



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Aug. 31, 2022

7 p.m.

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

**Others Present:** Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson, CEO/LPI Corey Fortin

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

**Approve Summary of Aug. 24, 2022:** Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Sept. 1, 2022:**

P/R Warrant #71: \$4,675.93

A/P Warrants #73 & #74: \$12,365.23 and \$17,911.70 (for broadband internet insurance).

Tom asked what happened to warrant #72 and Mary explained she was working with TRIO to figure out check reconciliation for the broadband account and didn't change the account back when creating the first AP warrant so those checks would have come out of the broadband checking account instead of regular checking; warrant #72 was voided. 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

8/22: Worked on winter sand; put in two loads of salt and 85 loads of sand

8/23: Put up 85 loads of sand

8/24: Put up 90 loads of sand

8/25: Put up 34 loads of sand; started on stone

Wes noted the winter sand is short by 500 to 700 yards and said Greg will return to finish screening. At the same time, the bank/berm will be fixed for an additional three hours of labor.

**CEO Report:** Corey reported he issued three new building permits and two new plumbing permits.

Sukeforth has paid for gravel pit inspection. Pike sent a letter notifying the town it was moving a crusher from New Hampshire to its Jefferson Road location.

A building permit for Medomak Camp may need to go to Planning Board, Corey said. He reached out to Sean about the application and left a message. The permit seeks to tear down the dining hall and rebuild it.

Corey and Assessor's Agent Becky Adams talked about the tax implications of portable storage units at PB&J Storage and will further discuss it Sept. 21, when Becky is in the office again. She gave Corey a few examples from other towns.

Attorney Peter Drum has not gotten back to Corey regarding the CEO role in determining if a structure is uninhabitable. Mitch asked what information Corey is looking for from Peter and Corey said he needs to know if he alone can make the determination or if he needs to call in an electrician for electrical concerns or an engineer for structural concerns. Tom argued that "uninhabitable" is a decision, while "condemned" is a more specific determination. He said the decision is more difficult when someone is living in the structure and recommended Corey continue to seek Peter's opinion.

Tom asked if Corey has heard from George Hall & Sons regarding pit inspections and Corey said he has not. The deadline for paying the fee is Sept. 30; Corey noted there are several others who have yet to pay the fee so he can schedule inspections.

**Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson said the \$100,000 borrowed from the town's line of credit has been repaid and she expects the remaining \$50,000 borrowed to be paid back by the end of the week.

The service company replaced the battery in the DS200 voting machine Wednesday.

Mary and Wes will attend a workshop about general assistance on Sept. 23.

The insurance check for the broadband project will be dropped off by Mary tomorrow and then she will send applications along to Axiom (who will pay the required fees from the grant) to submit to CMP and CCI.

The checking account balance is \$278,340.

Town staff who wish to sign up for dental and vision insurance will meet with Debbie from MMA on Sept. 7 (employees will pay the full cost of vision and dental).

Assessor's agent Becky Adams will be back Sept. 21 to speak about supplemental bills and abatements (generally a wash as far as collection of taxes are concerned).

Mary has a new contact at CCI, Diane Provencher, and has confirmed the town is on task with its broadband applications. Mark Ouellette from Axiom emailed a link for video meetings with Tilson, a company affiliated with the NTIA grant – Mary confirmed with Broadband Chair Sara Bullard she will attend the once-monthly meetings.

Property tax payments continue to come in. Becky tasked Sarah and Stephanie with refiling and double-checking the Homestead Exemption applications in the hope it will simplify processing of LD290 (Property Tax Stabilization) applications.

Wes asked where the money to cover the interest accruing on the insurance money borrowed from the broadband line of credit will come from and wondered if it would be paid from the line of credit. Tom said that is probably the case. He said he recently talked with Sara Bullard about the contract with Axiom and thinks Select Board members should meet with him to discuss some changes. Mark is available to meet with Select Board members Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Wes noted if the interest is paid from the line of credit, the town will be paying interest on interest.

**Other Agenda Items:** There was a short discussion of the proposed Welzel agreement. Wes made a motion to accept Peter Drum's recommendations so a consent agreement can be drafted, Tom seconded. Corey said he will not issue a building permit until the fines are paid. Mary will notify Peter the Select Board approves. All in favor, motion passes.

Select Board members signed annual letters sent to auto graveyard/junkyard owners reminding them of permit fees and renewal deadlines. Wes asked if the required work has been done at Tim Jackson's, as he recently spoke with Tim and said if the work isn't completed by the time the yard is inspected, it could impact his permit. The work is not yet completed, Corey said.

Select Board members signed appointment papers for Roads Committee members Rick Linscott and Keith Reilly, and ballot clerk Sara Bullard. Wes made the motion to appoint all three, Tom seconded; all in favor, motion passes.

**Other business:** Wes discussed the order of next week's meeting: Select Board at 6:30, recess until public hearing at 7, public hearing, then reconvene Select Board to vote.

**Questions/comments:** None.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell