



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Aug. 9, 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 Aug. 2, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Mitch, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Aug. 10, 2023:

P/R Warrant #63: \$5,739.24

A/P Warrant #64: \$53,923.53

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

7/31: Graded Mountain Road, fixed washouts (96 yards surface gravel); and Lenfest Road (80 yards surface gravel)

8/1: Frank marked Albert Jones Road for DigSafe; met with Don and Select Board members for FEMA and with HP Fairfield; made out reports for fixing washouts on Mountain and Lenfest roads; Steven and Jonathan worked in the pit

8/2: Cleaned ditched and fixed washout on Vanner Road (24 yards surface gravel)

8/3: Frank took a vacation day; Steven and Jonathan fixed and replaced road signs, unplugged culverts and worked in the pit.

CEO Report: None.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Jake from The First emailed that the interest rate has increased to 4.2 percent from 4 percent. Kofile has returned two books of preserved town records: marriages from 1978-1990 and from 1991-1997. Tax bills were mailed last week and money is starting to come in. The checking account balance is \$136,685. The town received reimbursement checks for \$1,272 (Property/Casualty risk pool) and \$473 (Worker's Compensation).

Broadband update: None.

Other Agenda Items: Select Board members signed three polices: Personal Protective Equipment, Back Injury and Safe Lifting, and an updated Emergency Action Plan.

Other business: Wes said he previously spoke with the Army Corps of Engineers about Old County Road and was told no permit was needed for the work; however, now, it is requiring a permit because the culvert was upgraded. EMA Director Don Grinnell is working on the permit paperwork. There will be another meeting with FEMA about the December and May storms on Monday at 9:30 a.m. that will include site visits.

Phil attended a meeting of area fire and EMS chiefs earlier in the day and it was revealed that Knox County Dispatch is so understaffed that it will be forced to close in two weeks. By state law, there must be at least five people. Waldo County Dispatch will handle Knox calls for now. Phil said the change might lead to longer response times for fire, EMS and police. Mitch asked if Waldo County has the manpower to handle the increase in calls and Phil said there's a plan in place for this temporary shift. It is possible the area will be forced to move to a regional PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) model, which sends callers to a central location for redirection to the appropriate area.

Phil also has located a company that will handle paperwork for cost recovery reimbursements. He will meet with a company representative on Friday to get more information but said if the town isn't reimbursed, the company isn't paid. Using a company will save Phil time and paperwork.

Questions/comments: None.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Kate seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell