



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

July 12, 2023

7 p.m.

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

**Others present:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson, Fire Chief Phil Meunier

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

**Approve Summary of July 5, 2023:** Motion to approve summary by Mitch, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated July 13, 2023:**

P/R Warrant #55: \$5,618.56

A/P Warrant #56: \$167,487.88, which includes the June school payment of more than \$158,000.

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

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

7/3: Chipped brush on Calderwood Road

7/4: Holiday

7/5: Chipped brush on Calderwood Road; Frank met with Don, Select Board members and FEMA

7/6: Steven and Jonathan chipped brush on Calderwood Road; Frank took a vacation day

**CEO Report:** None.

**Health Officer Report:** None.

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Mary asked Select Board members to sign an amended warrant for July 26, as there was a sentence that was cut off. Wes made a motion to sign the amended warrant as a true copy, Kate seconded; motion carries and the warrant signed.

The checking account balance is \$55,258. To cover the school payment, an additional \$100,000 was borrowed from the town's line of credit.

Plans for the August 12 Broadband Festival are continuing, with Sara Bullard spearheading. There is a meeting next Wednesday at 6 p.m. for festival volunteers.

The company the town uses to print and mail tax bills is charging a \$100 additional fee because of the state property tax stabilization program. Assessor's Agent Becky Adams emailed about the stabilization program being discontinued, with two alternative programs for seniors to consider. Mary noted it is unfortunate for residents the state is renegeing on the stabilization program. Applicants will see the stabilized amount on the 2023 tax bill. Mitch pointed out that the mil rate increase this year will be reflected on 2024 bills along with any increase for that year, so some stabilization applicants could see a significant property tax increase in 2024.

**Broadband update:** None.

**Other Agenda Items:** Select Board members signed the appointment paper for Recreation Committee member Tanya McBride following a motion by Wes and second by Kate (unanimously approved).

Policies for video display terminals, and slips, trips and falls were approved after a motion by Kate and second by Wes. The polices will help the town qualify for Workers Compensation Tier 2 safety.

Mitch made a motion to approve a Procurement Policy, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries. Three new policies for Washington Fire Department also were approved: Building use, Meeting Room use and Cost recovery. Wes made the motion to approve all three; Kate seconded. Mitch asked if the two uses per year applies to Planning Board but Phil clarified the "two uses" applies to the station bay, not the meeting room. A possible consequence of breaking the use policy could be denial of future requests, Phil said.

**Other business:** Select Board members received a letter requesting input on Maine Municipal Association's annual election of officers. Kate made a motion to approve the slate of candidates offered by MMA, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Questions/comments:** None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell