



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

April 12, 2023

7 p.m.

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

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson, CEO Corey Fortin, local business owner Brian Fickett

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

Approve Summary of April 5, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Mitch, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated April 13, 2023:

P/R Warrant #29: \$5,345.46

A/P Warrant #30: \$28,899.87

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

4/3: Steven and Jonathan out sick; Frank took down some posted road signs and worked on chipper; worked in the pit

4/4: Chipped brush at town office; fixed road sign on Bill Luce Road bridge; took wings off trucks; Frank called White Signs for posts

4/5: Marked roads for grading; Frank created DigSafe tickets for Skidmore, Sprague and Dorman roads; look for and tried to fix oil leak on P600

4/6: Took sander out of P100 and P200 so roads can be graded; worked on P200 lights and started P600 lights

CEO Report: CEO/LPI Corey Fortin gave Select Board members a spreadsheet showing building permits issued in 2022 totaling \$3,017.20. He has been busy with Planning Board and has several new applications including a paint booth, a barn and large greenhouse for growing marijuana. Many residents have been asking questions of Corey as well.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Thirty-day notices for non-payment of 2022 taxes have been mailed to owners, a total of 97 properties; those properties will be liened May 12 if they remain unpaid.

Consolidated Communications was in the office last week to upgrade the internet service but discovered there is fiber available. To connect to the fiber, it would cost an extra \$130/month for a three-year contract. The original upgrade cost is an additional \$30/month and would be a one-year contract. Mary doesn't believe there is enough money in the budget to upgrade to fiber but wanted to present the option to Select Board members.

A savings account has been set up for the trails project begun by the Recreation Committee. Peg Hobbs made the first donation to open the account.

Money has been moved from the ARPA savings account to regular checking to cover the cost of the town website upgrade. Mary will complete the full ARPA report by the end of the month, as required.

Broadband update: Nothing additional.

Other Agenda Items: Sterlington Public House and Sterlington Bakehouse owner Brian Fickett asked Select Board members to sign off on his state-issued liquor license. He's planning to open a new restaurant at the former Camo's Smokeshack location on Route 17 that will serve beer, wine and cider as well as burgers, hot dogs, fries and ice cream. Select Board members gave the OK for the new business to serve alcohol following a motion by Mitch and second by Wes. Brian said he hopes to open the business around Memorial Day.

Select Board members signed the county tax assessor's return in the amount of \$200,585.

Wes made a motion to sign an agreement outlining grader use in 2023, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

An agreement with Performance Paving for three town roads was signed. Mitch made a motion to sign the document, Kate seconded. The owner of Performance Paving is expected to sign the agreement Tuesday.

Other business: None.

Questions/comments: None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell