



**Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary
March 2, 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/Assessor's meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Approve Summary of Feb. 23, 2022: Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated March 3, 2022:

P/R Warrant #18: \$7,026.95

A/P Vendor Warrant #19: \$21,447.30

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

2/21: President's Day holiday

2/22: Worked on pressure washer; put up posters for Posted roads; fixed some road signs

2/23: Washed off trucks; checked roads for mud spots; tried to unplug some culverts

2/24: Patched some mud spots: Dorman Road – 56 yards of stone, Skidmore Road – 70 yards, Sprague Road – 28 yards, Albert Jones – 28 yards.

2/25: Frank called in the guys to help plow, Jason came in at 7:30 a.m. and Ricky came in at 11:30 a.m.

2/26: Steven, David and Frank came in to salt and clean up slush

CEO Report: None

Health Officer Report: None

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson said Marcus Ballou of MMA will meet with Select Board members and herself on March 15 at 9 a.m.

Mike Mayo has agreed to moderate this year's town meeting on Saturday, March 26, at 10 a.m. at Prescott School. The school has requested the setup is at 6 p.m. on Friday.

Dean with the auditor's office was here Tuesday morning and adjustments and to drop off the annual reports.

Mildred contacted Mary last week to ask if Evening Star Grange could sell food during town meeting. Mitch asked if the items for sale would be individually wrapped and Mary said they would. Select Board members agreed the Grange would be allowed to sell food; Mary will contact Mildred to let her know.

The town received the NTIA grant for broadband.

Courtesy letters to those who still owe 2021 taxes went out on Tuesday.

Union Ambulance Director Jesse Thompson will attend town meeting to answer any questions about the ambulance assessment.

Mary attended a class offered by MMA today about ARPA funds; she said the town is on the right track and the class was informative.

Mitch asked how signups for the emergency alert system are going; Mary said there are about 40 people signed up so far.

Wes asked about the status of the town report and Mary said the warrant is the last item to submit. She hopes to receive the report proof Thursday or Friday so she and Stephanie can go over it. Books will be printed and available by town meeting.

Other Agenda Items: Wes made a motion to sign a letter to Union Select Board members and town manager confirming Washington will accept the proposed ambulance assessment. Tom seconded; all in favor, motion carries. Mary will email the letter to Union officials and keep the original copy.

Other business: Wes said there are going to be Local Roads trainings and workshops this year so he will pass that information along to Frank.

Select Board members signed the warrant for town meeting following a motion by Mitch and second by Tom. Mary will sign, town seal and distribute to the appropriate parties.

Questions/comments: Mitch asked about two foreclosed properties and warrant wording. Tom said once the articles are approved at town meeting, Select Board members can decide what to do with the properties. He said the articles are on the warrant each year, regardless of any foreclosures. Mitch asked about the locations of the two properties and said he was thinking one might be appropriate for the central office required as part of the broadband project. Mary said ARPA money could be used, if needed; but Tom said he thinks the central office is included in the NTIA broadband grant. Tom suggested putting the central office by the tower behind the fire station if the property lines can be confirmed. Mitch said he believes the office will require heat and generator back-up power. Tom said the town office/library/fire station property is becoming a little cramped but he hopes as the broadband project moves forward, Mark Oullette of Axiom Technologies will be able to provide firm answers as far as the central office needs.

Motion to Adjourn by Mitch Garnett, Tom Johnston seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell