

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Sally Hutchins, Jan Carpenter, Scott Ferden, Allen Kratz, Bailey Bowden

Steve Bishop, Bucksport Town Council, guest visitor

Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:03 PM.

Sally came in to follow up on the letter she requested three weeks ago. Rapp presented a letter signed by Hatch, which states that the property (map 8, lot 34) that she and Sherm Hutchins are estate executors for is free from any current land use program (Farmland, Open Space, Tree Growth, and Working Waterfront), assessment reduction.

Jan requested that motion sensor lighting be installed on the north side of the fire station to illuminate the parking lot. She stated that after the polls closed last week, it was difficult and potentially unsafe to walk to cars parked on that side of the building.

Scott reported that there was a problem with cars parked in front of the truck bay doors on election day. The department had a call, and the obstructed doors need to be cleared to allow the trucks to exit which delayed their response time. Rapp suggested that one of the election day volunteers be assigned to watch for that during future voting events.

Scott also presented an estimate from Gilman Electric to upgrade the lighting in the fire station truck bays. Cost to the town, \$1,816.26, cost paid by Efficiency Maine \$2,664.00. Rapp suggested that we go back to Gilman and as for a new estimate to include the cost of exterior lighting per Jan Carpenter's request.

Scott also reported that the rescue truck needs work, kingpins and Engine 1 needs pump repairs.

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Allen proposed forgoing this round of NOAA grant application. Our part of the multi-town proposal needs much more work to refine the project estimate pricing. Board agreed to withdraw from the grant application.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of moving the location of the future sand/salt shed from the Mill Creek site to the town owned Western County Road (WCR) property. Board agreed to take this into consideration as the WCR location has advantages which offer greater merit in terms of grant application criteria.

Bailey reports that Tate Yoder is offering drone service to survey the Mill Creek location for project mapping. His fee is \$250.

Bailey reports that the Aquaculture Ordinance is close to being completed. Leighton will reach out to Drummond Woodsum for their review service pricing. The ordinance matches the Maine state application fee price structure but upped the escrow cost from \$1,000 to \$5,000. And added a \$1 million liability coverage requirement for any potential aquaculture license. Bailey mentioned that Barbara Hillas indicated interest in providing initial review services.

Leighton will contact Chris Hayward - Town Cloud web design this Thursday to provide him with more detail on our website revitalization.

Hatch reported the MSW tipping tonnage to PERC for years 2020, 21 & 22 were – 586.61, 596.13, and 518.78 respectively.

Hatch reported that the cost of putting up sand/salt material for the upcoming season;

Sand stumpage (Wardwell) = \$18,368

Salt = \$17,504

Hauling (Oakley Hutchins & Son) = \$26,240

Total = \$62,112

Reviewed and approved Warrant #24 in the amount of \$139,751.54.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.