



SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 28, 2023

PRESENT: Arthur Clifford, Patrick Houghton, Gail Belyea, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Jess Carrier, Brad Hutchings, Eric & Sierra Giroux, Don Roach, Scott Blaisdell

1. Consent Agenda: *Katie made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Arthur seconded the motion; all in favor.*

The consent agenda included the following resolutions:

1.1. Approve minutes of the August 21, 2023, meeting.

1.2. Review invitation to Government Paddle Day.

2. Elected Officials/Board/Committee Reports

2.1. Rec Committee: Scott Blaisdell was present on behalf of Dixfield Rec to receive donation check of \$1,500.

2.2. ACO, Eric Giroux: General discussion was had regarding the types of ACO calls typically received and that Responsible Pet Care, Franklin County and Greater Androscoggin are all currently at maximum capacity. Information from McKennel's regarding holding and transport service for \$100 per month, retroactive to July 1, 2023, with travel distance no more than 55 miles one way.

a) *Katie made a motion to accept above terms for agreement with McKennel's for holding and transport services. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.*

2.3. Road Department, Brad Hutchings:

a) Road crew ditched, filled in holes, and used hand compacter on Dolloff Street. Brad has ordered four "no parking from here to corner" signs.

b) General discussion was had regarding vehicles for the road department. New Freightliner is finally in and sent to HP Fairfield; no updates on the new Chevy. The potential for sandblasting rust and/or exchanging plows on used trucks in the future was discussed. ATG has offered, as part of purchase agreement, a plow of choice for \$2,000; Brad shared that the road crew always makes fittings on vehicles interchangeable.

- i. *Katie made a motion to purchase 2015 Freightliner & 2013 Freightliner from ATG of Westminster for \$123,000 for both. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.*
- ii. *Jason made a motion for Brad to purchase a power-angle plow for \$2,000, if he finds one suitable, when he goes to pick up the two trucks purchased from ATG. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.*

3. Unfinished Business

3.1. Insulation is completed on the exterior of the new garage, interior insulation is waiting for plumbing to be completed. General discussion was had regarding temporary shelters for over the winter. Further discussion tabled until more clarification from insurance company regarding coverage.

4. New Business

4.1. The Board discussed information shared by tax assessor for setting the mil rate. General discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of the different options.

a) *Arthur made a motion to set the mil rate for current tax commitment at 19.3. Jason seconded the motion. Vote 3-2, Gail and Katie opposed.*

4.2. *Gail made a motion to approve Jess having Thursday and Friday of this week off. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.*

4.3. General discussion was had regarding the letter received from Jeff and Pam Lennox about late receipt of tax bill last year and the town not collecting taxes from individual campsite renters. Jess shared that it was July 11, 2022, when she updated their mailing address to Peru, per their request. Regarding tax bills being sent to the landowner and not individual campsite renters, the consensus of the Board is to not currently change how campground tax bills are sent.

5. Public Participation

5.1. *Katie made a motion to go into Public Participation at 8:16 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.*

a) Discussions included Roberts Rules of Order book and suggestions therein, particularly motions being made only under New Business.

5.2. Arthur made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 8:22 p.m. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.

6. Adjournment

6.1. Patrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.

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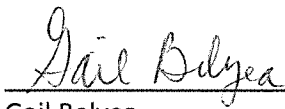
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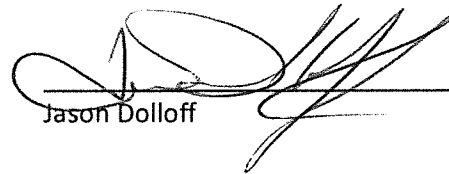
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