



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

January 25, 2023

7 p.m.

**Select Board members Present:** Wesley Daniel, Thomas Johnston and Mitchell Garnett

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson and Washington Lakes and Watershed Association President Jeff Grinnell

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

**Approve Summary of Jan. 18, 2023:** Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

### **Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Jan. 26, 2023:**

P/R Warrant #7: \$6,806.48

A/P Warrant #8: \$27,889.75

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. 15: Frank in to mix up sand and put plows of P500 and P300; called the guys in to plow at 3 p.m

Jan. 16: Plowed snow

Jan. 17: Plowed slush and washed off trucks; replaced cutting edge on P100

Jan. 18: Replaced cutting edge on P600; plowed and checked trucks over

Jan. 19: Frank put in salt and fixed mud spot on the pit

Jan. 20: Called the guys in to plow

Jan. 21: Called out to sand but Frank checked roads and they were OK; mixed up sand and replaced cutting edges on P200; plowed and fixed P100 wing

**CEO Report:** None; **Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** The town this week received a revenue share check in the amount of \$22,100.80 and a fuel tax reimbursement check for \$126.16.

Payroll for Public Works employees was off this week and Mary said she already has reached out to Frank about the error, which will be corrected next week.

Mary asked if permission is needed to order a new filing cabinet for the office. Select Board members said permission is not needed. Mary and Broadband Committee Chair Sara Bullard attended the online Tilson meeting Friday but there's no new information to pass along.

The Midcoast Managers Association will meet Friday, Jan. 27, after postponing last week's meeting; Mary will attend.

Assessor's Agent Rebecca Adams was in the office Wednesday and recommends the town begin setting aside money for a townwide professional property revaluation. Becky suggested starting an account with \$20,000 and contributing to it for several years, as she estimates a cost of \$85-\$90 per parcel. The revaluation will involve measuring buildings, updating files and computerizing more information. Becky can be here Feb. 1 to speak to the Budget Committee if

needed. Wes said he would like Becky to present it to the Budget Committee and Tom said he agrees with setting money aside to be prepared before the revaluation is forced by the state. Mary will reach out to Becky to confirm for Feb. 1.

The checking account balance is \$618,505.

**Broadband update:** Sara Bullard would like to set up a meeting with Mark from Axiom, Lisa from Hawkeye Construction and Kendra Jo from Maine Connectivity Authority on March 15. The meeting would be to update residents on the broadband project ahead of the annual town meeting. There were concerns that the Bryant Room capacity could be exceeded but Mitch suggested Zoom as an option to expand the audience and it was agreed the Bryant Room could be used in that case.

Mark from Axiom sent a spreadsheet outlining a loose timeline for the broadband project.

**Other Agenda Items:** None.

**Other business:** Jeff Grinnell spoke about a recent Lakes Association meeting, during which the group talked about the large tanker trucks that pull water from Washington Pond to fill pools and such. He asked if Select Board members would consider posting a weight limit on the access to the pond, which is an area the town can control. Exceptions would be made for Public Works and fire apparatus. Jeff noted there is backwash from the trucks going into the pond that could contain contaminants, which is a big concern for the Lakes Association.

The discovery of highly invasive Chinese mystery snails last year is on an ongoing public awareness campaign. A subcommittee for the Lakes Association is planning collection days during warmer weather and possibly a “snail derby” contest for collections.

Mitch asked about stocking efforts and Jeff said it all comes down to the placement of the rocks at the public boat launch. The state needs better access to stock fish, and any body of water that is stocked must be accessible to the motorboating public, not just hand-carry vessels. The Lakes Association remains opposed to moving the rocks. Mitch also asked about the efforts to put in a dock at the boat launch. Jeff said the process stalled last year but will continue this year – an offer of state docks was declined because they were much too large and heavy. The next step is to update the application submitted last year.

**Questions/comments:** None.

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

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell