



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

April 26, 2023

7 p.m.

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

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson, town attorney Peter Drum

Wes Daniel called the Select Board meeting to order at 7 p.m. At 7:03 p.m. Wes made a motion to enter into executive session per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(e) to consult with legal counsel; Mitch seconded, all in favor. Select Board members and Peter exited executive session at 7:17 p.m. following a motion by Wes and second by Mitch.

Approve Summary of April 19, 2023: Motion to approve summary by Mitch, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated April 27, 2023:

P/R Warrant #33: \$5,461.22

A/P Warrant #345: \$166,823.31, which includes a school payment of \$159,737.08.

Motion to approve warrants by Mitch, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

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

4/17: Holiday

4/18: Steven hauled gravel to Old County Road and Frank graded from Liberty to Youngs Hill Road

4/19: Hauled 200 yards of gravel to Old County Road (Somerville end)

4/20: Jonathan and Steven hauled gravel to Mountain Road to start on FEMA work; Frank graded Old County Road (Somerville end)

Mitch asked if Frank is tracking employee hours for FEMA work; Wes said he should track gravel as well. It can be calculated from the Road Foreman reports.

CEO Report: None.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: A revenue sharing check in the amount of \$15,358.09 was received Monday. The modem was upgraded in the office yesterday and the phones were fixed Friday; however, the speed test results were not as fast as expected. Consolidated Communications advised Mary the expected higher speeds are not possible with the current lines/equipment and the bill will be reduced to a lower amount.

The checking account balance is \$196,455.

Performance Paving has not yet sent its certificate of liability insurance. Mary will check with Frank for another contact number. Wes noted paving won't begin until the first of June.

Broadband update: None.

Other Agenda Items: Wes said Peter made recommendations in executive session about the proposed trail and a moratorium on multi-family structures. Mitch said Peter would be in touch tomorrow with a timeline. Kate asked, because it's not a Land Use issue, if the public hearing and vote could take place the same day. She said she agrees with Peter's suggestion to move things quickly. Wes said he prefers to keep the two separate. Mitch said he doesn't think there would be any more interest if there were two meetings instead of one. Mary said to get the word out, it could be advertised in more than one newspaper.

Wes made a motion, because of the price increase of the excavator, to use up to \$47,000 of ARPA money and a loan of \$62,590 to pay for it. Kate seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carries. Wes said the loan papers could be signed in the next few weeks and Mary noted the first payment will be due in November 2024. Mitch asked if there is enough ARPA money available and Mary said there is. As well, Select Board members are authorized to spend the ARPA money without another vote. Mitch suggested that future requests should include a percentage more to account for price increases.

Wes said the excavator probably could be paid off with FEMA reimbursement funds if the Select Board decided to spend the money that way. Mitch said he thinks that might be a good idea, as paying off the loan earlier will result in less interest.

Other business: Landis Hudson from Maine Rivers will be at next week's meeting to talk about the Calderwood Road culvert. Wes also has reached out to Bill Lane at Gartley & Dorsky about engineering the replacement. Wes will also reach out to Dirigo Timberlands, as that company designed the Fitch Road bridge.

Questions/comments: None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell