



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

June 28, 2023

7 p.m.

Select Board members present: Wesley Daniel, Mitchell Garnett and Katherine Grinnell

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson

Wes Daniel called the Select Board meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approve Summary of June 21, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Kate, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated June 29, 2023:

P/R Warrant #51: \$5,474.09

A/P Warrant #52: \$6,532.20

Motion to approve warrants by Mitch, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Road Foreman Report: Written by Frank Jones Jr. and read by Wes

6/19: Holiday

6/20: Worked on putting big rocks at the ends of culverts (96 yards of 6-inch+ stone, 88 yards surface gravel)

6/21: (16 yards stone, 160 yards surface gravel); Frank met with Don, Wes and FEMA representative

6/22: Graded and rolled, Steven and Jonathan hauled (64 yards surface gravel); Somerville end of Old County is open

CEO Report: None.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The town received a revenue sharing check in the amount of \$21,660.27. Stephanie is working on fillable forms (building, driveway entrance, 911 address, etc.) for the new website. The quarterly state tax, \$2,712, has been paid. The checking account balance is \$94,948. Animal Control Officer Nicole Bissett is on vacation and a notice has been posted on the town website directing people to contact the town office with any emergency animal control problems.

Broadband update: Mary shared an email from Mark Ouellette that states CMP is following the 880 rules and will not charge the town for make-ready costs – a total of \$57,311.64, to date, will be waived.

Mary also has been in touch with Jake at The First about the \$300,000 line of credit that is set to mature in July. There are three options: keep it open and active, pay it off and close the account, or keep the account open but freeze it so it can't be accessed. It was decided to keep it open and active.

As well, the insurance policy required by CMP and CCI is set to renew in September. Mary has checked with Danielle to get a new quote. Mary asked if the vote last year to take the money from the line of credit allows payment this year as well. Wes said he feels the money should be paid from surplus rather than the line of credit, which accrues interest.

Kate asked if the make-ready funds allotted for CMP could be spent on insurance instead but Mark told Mary it cannot.

Other Agenda Items: Select Board members signed the May bank statement.

Following a motion by Mitch and second by Kate, Select Board members signed a CMP pole permit for a pole within the right-of-way at the corner of Jefferson and Hopkins roads.

The town has received permission from FEMA to combine storm damage estimates from December 2022 and May 2023 under Category C. Wes made a motion to combine the December and May events under Category C, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Other business: Select Board members talked about the need for one or more special town meetings. A meeting was set for July 26 at 7 p.m. that will include a public hearing and vote on a moratorium related to multi-unit residential structures, and a vote on the broadband insurance money funding source. Mary will check with Dave Martucci to see if he is willing and available to moderate the special town meeting.

Wes made a motion to enter executive session under 1 MSRA section 405 (6)(a) at 7:30 p.m. Select Board members exited executive session at 7:35 p.m. Wes noted a number of Maine towns immediately used ARPA funds during the pandemic to compensate employees who continued to work. Mitch made a motion to give bonuses of \$1,500 each to the two town clerks who worked through the pandemic, Wes seconded; all in favor (Kate abstains), motion carries.

Questions/comments: None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell