



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

July 26, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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

**Others present:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson, Code Enforcement Officer Corey Fortin

Wes Daniel called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Approve Summary of July 19, 2023:** Motion to approve summary by Mitch, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated July 27, 2023:**

P/R Warrant #59: \$5,064.76

A/P Warrant #60: \$31,214.36

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

7/17: Ditched on Mountain Road

7/18: Finished one spot and moved to site No. 2; started cleaning the ditch

7/19: Ditched on Mountain Road; cut brush

7/20: Ditched and cut brush

**CEO Report:** Corey was out last week because of a family emergency. This week, he has issued a total of three plumbing permits (2 septic, 1 internal); as well as two building permits. Corey updated and handed out the 2023 lists for pit inspections and permits issued.

**Health Officer Report:** None.

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** A Homestead Exemption reimbursement check of \$36,538 and a revenue sharing check of \$26,054.08 both were received Monday.

Mary would like to sign Stephanie and Sarah up for an election workshop in Augusta on Sept. 21, the cost is \$60 each; Select Board members approved. All three clerks in the office have been taking safety training courses offered by Maine Municipal Association and Mary would like to set up Public Works to take the same courses.

Travis installed the blinds in the Bryant Room; the cost of the blinds and installation will be shared with the library.

The town has a CD that will mature in September but can, with no penalty, open a new CD with a higher interest rate sooner. The rate would increase to 5 percent interest from 4.88 percent. Mitch made a motion to accept the change, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

The checking account balance is \$70,132.

Mary moved money around at Mitch's request from ARPA funds to have a more accurate balance of remaining funds.

Kate asked if Mary knows when the tax bills will be sent out so the town can start bringing in more money instead of borrowing. Mary said she and Becky are waiting on a TRIO update for the Homestead Exemption and plan to meet Saturday. Proofs will go to the printer, be sent back after being checked and then sent out, Mary hopes, by the end of next week.

**Broadband update:** None.

**Other Agenda Items:** Select Board members signed the June 2023 bank statement.

**Other business:** On Tuesday, Select Board members met with Road Foreman Frank Jones Jr. to discuss the purchase of a new plow truck. Wes made a motion to proceed with ordering a truck, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries. The new truck will not be ready for at least two years.

**Questions/comments:** There were five Grinnells and nine Trails Committee members who walked the potential trail on Sunday. Kate said she feels all have a better understanding of the work that needs to be done and the group set phases of trail completion.

EMA Director Don Grinnell has requested a meeting with Select Board members and Frank to finish up the Vanner Road claim from the December storm, as it did not sustain any additional damage in the May storm. The meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bryant Room.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell