



**Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary
February 22, 2023
7 p.m.**

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

Others Present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson

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

Approve Summary of Feb. 15, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Feb. 23, 2023:

P/R Warrant #15: \$6,083.98

A/P Warrant #16: \$183,509.81 (includes a school payment of more than \$150,000 and Tri-County assessment of more than \$11,000)

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

2/13: Checked trucks and greased them; fixed plows and fueled trucks

2/14: Plowed and washed trucks

2/15: Worked on trailer lights and brakes, all work

2/16: Worked on P500 fixing lights and replacing broken bolts; fixed P100 air valves for tailgate

2/17: Plowed and sanded

2/18: Sanded dirt roads for ice

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

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Town Clerk Mary Anderson confirmed Roads Committee Chair Sara Bullard has received updated software, as the CD on hand is no longer compatible with most computers.

Mary, Sara and Tom attended the Tilson meeting Friday; nothing new to report other than an extension of the grant deadline to February 2024.

The annual audit took place Tuesday and Wednesday and they will be in touch as to when they can meet with Select Board members. The financial statement will be sent along when its ready.

A revenue sharing check for \$25,433.49 was received this week.

Maine DOT reached out to let the town know it will assist in plowing the detour route while a portion of Route 17 in Jefferson is closed. Someone moved Jersey barriers to get through the closed road and more barriers were added.

The checking account balance is \$472,007.

Mary spoke with Pam, Waldoboro's Town Clerk, today. Pam discovered the towns must notify the state of any vacancy and need for a special election. District 45 Rep. Clinton Collamore recently resigned his position and is currently under investigation for forgery. The special election will probably take place in June, alongside the school budget and Union Ambulance budget votes. Pam will notify the state on behalf of all District 45 towns (Friendship, Waldoboro, Bremen and Washington).

Broadband update: None, other than Mary's previous notes.

Other Agenda Items: None.

Other business: None.

Questions/comments: Mitch said he has looked into the Emergency Watershed Program on behalf of resident Nanne Kennedy. The funding goes through the town and allows private landowners to apply – a representative will come assess Nanne's property to see if she qualifies before additional steps are taken to possibly join the program. Mitch said he believes it is a grant program that requires a 25 percent match from the town, which can be labor. Frank has previously looked at the issue and determined it is not the responsibility of the town to fix.

Wes asked if the annual meeting warrant would be ready to sign next week. Tom said he needs to hear from the auditors about surplus money available before finalizing. Overall, the budget – including Union Ambulance that will be voted on in June – will increase about 6.8 percent. Wes asked for a wording change on Art. 37 to "properties" from "parks."

Mitch made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m., Tom seconded at 7:15 p.m.; meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell