



SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2023

PRESENT: Gail Belyea, Patrick Houghton, Arthur Clifford, Jess Carrier, Katie Lawrence, Jason Dolloff, Clay Berry, Bruce Farrin, Don Roach, Jackie Child, Brad Hutchings, Rick Vaughn, Tyler McDonald, Cliff Thurston, Norm DeRoche, Mark Thompson, Dan Carrier Jr.

1. Consent Agenda: Arthur made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Gail seconded the motion; all in favor (Katie & Jason not yet at meeting). The consent agenda included the following resolutions:
 - 1.1. Approved: Minutes of October 16, 2023, meeting.
 - 1.2. Approved: Employee-paid dental & vision benefits.
2. Executive Session: Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, subsection 405(6)(F)
 - 2.1. Katie made a motion to table executive session discussion to next week, pending information received this week. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. Elected Officials/Board/Committee Reports
 - 3.1. Don Roach, Finance Committee: Finance Committee met last week, will be meeting monthly through upcoming budget time. In an effort to better project future expenses, Don shared that the Committee will be looking at budget information from the previous three years as well as year-end Select Board ledgers. He also requested copy of equipment inventory and garage fire insurance reimbursement numbers prior to their next meeting.
 - a) Katie made a motion to approve the Finance Committee receiving copy of year-end Select Board ledger. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - 3.2. Clay Berry, CEO: Clay shared that of the three violation letters that were sent out, the only response received has been from Valley Road and he has granted them an extension. He will discuss the other two violations with Kingston and get back to the Board with Kingston's recommendation on how to proceed.
 - 3.3. Garage Building Committee: Stamped plans have been received, with not a lot of changes made. Next step is to contact builders regarding interest, timelines, and cost. General discussion was had regarding building without floors being poured, and concrete guy preferring roof cover before pouring the floor. If builders cannot start, for example, until mid-December, then rebuild will be put off until spring.
 - 3.4. Brad Hutchings, Road Commissioner:
 - a) All trucks are being readied for inspection, as well as for winter. New tires and lights are being put on the new Freightliner, then it will be ready for pick up.

b) Katie asked if something could be done about culverts on Bird Farm Road not draining. Per road crew, culverts are sitting on ledge and cannot be set any deeper.

3.5. Dan Carrier Jr, Fire Chief: Dan and Clay shared with the Board the safety issues at 577 Dickvale Road, and the need for the building to be condemned. Attempts to contact homeowner have been unsuccessful. Dan has put an order out to all members of the fire department that if called to that address to not make entry due to unsafe conditions.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1. Garage – temp shelter: Katie shared that, per insurance company, there was a possible overpayment on the building so the whole claim is currently being audited. Insurance company is on board with the L2 structure as temporary shelter, but the town will have to pay for down payment as no more insurance monies will be given until audit is complete. General discussion was had regarding L2 structure components, electricity supply, and ground prep work. Katie will continue communicating with L2 Structures; Pat will follow up regarding electricity supply.

a) Arthur made a motion to move forward with L2 Structure with flooring for total price of \$148,872.22, per proposal dated 10/16/2023 (#2310162200). Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

4.2. Tax Maps: General discussion was had regarding updating tax maps, digital versus paper.

a) Gail made a motion to see if Aaron Weston with CAI Technologies would be available for a general presentation at the November 6th Select Board meeting. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.

4.3. Solar Ordinance: General discussion was had regarding moving forward with solar ordinance and allowing citizen input.

a) Arthur made a motion to hold a workshop for discussion of solar ordinance on Wednesday November 8th at 6:00 pm. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.

b) Arthur made a motion to hold a second Solar Ordinance workshop on November 29th at 6:00 pm. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.

4.4. Cemetery funds: General discussion was had regarding availability of funds for cemetery improvements. Jane will be asked to hold off on purchasing any items to first see if it is possible to get items donated.

5. New Business

5.1. Secretary resignation:

a) Arthur made a motion to post the Select Board Secretary position in the newspaper, as well as on MMA and town websites. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

5.2. Katie announced that she is stepping down as Select Board Chair.

a) Jason nominated Arthur as Chair of Select Board. Gail seconded the nomination. All in favor.

