



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Aug. 30, 2023

7 p.m.

Select Board members present: Wesley Daniel and Mitchell Garnett

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson, CEO Corey Fortin, EMA Director Donald Grinnell, resident Jim Kearney

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

Approve Summary of Aug. 23, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Mitch, Wes seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Aug. 31, 2023:

P/R Warrant #69: \$5,640.20

A/P Warrant #70: \$2,904.23

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

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

8/21: Finished on Old Union Road, cleaning ditches and fixing shoulders; started in Youngs Hill Road shoulders (P100, P200, excavator)

8/22: Worked on Youngs Hill Road shoulders (P100, P200, excavator)

8/23: Chipped brush on Youngs Hill Road (excavator)

8/24: Ditched on Youngs Hill Road, fixed shoulders (P100, P200, excavator, 24 yards surface gravel)

CEO Report: Corey reported things have slowed somewhat, with most of his time going to guiding people about splitting properties. There have been a few septic inspections and Corey continues to work on pit inspection reports.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Town Office staff will be trained on the new website Thursday, then will divide duties to update everything before the new site goes live. The checking account balance is \$167,838 and Mary said she intends to pay back more of the town's line of credit soon.

RSU 40 Facilities Manager Brian Race will attend the Sept. 13 meeting to talk about the district's request for an \$81 million bond, which will be on the November ballot. She suggested Select Board members meet at 6:30 that evening, as well as the evening of Sept. 20 when there will be a public hearing to close

Lincoln Road to winter maintenance. The Sept. 27 Select Board meeting will begin at 7 p.m. as usual, but will include a public hearing for adoption of the General Assistance appendices.

Wes asked about starting work on the budget and Sept. 6 was considered. Mary noted that Select Board member Katherine Grinnell would not be available at that meeting, as she is attending an Elected Officials workshop in Bar Harbor that day.

Broadband update: None.

Other Agenda Items: Resident Jim Kearney dropped off a letter to Select Board members earlier in the week and said he was just there for answers. Wes said there are no answers to his questions yet. Jim elaborated that he would like the Road Forman to take a DEP class on erosion control. He said he is not happy with the drainage on Calderwood Road, in part because the silt fencing is buried and it is supposed to be maintained until the erosion problem is solved. Jim also said he thinks the right-of-way has been cleared too far from the center of the road – 60 feet.

Wes said he would check with Frank the next day about taking the class. EMA Director Don Grinnell said the width of the right-of-way should be just under 50 feet (3 rods at 16.5 feet each).

Other business: Don reported progress on the FEMA reimbursements for the December 2022 and May 2023 storms. So far, more than \$3,500 has been approved and obligated for the December storm and Don said he expects that to be paid to the town by the end of the year. The town receives 75 percent reimbursement from FEMA. In addition to what's already approved, Don is submitting paperwork for an additional \$42,000 or so (the storm total is \$61,314, so the town would potentially receive \$45,985 for the December storm).

Don has a meeting the next day about the May storm but the information he currently has completed does not yet include three stream crossings that require Army Corps of Engineers approval. He noted the May storm – because of the December storm – was better documented. He is not sure if more FEMA site visits are needed.

Questions/comments: None.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Wes seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell