



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Aug. 16, 2023

7 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 7 p.m.

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

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Aug. 17, 2023:

P/R Warrant #65: \$5,545.69

A/P Warrant #66: \$115,760.82, which includes \$100,000 for paving.

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

8/7: Marked Old Union Road to fix washouts on the hills; finished cleaning and ditching on Vanner Road (24 yards surface gravel, P100, P200, excavator)

8/8: Stated to ditch The Pits Road and fixed the washout; Travis Kilbreth inspected trucks – P200 needs a drag link and an oil line

8/9: Worked on Albert Jones Road, cleaned ditch and fixed washout (P100, P200, excavator, P600, 30 yards surface gravel)

8/10: Steven and Jonathan chipped brush on Old Union Road before fixing washouts (P600, excavator); Frank took a vacation day

CEO Report: Two building permits and two septic system permits have been issued and Corey continues to work on gravel pit inspections; George Hall and Greg Boynton both have paid their pit inspection fees.

Corey looked at a complaint on West Washington Road this afternoon but did not see any blatant violations. There is a forestry project (with a forester involved) as well as yard excavation for landscaping in the area.

Wes asked if there is a forestry permit on Route 220 and Corey confirmed he received notification of a project on Liberty Road.

Wes also asked about the status of the McDowell Road marijuana project. Corey said the owners have decided to delay the marijuana part of the project and move forward, but the project still requires Planning Board review. Mitch requested notification in writing from the owners that they are withdrawing the original application and Corey said he would pass along that message.

Mary asked if Corey has heard anything more from town attorney Peter Drum about medical marijuana retail and Corey said he still does not have anything in writing. Mitch said he spoke with Steve Ocean (chair of the ordinance committee) and Steve said the ordinance intended to address adult-use only, not medical.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Maritime Energy scheduled an appointment to clean the boilers at the fire department and town office for Nov. 3. The checking account balance is \$193,153. Mary is out of the office Thursday but back on Friday, when there is a Tilson meeting.

Broadband update: Mitch said he heard from Mark Ouellette of Axiom that town sign-ups are now up to 143 following Saturday's broadband festival. Mitch will touch base with Mark on a weekly basis.

Other Agenda Items: Wes made a motion to accept the cost recovery agreement provided by Fire Chief Phil Meunier, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries. The agreement will allow the company, which already has provided its certificate of liability insurance, to bill on behalf of the fire department. Phil will sign the agreement.

Wes made a motion to appoint Sandra Bourrie to Comprehensive Plan Committee and Large-Scale Development Ordinance Committee, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries. Mitch asked about an organization in Rockland that might be able to help develop a Comprehensive Plan, but Wes said there is a fee associated.

Other business: Letters have been mailed to auto graveyard (junkyard) owners and Select Board members and Corey scheduled inspections for Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m.

Select Board members briefly discussed Lincoln Road as a follow-up to a letter sent a year ago outlining problems being caused for plowing. Wes said nothing has changed to date. Mitch said he rode with Frank this winter to plow the road and it took nearly a half hour because it's a tight situation and it was icy. Wes said if Select Board members decide to close Lincoln Road to winter maintenance, the public hearing and vote must take place before Oct. 1. The road could be closed up to 10 years.

Select Board members signed a quit claim deed for a cemetery plot in Marr Cemetery following a motion by Wes and second by Kate.

The July bank statement was signed by all Select Board members.

Wes mentioned two emails that all Select Board members previously read, one regarding Knox County dispatch center and the other between EMA Director Don Grinnell and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Questions/comments: None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell