



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary
January 18, 2023
7 p.m.

Select Board members Present: Wesley Daniel, Tom Johnston and Mitch Garnett

Others Present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson

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

Approve Summary of Jan. 11, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Jan. 19, 2023:

P/R Warrant #5: \$6,139.31

A/P Warrant #6: \$167,869.39 – Wes noted 99.9 percent of the A/P warrant is the school district payment.

Motion to approve warrants by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

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

Jan. 9: Jonathan called out; Steven and Frank sanded dirt roads for ice and washed trucks

Jan. 10: Fixed P500 bed chain

Jan. 11: Frank made up road posters; put together FEMA payroll; Steven and Jonathan patched washouts on Calderwood Road and mixed up sand

Jan. 12: Steven and Jonathan checked and unplugged culverts townwide before the rain; Frank met with FEMA group; sanded

Jan. 14: Called in to sand for ice

CEO Report: None.

Health Officer Report: None

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Town Clerk Mary Anderson informed the Select Board members that a representative from Waldo Theatre needs to reschedule to a later date when he can talk about what's happening at the theater. Select Board members said Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. should work.

The checking account balance is \$648,353.

Noah Botley took out papers for School Board and Guy Bourrie called to say he would not return his nomination papers.

During a BMV audit, it was requested the job duties descriptions for Town Office staff include that staff do not handle their own BMV transactions. The descriptions also were updated to say Select Board rather than Selectmen.

Broadband update: Mark Ouellette answered a list of questions posed by Broadband Committee Chair Sara Bullard but Select Board members came up with a few additional questions for Mark following a brief discussion. Mary will add the questions to the Google Doc and let Mark know.

Tom asked about current outstanding taxes, which includes the unpaid portions of Tax Club members' accounts. Mary said it is \$275,462, with \$72,925 of that in Tax Club.

Other Agenda Items: Select Board members looked over a new draft ordinance for town-owned properties. Tom suggested sending it to Town Attorney Peter Drum. It is expected the ordinance will be addressed at town meeting in March.

The town Cemetery Committee recommends using \$5,000 from the Cemetery Restoration Fund toward cleaning stones at Levensellar Cemetery. There is enough money in the account. Mitch suggested seeing how far the funding goes and perhaps the contribution to the restoration fund should be increased. Mary asked if the Cemetery Committee should set up the cleaning and Wes said they should.

Other business: The estimate for removal of two trees in Maple Grove Cemetery came in at \$1,800 each, or \$2,500 for both if removed at the same time. The quote is from Benner's Tree Service, which has done work in town before. After looking at the balance of the account, Select Board members concurred there is enough money for maintenance as well as tree removal. Mitch said there are more trees in Hopkins Cemetery that need to be removed and Cemetery Committee Chair Jesse Casas is trying to get permission to remove them.

Mitch said he spoke with Nanne Kennedy about culvert problems on Hopkins Road. She is hoping to go through the USDA/EPA to reengineer her driveway. Mitch will send a link to the program, which requires town support. Mary requested Mitch find out if there are administrative or financial aspects to the program that would fall on the town, as similar requests have been made in the past for other programs that would have increased the workload on town staff. Road Foreman Frank Jones Jr. has already looked at the driveway/culvert and determined the town carries no responsibility to make changes, Mitch said.

Questions/comments:

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell