



Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

March 6, 2024

7 p.m.

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

Others present: Town Clerk Mary Anderson, CEO David Studer

Wes called the Select Board meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approve Summary of Feb. 28, 2024: Motion to approve summaries by Kate, Mitch seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated March 7, 2024:

P/R Warrant #19: \$7,281.95

A/P Warrant #20: \$14,644.45

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

2/26: Sanded in the morning; washed trucks and greased excavator to chip brush

2/27: Frank chipped brush on Youngs Hill Road; Steven and Jonathan replaced 911 and road signs

2/28: Chipped brush and replaced signs; signs needed for Youngs Hill Road, Crystal Lake Road, Hopkins Road, Gee Lane; and an arrow sign for W 17 and post.

2/29: Frank called the guys in to sand when it started to snow

CEO Report: Dave continues to field questions but did not issue any permits or complete any inspections this week. He also continues to investigate permits that should have been issued previously. Today, Dave spoke with someone about a Hopkins Road property as well as a representative from Ferraiolo Construction, which is looking for a new gravel pit in which to put a crusher and a washer. The representative made inquiries about two pits (Ludwig's and Vanner) located in Washington and Dave said he will look into the background to see what is allowed; he is quite certain the Vanner pit can be ruled out.

Fire Chief Phil Meunier spoke with Dave about a proposed outdoor recreational marijuana facility on McDowell Road. And, Dave reached out to DEP about the fire pond on the Public Works property but hasn't received a firm answer yet. He said he expects it will be a permit-by-rule situation based on research but he will confirm before moving forward.

Health Officer Report: None.

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Health Officer Brian Alves, CEO Dave Studer and Town Clerk Mary Anderson all have been trying to reach town attorney Peter Drum without success about a problematic Waldoboro Road property.

There were 264 votes cast in yesterday's Presidential Primary election; all went well.

The checking account balance is \$387,473.

A total of 79 courtesy letters for 2023 unpaid taxes will be mailed tomorrow. The letters explain the lien process and timeline.

Mary asked for Select Board permission to purchase two replacement sign boards for the notice board in front of the town office and library. Two boards will cost \$140; the current ones are falling apart. Select Board members gave the go-ahead for the purchase.

With town meeting approaching, Mary will reach out to current Budget Committee members to see if any or all of them wish to remain on the committee.

Broadband update: Specifications for the central office have been received and are based on a building constructed in another community. Axiom has decided to build the central office rather than use a prefabricated structure because of the unexpected higher cost of flaggers for the project. Mitch suggested getting bids for the project and contacting the company the specifications came from. We have new Axion cards with sign-up information for distribution.

The Broadband Board has met twice and established by-laws. There is an email address for the board as well.

Other Agenda Items: The town has been awarded a Stream Crossing grant to replace the culvert on Calderwood Road. The application was submitted by Maine Rivers' Matt Streeter on behalf of the town and he has reached out to the engineer. The town has a \$25,000 match.

Wes made a motion to appoint Barry Peabody to the Recreational Trails Committee, Kate seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Select Board members met at 6 p.m. to finalize the warrant for town meeting. Wes made a motion to accept the warrant as the true copy, Mitch seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Other business: None.

Questions/comments: None.

Kate made a motion to adjourn, Mitch seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell