

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Bailey Bowden

Business:

Meeting commenced in the school gymnasium at 7:02 PM.

Bailey inquired about the balances of the Alewives and Shellfish accounts. Hatch reported that the revenue from the sale of alewives was \$810 and shellfish license fees was \$617. Expenses for alewives - \$932, and shellfish advertising - \$90. The 2022 budget for alewives - \$600. There is no annual budget line item for shellfish but there is a shellfish reserve account with a \$6,616 balance.

The Board discussed the possibility of combining three reserve alewife accounts (320-09, 320-10, 320-11) into one.

The Board was notified by Maine DMR that Joe Rego's three Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) licenses are up for renewal. Bailey asked if there was any evidence that Joe Rego is actively attending his aquaculture LPAs. Bailey presented a draft response letter to DMR for Board consideration expressing the Town's concern over this renewal.

Bailey reported that a site visit by Maine DOT will take place on Thursday 1/5/23 @ 10:30 at the Mill Creek bridge.

Leighton reported that all "smoke free zone" signs are posted around town.

Hatch suggested that the glass pile at the transfer station be used as sub-base for the future Wallamatogus parking lot. Board roughed out a budget of \$8,000 for the project to relocate the gate, fill & grade a five-car parking area, grade out the ash pile, and place barrier stones around the parking area. The Blue Hill Heritage Trust has pledged a 50% cost share for the project, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.

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The budget overrun for the Town Hall Maintenance account (40-15-01) will be taken from the 320-12 Town Hall Renovations reserve account. The overrun was largely due to the new lighting installed.

The Fire Department – Fire Equipment reserve account (320-22) will be used to cover the overrun cost of the “Jaws of Life” purchase.

New articles for this year’s town meeting will possibly include; the return of \$27,500 from the Fire Rescue Truck reserve to Surplus, and an amount to cover possible costs of acquisition for the McB property at Wight’s pond. Hatch will check with the Town’s attorney regarding the status.

Board approved payment of septic sludge disposal for Ed Dufrane (210 Johnson’s Point road). Mr. Dufrane had no awareness of the town program of subsidizing tipping fees for seepage. Mr. Dufrane hired Percy Brown to pump his septic tank. Mr. Brown was also unaware of the program. Mr. Brown will be encouraged to invoice the Town for this and future costs for town residents.

Planning Committee reported:

Abby Astbury – Map 13, Lot 18 Gravel Permit – no charge

Molly Lord – Map 19, Lot 57C & 57E Campsite – Outhouse & graywater permits on file -\$50

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.