



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

July 19, 2023

7 p.m.

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

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson, Recreation Committee Chair Peg Hobbs

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

Approve Summary of July 12, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Kate, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated July 20, 2023:

P/R Warrant #57: \$5,253.29

A/P Warrant #56: \$137,086.21

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

7/10: Frank chipped brush on Mountain Road; Steven and Jonathan worked in the pit so Greg can start winter sand

7/11: Chipped brush on Mountain Road, chipper broke down and a new part has been ordered

7/12: Started ditching on Mountain Road

7/13: Moved the wood from Maple Grove Cemetery and from downed trees in the pit

Mitch asked if any of the Mountain Road work was related to the rainstorms; Wes said all of it except the chipping.

CEO Report: None.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The required \$300,000 line of credit for broadband needs to be extended and requires a vote by the Select Board. The new expiration date is July 25, 2024; the new interest rate is 6.15 percent (up from 4.472 percent); and there is a \$1,500 legal fee. Mitch asked if the legal fees could be paid with grant money and Mary said she would ask. Mitch made a motion to secure the line of credit for broadband, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

A check for make-ready work for more than \$95,000 (of grant money) has been received from Axiom. Included in the Accounts Payable this week are checks for Consolidated bill already sent for the make-ready work.

Another \$50,000 has been borrowed from the town's regular line of credit to help cover accounts payable and payroll.

Broadband update: There is a Tilson meeting on Friday.

Other Agenda Items: Following a motion by Wes and second by Kate, Select Board members approved putting out to bid: plowing, cemetery maintenance, town grounds maintenance and roadside mowing from 2024 through 2026. Current contract-holders will receive copies of the bid packets and copies also will be available at the town office.

Peg spoke about a now-seldom-used trail at Prescott Memorial School that also crosses land owned by Barry Peabody. She requested the OK of Select Board members to allow Recreation Committee members to clean up the trail (not spending any money). She estimated it would take a single weekend to do that work. Peg said she also would touch base with Brian Race at RSU 40 if town approval is granted. Mitch made a motion for the Rec Committee to investigate working on the trail, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries. Mitch suggested the school might take advantage of educational opportunities including the trail as well.

Other business: None.

Questions/comments: None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell