



**Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary**  
**March 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, residents Sara Bullard and James Kearney

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

**Approve Summary of March 13, 2024:** Motion to approve summary by Mitch, Kate seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated March 22, 2024:**

P/R Warrant #23: \$5,698.26

A/P Warrant #24: \$184,994.11, which includes the monthly school payment of about \$178,000

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

3/10: Frank checked roads for washouts and mud, there were no washouts but there were muddy spots

3/11: Checked roads again, patched some muddy areas on Old County Road; took wings off trucks

3/12: Patched muddy areas on Medolark, Sprague, Skidmore and Dorman roads

3/13: Patched muddy areas on Old County, Lenfest, Mountain and Prescott roads

3/14: Washed mud off trucks, backhoe and loader; greased same

3/16: Frank called in Steven and Jonathan to sand for black ice

**CEO Report:** Dave has several permits in-process but hasn't been contacted for any inspections this week. He's answered a number of questions, mostly from people who want to develop their own properties. The state sent another Forestry Operations Notification, which Dave will file. He continues to look into the variance needed for a fire pond at the public works property.

**Health Officer Report:** None.

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Mary and Wes participated in a General Assistance audit Tuesday; all went with a few suggestions for changes. Expiring appointments have been posted and current position-holders have been contacted to see if they wish to continue in those positions. The town received a general assistance reimbursement check of \$349.93 this week. Constable Cynthia Bourgeois posted the town election and town meeting information yesterday. The checking account balance is \$227,408. Dirigo Engineering contacted the town to advise that boring on Calderwood Road will begin soon.

**Broadband update:** Sara noted the previously de-scoped area will now be included in the grant so any ARPA money set aside to cover those costs should not be needed. Mitch confirmed with Axiom that construction of the fiber network is expected to begin in April.

**Other Agenda Items:** None.

**Other business:** The town has been offered the chance to join the state bid for winter salt. Typically, the town joins with the county for winter salt and will do so again this year.

**Questions/comments:** Sara asked about the status of a problematic property. Dave planned to help the owner apply for a grant to install a septic system; however, because it is a first-time system, he does not think the application will be approved. Currently, a camper on the property is being used for bathroom and kitchen facilities. Dave said he is aware of additional problems but wants to address the most urgent first. Sara asked if Dave knows how often the camper sewage tank is pumped out and Dave said he wasn't sure but would look into the timeline and try to find out a company name to verify. He stressed that the temporary sewage solution is acceptable and that he drives by frequently and will make note of any changes. Because the property owner responded to a phone call before, Dave will try to call him again as well. Dave still has not heard from town attorney Peter Drum about the matter.

Jim aired his concerns about erosion control on Calderwood Road as well as brush and tree-cutting. He feels the cutting is beyond the right-of-way and contributing to the erosion. He suggested sending Road Foreman Frank Jones Jr. to an erosion control class, which Frank wasn't able to attend in the fall but Wes and former CEO Corey Fortin attended. Wes said he didn't think Frank would get much out of the class, which is targeted at construction company employees. Jim argued that he took the class 20 or 30 years ago and it would be helpful.

Jim also wondered if Select Board members, who are also Road Commissioners, ever checked on the work being done by the town Public Works crew. Wes said he checks regularly and hasn't had any reason for concern, and no other residents have complained. In the fall, when Jim expressed similar concerns, Frank reached out to DEP and was told the work was satisfactory. Wes urged Jim to contact DEP himself if he would like a second opinion but Jim said he doesn't feel that is his responsibility.

Wes asked Dave if the two of them could go inspect Calderwood Road for any problems and Dave said he would go when a mutually agreeable day/time can be established. Kate said if she's available, she would like to be there as well.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Kate seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell