



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Aug. 17, 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

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

**Approve Summary of Aug. 10, 2022:** Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Aug. 18, 2022:**

P/R Warrant #67: \$4,782.50

A/P Warrant #68: \$193,823.31 (includes a school district payment)

Motion to approve 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

8/8: Unplugged culverts on Dorman Road, two on Youngs Hill Road, two on Old County Road; fixed washout and started to ditch on Old County Road

8/9: Ditched on Old County Road; Wes and Frank met with Ruthie from CMP to measure for guywire

8/10: Cut brush on Old County Road and ditched

8/11: Ditched on Old County Road; unplugged two culverts plugged by beavers

**CEO Report:** CEO Corey Fortin handed out updated gravel pit inspection reports with a few more paid: FRP, K Jones, Luce Dirt and Town of Waldoboro. He's signed a couple more building permits (one barn and one shed). Corey conducted a semi-final inspection of the solar farm at 576 Waldoboro Road – the company asked for an occupancy permit, which doesn't apply – and discovered some large gaps along the bottom of the fence line that shouldn't be more than 2 inches high. As well, there is a possible issue with a conduit that Corey will check with the state about. The possible violation at PB&J Storage is still being researched. Corey said the most recent permit was issued in 2006 and expired in 2007 after a 24-month reapplication window closed – he said he thinks a site plan permit is needed, not a full site plan review and Corey will contact PB&J about it. Tom asked if the gravel pad on which storage units sit is too close to Route 17 and Corey said he will attempt to measure the distance to the center line. Tom then asked who taxes the storage units when not on site at the facility – the answer is unclear.

**Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson completed the annual MMA salary survey. The Town Office will be closed Tuesday, Aug. 23, for a TRIO training in Portland. Broadband Committee Chairman Sara Bullard received an email from Axiom Technology's Mark Ouellette about the cost of connecting the excluded census block and expects to ask for about \$4,000 from the ARPA grant to connect those homes. Mary made sure all Select Board members had seen an email from attorney Peter Drum that includes his legal opinion about broadband infrastructure being covered under the Maine Tort Claims Act (it is not). A conference call with the PUC scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday was confirmed – Mary, Tom and Wes expect to participate.

**Other Agenda Items:** Select Board members talked about closing Lincoln Road to winter maintenance. Tom said he thinks a public hearing is needed; Wes disagreed because Select Board members are authorized at the annual town meeting to make a final determination. Tom and Mary talked about sending letters to the two or three residences on the road to notify them of the possible closure but no vote was taken.

**Other business:** An offer was received from the Welzels regarding a tree-cutting violation on Washington Pond. Attorney Peter Drum made a counteroffer suggestion via email, which Wes made a motion to accept: A fine of \$20,000, replanting of trees and paying attorneys fees (he excluded Peter's suggestion to require planting of rosa rugosa shrubs). Mitch said he disagrees with the fine (not being enough to prevent future violations). After additional discussion about part of the property being in a resource protection area, the motion failed to receive a second. Tom made a motion to counteroffer a \$15,000 fine, replanting program and to further stipulate no cutting of trees or mowing within 100 feet of the shoreline, as well as paying attorney's fees. Wes seconded the motion; motion passes with Wes opposed.

**Questions/comments:** None.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell