



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Feb. 21, 2024

7 p.m.

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

**Others present:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson, CEO David Studer, Road Foreman Frank Jones Jr., Maine Rivers' Matt Streeter, resident Sara Bullard

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

**Approve Summary of Feb. 14, 2024:** Motion to approve summaries by Kate, Mitch seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Feb. 22, 2024:**

P/R Warrant #15: \$7,056.67

A/P Warrant #16: \$6,902.49

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

2/12: Put the trucks back into plow mode; stated to replace trailer floor

2/13 through 2/15: Worked on trailer, welding and replacing planks

2/16: Called out to plow (Frank, Steven, Jonathan and Ricky)

2/17: Called in to sand for a snow squall

Frank noted that Eric Kenefick donated three trailer wheels and axles to replace rusted out ones on the trailer.

**CEO Report:** Dave issued a building permit to Richard Leigh today, as he was able to locate/purchase a 1996 mobile home rather than the 1973. There have been several inquiries about permits, some going back a couple of years. Dave and Wes checked out the gravel pit at public works to see if it will be suitable for a fire pond. Dave stopped by a problematic property to speak with the owner but nobody was home. He also checked with Kirkpatrick Sales & Service on Route 17 about the parking lot lights' angle; the owner continues to work with CMP to adjust the fixtures. A proposed three-unit apartment building will go to Planning Board, Dave is working with the property owner to gather the paperwork needed.

**Health Officer Report:** None.

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** The auditors were here Monday and Tuesday; they suggested shredding checks after they are deposited and moving overpayments on taxes forward to the next year more consistently. Mary has tentatively scheduled the last Budget Committee meeting for Wednesday evening, in the hope that auditors will meet with Select Board members Tuesday. The checking account balance is \$545,902. Town attorney Peter Drum said he would have the Trails Ordinance ready by Friday so it can be included in the town report. The auditors reminded Mary to open an account for the money set aside for revaluation last year and that account has been opened. The rugs at the town office and in the Bryant Room are scheduled to be cleaned Friday.

**Broadband update:** None.

**Other Agenda Items:** Sara Bullard spoke to Select Board members about a sticker she has designed she hopes will decrease littering in town. Sara will purchase the stickers and give them to residents for free.

Matt Streeter from Maine Rivers prior to the meeting forwarded an engineering quote for replacing the Calderwood Road culvert. Select Board members previously approved up to \$25,000 to cover the engineering costs and Matt asked for approval to move forward with the quote received. He said he feels it is a good use of town funds and that the engineering being done will only help the project move forward more quickly. The town also has applied for a grant for the culvert replacement but a decision won't be made for a couple more months. The budget for the project is \$234,000; \$200,000 in grant funding and \$25,000 from the town as well as some in-kind work and fundraising from Maine Rivers as needed. Matt shared the design, a four-sided precast concrete culvert. He said if the span is larger than 21 feet, the state will take over maintenance so the responsibility would no longer fall to the town. Frank said he thought a natural stream bottom is required to accommodate fish passage but Matt said the bottom of the four-sided culvert also would work as long as it's backfilled with natural substrate. Frank wondered if that would be a wasted effort and Matt said he would consult with the engineer and ask if alternate plans (a three-sided culvert) could be drawn up as well. Mitch requested that Matt get an updated quote for the work if it would include two designs.

Wes made a motion to go forward with the engineering portion of the project, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries. Select Board members signed the contract and Mary made a copy for Matt.

**Other business:** Select Board members decided to delay writing a letter about the proposed updated OSHA standards for emergency workers. Mitch noted the comment period is open until May 2024 and advised anyone interested in the changes to watch a video outlining the changes.

**Questions/comments:** None.

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

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell