



**Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary  
March 30, 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 meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated March 31, 2022:**

P/R Warrant #26: \$10,427.03

A/P Vendor Warrant #27: \$32,112.35

Tom asked if the payroll warrant includes pay increases approved at town meeting. Wes confirmed it does include raises for employees, as well as election staff pay.

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

3/20: Steven and Frank patched mud spots on Old County Road, used 35 yards of stone.

3/21: Patched mud spots on dirt roads, used 98 yards of stone.

3/22: Patched mud spots on dirt roads, use 140 yards of stone.

3/23: Put cold patch on tar road to fill in some pot holes, used 2 yards.

3/24: Patched floor board in P300 and unloaded new cutting edges; checked dirt roads for mud.

**CEO Report:** None

**Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson gave Select Board members a proposed change to the Covid-19 policy that will allow Select Board members to determine when sick time must be used versus regular pay.

There were 80 registered voters at town meeting, along with a half dozen or so non-registered voters.

Sara Bullard submitted a letter of interest in the new Broadband Committee and Mary asked how Select Board members wanted to proceed with soliciting additional members. The vacancies are posted to the town website and Mary offered to email current Broadband Committee members. She said it is

probable the committee, along with Select Board members and the town attorney, will review the contract with Axiom when it is received. As well, the committee will do much of the signup solicitation.

A glitch with TRIO has prevented the updated budget from importing, so there are no updated expense reports.

The quarterly state taxes have been paid. Don Grinnell was in the office today to order flags.

Andrew Lee reached out about purchasing a large culvert that is crushed on one side. He has spoken with Frank about the culvert. Wes said he would also check with Frank.

Mary has information about the Simple IRA plan that will be offered to certain employees. She will work with The First to set up the employer portion before distributing employee kits. Eligible employees will have 60 days to sign up and Mitch asked if there will be an informational meeting – Mary said there will be. Eligible employees must fill out a form accepting or declining the IRA. Mary hopes to have sign-ups open by May 1 and there will be an annual open enrollment period.

Concerns about one property foreclosed upon have been forwarded to Maine Municipal Association but Mary has not heard back yet about how to proceed.

**Other Agenda Items:** Wes asked if there were any concerns about the updated Covid-19 sick pay policy and said a motion is needed. Tom made a motion to accept the change, and for the change to be retroactive to the beginning of the State of Emergency, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion passes.

Wes said appointments to the Broadband Committee will be delayed until next week. Mary/Stephanie will contact current committee members to see if any are interested in the new committee.

Select Board members looked over a proposed Ambulance Advisory Committee proposal sent by Union Town Manager Jay Feyler. Wes said the proposal gives Union three members and three alternates, and Washington one member and one alternate. The positions must be filled by July 1. Tom said he does not agree with some of the proposal and said Washington should have two members, as should Appleton if it is remaining on board with Union. Wes said he would talk to Jay to find out how the number of members allotted was determined.

Tom asked if the county is bulk-purchasing salt again and Wes confirmed. Washington used 458 tons of salt last year and has used more than 330 ton so far this year, Wes said.

Tom asked about the CEO timecard and if Corey has been talking to any other Select Board members about research he is doing because Tom said he rarely sees Corey and is concerned his research might be a duplicate effort from past years. Wes said Corey speaks to him when he's in the office, and that Corey has also asked Mitch about a few things in the office.

Mitch asked if Mary has heard from attorney Peter Drum about the Welzel property/legal case. Mary has not. Mitch suggested a meeting soon.

Tom said he emailed Mark Ouellette from Axiom after town meeting and reminded him a contract is needed soon. Wes pointed out that town meeting was only a few days ago. Mitch asked for confirmation that Tom emailed Mark, and Tom said he did.

Wes said he and Frank looked at an Albert Jones Road property and measured it for a truck turn-around. They talked to the property owner, who is agreeable. He asked if the proposal should go to the attorney or if it could just be notarized and signed. Tom suggested following the Nelson Ridge Road South agreement.

Mitch suggested finding out if legal fees are included in the Broadband grant so the time Peter Drum spends reviewing the contract could be properly billed. Tom also suggested finding out where the central office might be located.

**Other business:** None.

**Questions/comments:** None.

**Motion to Adjourn** by Mitch Garnett, Tom Johnston seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell