



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Sept. 20, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson

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

Approve Summary of Sept. 13, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Kate, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Sept. 21, 2023:

P/R Warrant #75: \$5,973.63

A/P Warrant #76: \$8,842.48

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

9/11: Worked on McDowell Road shoulders

9/12: Worked on putting up winter sand

9/13: Worked on McDowell Road shoulders

9/14: Worked on McDowell Road, it's done; called out for downed tree on Calderwood Road and a sinkhole on Old County Road, checked culverts before the rain

9/16: Called out for downed trees townwide

CEO Report: None. Mary and Stephanie have reached out to gravel pit owners who have not yet paid.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The town line of credit has been paid back in full. The agreement with Union Ambulance Service has been received. The checking account balance is \$373,513; if the school is paid next week, those payments will be caught up. Mary said she expects checks from CoreLogic to arrive soon (the company that pays on behalf of a number of mortgage companies). Jason Johnson with MMA loss control has been impressed with the efforts of Washington, which is now at Tier 2 for safety. Mary has reached out to Maxwell Johnson about the comprehensive plan. Sarah and Stephanie will attend an elections training tomorrow.

Broadband update: Mitch has been communicating with Nate Brimmer at Axiom about the central office building. Nate has reached out to a local excavation company about ground work.

Other Agenda Items: Following a motion by Wes and second by Mitch (all in favor), Select Board members signed the ambulance agreement in the amount of \$146,699 for 2023.

Select Board members also signed the annual liquor license renewal for Blueberry Fields Bed & Breakfast, following a motion by Wes and second by Mitch; all in favor, motion carries.

Other business: None.

Questions/comments: None.

The meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m. and resumed at 7 p.m. when Wes called a public hearing to order to discuss the winter closure of Lincoln Road. Members of the public present included Lincoln Road residents William Doucette, Wayne Miller, and Bryan and Amiee Gess. Wes opened the hearing for comments.

Will said Lincoln Road is near a busy intersection and having a second plow entering Route 105/Razorville Road could cause problems. He said all road residents want the road plowed.

Wayne said he's tried to accommodate the town's requests, including tearing down one building.

Bryan said his understanding last year was that a turn-around would be built on his property to allow the town plow more room. Wes said Road Foreman Frank Jones Jr. has concerns about passing between two buildings (one of which has been demolished). Mitch said he rode with Frank during a snow storm to plow the road and Frank got stuck and had to back out into Route 105.

Lincoln Road residents suggested part of the problem might be the road commissioner, as there had not been as many problems until he took over.

Amiee showed a picture of the torn-down garage to Select Board members.

The public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m. Mitch suggested that Select Board members go to Lincoln Road to assess the changes before making a decision on closing the road. Kate agreed, and said she is not familiar with the location. Mitch asked Wayne and Bryan if they could stake out a turn-around area before the Select Board members stop by and they agreed to do so. Select Board members scheduled the visit for Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 9:30 a.m.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Kate seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell