



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Nov. 2, 2022

7 p.m.

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

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson, Code Enforcement Officer Corey Fortin, residents Brian Alves, Charlotte Henderson and Jeff Grinnell

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

**Approve Summary of Oct. 26, 2022:** Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Nov. 3, 2022:**

P/R Warrants #91 & #92: \$13,688.18 & \$538.25

A/P Warrants #93: \$3,221.97

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

10/24: Steven took a vacation day; Ricky and Frank unplugged culvert; worked on spare sander; Travis worked on P300 and got it to regen; Frank went to get brakes for P200

10/25: Had a safety class for the Road Department on the safety manual in the shop; unplugged culvert on Old Union Road; worked on P200 brakes

10/26: Put up new berms in pit to stop it from washing out; worked on P200

10/27: Checked roads for washouts; unplugged culverts; worked in shop

**CEO Report:** CEO Corey Fortin said consent agreements for George Hall and Greg Boynton have been signed and fees paid, so those mining operations will resume. Corey already has inspected Greg's pit and will contact Bill at Hall's to schedule an inspection. He continues to write pit inspection reports and photo uploads; and has inspected a few septic projects. Stephanie drafted an application for Adult Use Marijuana and sent it to Corey and Steve Ocean (who was involved in writing the ordinance) – Steve recommended sending it to town attorney Peter Drum, who also approved the application. Corey has sent to application to someone who requested it and Select Board members looked over the application. It was confirmed there are fees for the applications included in the ordinance. Corey said he will look over other newer ordinances and advise if other applications need to be written and approved.

**Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson asked if Select Board members could set up voting booths in the Bryant Room Monday morning; they will. Voting takes place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Cassidy Parmley stopped by the town office to ask about replacing the sign in the park in the village with a more modern one, which he previously offered to do. He said he can submit some designs to choose from. Mary will reach out to Cassidy.

Through Mary, Steve Ocean asked if he could register for a workshop about navigating legal marijuana rules. Select Board members approved his registration for the workshop.

The town received a Tree Growth reimbursement check in the amount of \$5,083.60 on Monday.

Animal Control Officer Nicole Bissett contacted Mary to ask what the town might do if a dog or cat is hit by a car but survives – who gets the veterinarian bill? Nicole is not looking for an answer right away. Another woman contacted Nicole asking her to trap and remove a cat from her property, where she's been feeding a number of other animals already.

Travis Perez checked the lights in the lobby, installed new bulbs and the fixtures appear to be working properly.

Mary asked if Select Board members are nearly ready to meet with the Budget Committee but Wes and Tom both said probably not until December.

**Other Agenda Items:** Tom made a motion to increase the pay rate for Public Works employees to \$22/hour for operators, \$24 for operator/mechanics and \$27 for operator/supervisor; and to raise the CEO rate to \$25/hour; effective next pay period. Mitch seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carries.

Select Board members signed the two consent agreements with George Hall and Greg Boynton following a motion by Wes and second by Tom. All were in favor.

Wes made a motion to sign the appointment paper for Lee Shane to be a ballot clerk, Tom seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Brian Alves said he spoke with Tom last week about the Calderwood Road culvert, which is failing. He has reached out to Maine Rivers' Landis Hudson and Matt Streeter about grant funding for replacement of the culvert and there are two upcoming grant opportunities. A DEP grant application deadline is next week (up to \$125,000 or 20 percent of replacement cost) and a DOT grant application deadline is Feb. 8, 2023 (80 percent of replacement cost), with a decision in November 2023 and work starting in summer of 2024. Brian said the DOT grant would involve the Army Corps of Engineers and that Medomak Brook and River have been designated for Atlantic salmon – meaning fish passage rules will apply. Maine Rivers has experience and expertise in that regard, Brian said; however, the DOT funding will only pay for a DOT design. Until construction begins, repairs and maintenance can be done but Brian asked what

Select Board members would do if the culvert failed completely before 2024. Wes and Mitch said they think the culvert will last long enough, but if it doesn't, Select Board members could close the road.

Tom said he thinks the DEP deadline is too close to get an application completed. He said if the culvert fails before any grant funding is available, it can be replaced under emergency rules but that replacement would not allow for fish passage. He said engineering is also needed. Wes said the engineering can be done ahead of time and the costs paid back upon receipt of a grant. Brian said Maine Rivers works with several engineers. Tom asked for contact information so he can reach out.

Jeff asked if there is a weight limit on Calderwood Road. Tom said there is not but it's something to consider. Jeff asked how bad a shape the culvert is in and Tom said it's only getting worse; there's a rust hole and it could fail like the culvert on Bill Luce Road did last year.

**Other business:** Mitch asked Jeff (as president of the Washington Lakes and Watershed Association) if there's any news on stocking Washington Pond but Jeff said there's been nothing new.

Wes said two applications have been received for the open Public Works position. Wes and Mitch both must recuse themselves so Tom and Frank will go over the applications and arrange interviews.

**Questions/comments:** None.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell