



SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

PRESENT: Arthur Clifford, Patrick Houghton, Gail Belyea, Jess Carrier, Brad Hutchings, Dan Carrier Jr, Don Roach, Bill Hussey

ABSENT: Katie Lawrence, Jason Dolloff

NOTE: Bids for siding replacement on the Historical Society building were scheduled to be opened at 6:00 pm; however, no bids were received.

1. Consent Agenda: Arthur made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.

The consent agenda included the following resolutions:

- 1.1. Approve: Minutes of September 18, 2023, meeting
- 1.2. Approve: 24-25 Homestead Exemption – Brian Newell
- 1.3. Approve: 24-25 Homestead Exemption – Gilles & Gisane Anctil
- 1.4. Approve: 23-24 Tax Abatement – Konstantin Aslanidi

2. Elected Officials/Board/Committee Reports

2.1. Dan Carrier Jr, Fire Department:

- a) Fire Department will be participating in Summerfest, with plan to have all trucks present for public viewing. The Association will be selling food and drinks, as well as shirts and hats.
- b) The new firetruck is scheduled to have lettering completed at Erik Designs October 2nd/3rd.
- c) The old engine #12 is now out of service. Most of the tools and hoses have been removed, still in process of removing other equipment and radios. Once all equipment and tools have been removed, there will need to be discussion of how to proceed with selling it.

2.2. Brad Hutchings, Road Department:

- a) Winter sand received thus far has been put up, another 140 yards is still coming.
- b) The body of red Freightliner has been repaired and will hopefully be complete by end of week. Once Stan is done with that truck, he will work on repairing the green Freightliner. One new truck is currently in Skowhegan at HP Fairfield; the second new truck has not yet been delivered.
- c) Brad shared with Board members a list of lights that need to be purchased for the plow trucks. He has purchased marker lights from NAPA, but has been comparing prices and warranty terms for the others.

2.3. Don Roach, Finance Committee: Don discussed with present Board members an email he had received from Katie regarding the temporary shelter, and stated that unless specifically asked otherwise the Finance Committee will be focusing only on budget. General discussion was had regarding Finance Committee positions and meetings.

- a) Patrick made a motion for Don to be given a key to the town office building for Finance Committee meetings held when the office is closed. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Unfinished Business

3.1. Garage/temp shelter: General discussion was had regarding the potential site at DDF for temporary building. Patrick has staked out the area; Brad stated that if the one-ton is too large to plow the back side, the backhoe could be used. Patrick has met with EW Electric at the site; the CMP meter is live, a 100-amp breaker would be installed. Patrick shared that, currently, a completion date of December 1-December 15 is doable for Rubb, though contract needs to be signed before they will start building. Brad asked why we do not continue moving forward with the building of the garage, at least the shell so that there are four walls and roof; work could then be done the same as with a temporary shelter. General discussion ensued. Consensus of present Board members is to move forward with inquiries of quotes needed for temporary shelter, while pursuing conversation with Building Committee regarding moving forward with building at least the shell of the garage.

- a) Arthur made a motion to table any decisions regarding temporary shelter to next week. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. New Business

4.1. General discussion was had regarding date for workshop with Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officers.

- a) Gail made a motion to set Planning Board/CEO workshop date for October 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.

4.2. General discussion was had regarding the procedure for early payment to Select Board members. No recorded written policy for same is in place.

- a) Arthur made a motion to approve Patrick receiving December pay early. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Public Participation

5.1. Arthur made a motion to go into Public Participation at 7:08 p.m. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.

- a) Bill shared with Board members that as he is no longer living in Peru he is resigning from Fire Department, Finance Committee, and Building Committee, and thanked the town for allowing him to be of service. Other discussions included location of new road department trucks and FEMA funds.

