



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Nov. 8, 2023

7 p.m.

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

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson. CEO Corey Fortin, EMA Director Donald Grinnell, Recreation Committee Chair Peg Hobbs

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

Approve Summary of Nov. 1, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Kate, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Nov. 9, 2023:

P/R Warrant #89: \$7,715.75

A/P Warrant #90: \$15,688.44

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

10/30: Steven and Frank worked on P300 and P200; serviced generator at the Town Office; Jonathan was out sick

10/31: Worked on P200 spring; started to put head gear on P300 and P600; worked on sander

11/1: Screened and hauled gravel to Old County Road

11/2: Jonathan and Frank took P600 to Daigle & Houghton for a recall; hauled gravel and graded Prescott Road

11/3: Frank went to get P600 and helped Travis on P200 and chipper

CEO Report: Corey made a site visit to the Welzel property on Prescott Road to check complaints of an excavator working near the water. The 100-foot line is clearly marked and erosion controls measures are in place; Corey said he does not feel there are any violations at this time. He also completed the final inspection of the septic installation.

Otherwise, Corey has been answering questions. He has not received anything from town attorney Peter Drum about several ongoing violations/pending court actions.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: A total of 604 voters participated in the Nov. 7 election. The town office is closed Friday in observance of Veterans Day. Mary has been working on updating the budget and passing along numbers to Kate for the budget worksheet. Health insurance premiums will increase 4.25 percent; open enrollment is Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 for those who want to make changes.

Broadband update: Mary texted Sara Bullard about the new Broadband Board and reported that Sara is very excited. The pole for the broadband central office was installed Tuesday. Sara is going to wait a bit longer to send out a new broadband update.

Other Agenda Items: Select Board members signed the September bank statement.

Appointment papers for Broadband Board members Sara Bullard (2-year term), Mitchell Garnett (3-year term) and Mary Anderson (1-year term) were signed following a motion by Kate and second by Wes.

Other business: Peg gave an update on the status of Little League. The only team for the foreseeable future is co-ed K-2. Coaches can't be found for the 2-4 and 5-6 level teams and there are fewer children interested in playing. There currently is a bank account set up by Little League for Washington Baseball, with a private citizen as the authorized user, that pays for field maintenance and insurance. Peg asked that the town continue to contribute to Little League funding via the Recreation Committee budget going forward. Mitch asked Peg to spell out in her annual report for the Rec Committee what the future Little League plans are. Don asked how older children can play Little League without a Washington league; Peg said they go out of town, most often to Waldoboro, which has a large team.

Don updated Select Board members on the status of FEMA claims for the May 2023 and December 2022 storms. He is meeting with Valerie from FEMA next week and Valerie will go over Don's paperwork before submitting it to the Boston FEMA office. If approved for reimbursement, the town could recoup nearly \$300,000 from the federal and state governments, but probably not until the end of 2024.

Questions/comments: The Select Board received a thank you card from Prescott Memorial School Parent Teacher Group.

Mitch said he spoke with Wayne Kirkpatrick about the street lights at his business on Route 17, as there have been complaints about the brightness and directions. Wayne said he will contact CMP to have the lights adjusted and Mitch will follow up with Wayne on Tuesday.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Kate seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell