

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Alden Blodgett

Bailey Bowden

Business:

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

Received a letter from the town of Castine thanking the fire department for responding to the recent tragic accident. Hatch suggested that we put that letter in our annual town report.

Board voted to place the GSA supplemental tuition article to referendum vote. This will require a public hearing to allow questions & answers between town voters and GSA representatives. Alden asked if the town had any opportunity to see the proposed school budget. Neither the Board or the Finance Committee has been provided with an advance copy. That vote took place at 5:00 pm this evening.

Alden reported that representatives from GSA will stop in next Tuesday to discuss the supplemental tuition issue.

Bailey asked if Don Baker had ever followed up on the Maine DEP septic systems failure report. Rapp was aware of some correspondence from months ago. Hatch will contact Don to get an update.

Maine DOT did not make a site visit to the Mill stream road crossing culvert today as planned. That will be rescheduled for April.

Reviewed and edited the town article worksheet. Raised snow removal (T25) from \$170,000 to \$190,000 to accommodate the higher cost of sand. Corrected the TRIO article (T24) to \$12,000 from \$10,000.

Hatch proposed to return the \$100,000 currently in the broadband reserve account, back to surplus. Rapp mentioned his contact with the broadband committee, that they wanted to keep

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it intact for possible community use. Board decided to have the committee come in to next Tuesday's meeting to discuss the issue.

Hatch asked if there will a charge for service to the town from Fidium to provide broadband internet to the town office, school, and fire station. No one present was sure, Rapp assumed they would charge.

Office staff reported poor water flow in the bathroom. Hatch noticed the toilet flushed poorly and the tank may need pumping. Rapp will replace the water filter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.