



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Aug. 3, 2022

7 p.m.

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

**Others Present:** Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson, CEO Corey Fortin and Broadband Committee Chairman Sara Bullard

Wes Daniel called the Select Board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Approve Summary of July 27, 2022:** Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Aug. 4, 2022:**

P/R Warrant #63: \$5,992.92

A/P Warrant #64: \$16,606.23

Motion to approve all three 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

7/25: Ditched on Sprague Road

7/26: Ditched and cut brush

7/27: Cut brush and ditched

7/28: Cut brush and ditched; Steven patched potholes on Crystal Lake Road

**CEO Report:** CEO/LPI Corey Fortin handed out an updated building and plumbing permit spreadsheet. He noted some remain unpaid and others haven't been picked up. He has been working with attorney Peter Drum on the CEO role as it relates to uninhabitable structures as well as researching the potential issue at PB&J Storage. Pit inspections are mostly caught up – for those who have paid – with the only new one this week being Debra Dean (Daniel Pit).

**Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson asked if Select Board members would authorize money for a delivery lockbox to be shared with the library. The library has been having frequent problems with missed deliveries and the town office has received later-than-expected deliveries. Access to the lockbox will be limited to Mary and Stephanie on the town office side and Misty and Antyna on the library side. The cost is estimated to be \$250 each. Wes made a motion to contribute

\$250 toward the purchase, Tom seconded. Tom asked which budget line the money would come from and Wes clarified it would come from building maintenance. Tom asked if the lockbox would be large enough for the library deliveries and Mary said it would. Mitch asked where the box would be located and Mary said she thought near the library book drop, though it will take up part of the garden. The motion as approved with all in favor.

Mary spoke with Jake from The First and the required line of credit for the broadband project is all set and checks have been received for the account.

2022 tax bills have been proofed and should be mailed by the end of the week.

Mary participated in a Zoom meeting Friday about historic properties and the potential for grant money.

The interest rate for the checking account has risen to .55 from .40.

The town received a check for veteran reimbursement in the amount of \$1,512.

The automatic door opener was not working and Mary reached out to the repair company. The old outside unit had a leak, which corroded the interior, so it had to be upgraded.

Deb Bridges from MMA will be here Aug. 18 to talk about Anthem, as Public Works employees have been having some recent issues.

Don and Liz Grinnell will staff a cooling center in the Bryant Room on Thursday between 1 and 3 p.m. (after the town office closes and before the library opens).

Maritime Energy will clean the furnaces Aug. 16.

Mary is on vacation from Thursday to Tuesday.

**Other Agenda Items:** Wes spoke about closing Lincoln Road to winter maintenance, as it has been troublesome in the past. The closure request came from Frank Jones. Wes pointed out that a decision does not need to be made immediately but Select Board members are authorized annually at town meeting to close roads with a regular meeting vote.

Mary spoke about her efforts to nail down what is required for insurance to begin the broadband project. Tom volunteered to contact the Maine PUC and said he likes Somerville's stand on the insurance. Sara Bullard agreed with Somerville's stand as well but said CCI has been very clear about what insurance is provided. Tom said he feels he can gather enough information to make a more informed decision. Mary noted there are expiration dates on the quotes already received, so if Select Board members decide to go to special town meeting for the money, a decision should be made in the next two weeks. Tom said he would like to proceed cautiously and not spend money unless there's no other option. He said he would like to reach out to Chris Johnson in Somerville as well. It was agreed there are still many questions around the broadband project.

Wes suggested activating the Roads Committee again, as well as seeking new members. Mary asked if they would still meet Tuesday mornings and Wes said it depends on who is on the committee.

Tom asked if the town heard anything back about the speed study. Mary said she has not.

**Other business:** None.

**Questions/comments:**

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell