

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

### Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

### Others Present:

Audrey Bradford, Allen Kratz (via Zoom), Bill Hutchins, Bailey Bowden

### Business:

Board members met at 10 AM with Pete Coughlan - Maine DOT Community Services Division for an informational presentation to consider sand/salt shed options.

Public Meeting commenced @ 7:03 PM.

Audrey inquired as to who had been the person elected by write-in at Town Meeting in March. No one present recalled who that was. Hatch called Sally and she couldn't recall either. She will check and get back to Audrey this Thursday.

Board selected a meeting date/time of ~~January~~ <sup>DECEMBER</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM to meet with the Finance Committee to work up the proposed 2024 budget.

Allen offered to provide mapping services to possibly assist Bailey in the permit application process for the new salt/sand shed site relocation.

Allen mentioned that there is a grant opportunity from the Maine DOT Municipal Stream Crossing Program in the amount of \$200,000. Board needs to review the application scoring criteria to see if the stream crossing on the Wardwell Point Road would be a good candidate. Application deadline is Friday, 1/19/24.

Bailey reported that the Comprehensive Plan (CP) has been accepted/received by the State. That starts a public comment phase lasting until January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then the State must determine if the CP is complete, no later than January 18<sup>th</sup>. Then the State has until February 1<sup>st</sup> decide that the CP is consistent with standards and then if so, it can be published as approved and final.

In the mean time the town needs to hold a public hearing prior to Town Meeting <sup>TM</sup> in March to present the CP. Given the timeline controlled by the State, and the timing requirements of

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holding a public hearing prior to TM, we will have to present an unapproved CP to the public with the caveat that if the State does not approve it, the CP will not go to Town vote at the March meeting.

Board agreed to pay the \$500 down payment to hold the agreement with Town Cloud out of the Contingency account.

Hatch will call area bus companies to see if there is any interest to purchase our newest old school bus.

Board discussed the stipend amount we should offer Heidi Reinhard for her website maintenance services. Leighton will discuss this with her.

Elizabeth Hutchins would like to see if Bob Gross would accept two annual stipend payments rather than monthly payments. Easier administratively and less susceptible to error.

Dominique Dispirito MDEP will come to the Transfer Station next Tuesday @ 9 AM to look at our site and assist us with our permit application.

RJD Appraisal presented their 2024 Assessing Service Proposal rate of \$690/day.

Kurt will send step by step procedures for the emanate domain process. We will need to re-post and re-send notice letters, then have a public hearing then a special town meeting.

Board approved adding Sarah Leighton to the authorized signature list for the First National bank account(s), and also approved removing Sylvia Tapley from the authorized signers list.

Reviewed and approved Warrant #25 in the amount of \$3,976.93 and;

Warrant #26 in the amount of \$129,275.38.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.