



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Feb. 7, 2024

7 p.m.

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

**Others present:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson, CEO David Studer and EMA Director Donald Grinnell

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

**Approve Summary of Jan. 31, 2024:** Motion to approve summaries by Mitch, Kate seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

### **Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Feb. 8, 2024:**

P/R Warrant #11: \$8,562.96

A/P Warrant #12: \$19,562.62

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

1/28: Called in to plow (Frank, Steven, Jonathan and Ricky)

1/29: Plowed; washed trucks; put in salt

1/30: Worked on lights and replaced cutting edge on P600 plow

1/31: Replaced cutting edges on P600 wing, P200 wing and P500 plow; P500 fuel tank is leaking, called to find one; put salt in; reviewed safety paperwork at the Town Office (thanks to Mary, Stephanie and Sarah for helping)

2/1: Worked on P500 fuel tank; plowed; mixed up sand

2/2: Called to sand for school buses (Frank, Steven, Jonathan and Ricky)

**CEO Report:** Dave issued building and plumbing permits for a Crystal Lake Road property. He hasn't yet been able to connect with town attorney Peter Drum about a Waldoboro Road property with multiple violations. There is a DEP grant that could cover the cost of septic installation. More calls about Doe Mill Road have been referred to Dave. The owners of 179 McDowell Road have changed plans to an outdoor marijuana growing area, which Dave said does not require Planning Board or CEO approval – but it does require an OK from the fire chief and sheriff's office.

**Health Officer Report:** None.

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Mary sent out 28 courtesy letters to property owners who still owe 2022 taxes. Driving records for public works and fire department members have been checked. Mary reached out to Dave Martucci about moderating town meeting at the end of March. A snowmobile reimbursement check of \$225.08 was received this week and a check in the same amount will be issued to the Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club. The checking account balance is \$564,907. Constable Cynthia Bourgeois posted March 5 election materials this week. Work continues on the town report. The auditors should be in touch soon to confirm dates for the annual audit. The Worker's Compensation report is due next week and Mary is in close contact with Marcus at MMA to make sure it's done correctly.

**Broadband update:** The next Broadband Board meeting is Feb. 23.

**Other Agenda Items:** Wes made a motion to appoint Matthew St. Pierre and Norman Casas to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Select Board members briefly discussed the proposed Trails Ordinance and did not make any changes following town attorney Peter Drum's input. The Trails Ordinance will be voted on at town meeting.

**Other business:** Select Board members heard from Fire Chief Phil Meunier during a workshop about a new proposal for OSHA changes in the fire service. Phil has urged Select Board members to offer comment opposing the changes and Select Board members agreed to do so. Mitch also said Board members will reach out to MMA.

Select Board members and Don met with FEMA reps Tuesday morning and have an idea how much money from the December 2022 and May 2023 storms will be reimbursed. Don said Maine EMA will bump Washington up on the payment schedule because the town's paperwork has all been submitted.

Don has scheduled a tabletop training exercise for Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at the fire station. Town officials, fire department members, the Public Works crew and others are invited to participate in the mock disaster.

Towns also are required to have a hazards mitigation plan, and to date, Washington has piggybacked with the county. The county is updating its plan and Don suggested Select Board members give some thought to hazards and possible grant opportunities.

**Questions/comments:** None.

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

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell