town could supplement its current insurance and Mary confirmed with Mark that it can, which is a less expensive option. Still, insurance is expected to cost around \$10,000 per year. After checking with MMA legal, the town has been advised against using ARPA funding for insurance, as wording indicates ARPA funds may be spent on broadband infrastructure. Mark is also looking into insurance options.

Tom asked if MMA could increase the town liability limits, but Mary said MMA has declined to do so and referred the town to HUB.

Mary has reached out to Dave Martucci about moderating the special town meeting on July 20; he will confirm by Friday if he is available.

Mitch asked if Mary has heard from town attorney Peter Drum about the Welzel case. Wes said he spoke with Peter and paperwork has been filed and Peter is waiting for a response. He said he expects the case will go to court. Peter did not attend Tuesday's Planning Board meeting, as he was not feeling well.

Mitch also asked about CEO Corey Fortin – he was in the office for several hours Monday and present for Tuesday evening's Planning Board meeting. Wes said he gave a good report to Planning Board members about his activities.

Other Agenda Items: The contract with Assessor's Agent Becky Adams expired June 30; she is expected to write up a new contract, this time for three years, and has said her fees will remain at the same rate through December 2023, then increase. Select Board members briefly discussed the length of contract and concurred three years is appropriate.

Other business: MMA elections are open for vice president and executive committee members. Select Board members declined to vote.

Questions/comments: None.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell