

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Carolyn Yoder, Allen Kratz, Bailey Bowden

Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:05 PM.

Carolyn distributed an updated recycling/universal waste materials sheet example from Blue Hill/Surry transfer station.

Allen announced that there are two types of grant money available from the USDOT Safe Streets for All program. One \$50k grant for preliminary engineering/scoping, and a \$125k grant for implementation. Bailey added that HCPC has offered to apply for those grant funds on behalf of the town, for free.

Hatch notified Allen that we will need to stop our monthly stipend payment to him (Resilience Works) until we can raise money at town meeting for a grant writer.

Bailey presented three design options for the Mill Creek fish ladder project. Board agreed that a continuance of the pool & weir already there would be the best choice. Joe McLean (Acadia Civil Works) designed the P&Ws at both Wight and Pierce ponds and MCHT has retained his firm to continue the effort. The estimated cost for the 14 pools and weirs is between \$800 to \$1 million.

Bailey is nearly finished with the sand/salt pile relocation permit application. He needs to map out the distance from the proposed site to neighboring drinking water wells. MDEP requires a minimum separation distance of 300'.

Board instructed Bailey to submit the proposed aquaculture ordinance to David Callen (Drummond Woodsum) for legal review.

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Sally reported that Joel Katz will be sworn in this week to serve on the Finance Committee. Jennifer Brennan is thinking about serving as well.

Since the 2024 Maine election day for US & State Senate and Representatives is being held on Tuesday March 5th, the Board voted and approved moving the dates for Town Voting & Meeting to the 5th & 6th.

Office staff requested the Board consider approving the lease of a postage meter/scale for the office. Last year the town spent about \$2,800 on postage, roughly 4,250 first class mailings. The postage meter would save the town \$0.03/ first class stamp. That would be a saving of approximately \$130/yr. The meter can be leased for a \$20/month fee. Board agreed to include the cost in next year's budget figuring it will save staff time as well as postage.

Board approved the Town Cloud proposal for a new town website. Hatch signed a contract providing a \$500 down payment holding the contract until town vote in March.

Board members met with Dominique Dispirito MDEP earlier today. She seemed pleased with what the town is/has been doing. She offered insight on the requirements of our operating permit application. Rapp will reach out to several firms to price costs for preparing a site plan, permit application, and operations plan for the transfer station.

The Board will re-issue Order of Condemnation to the owners of the properties on tax Map 7, Lot 32 (Lori Chase), and Map 7, Lot 30 (McB Corporation) next week. A public hearing will be scheduled for December 21st at 6:00 PM at the school followed by a special Town Meeting taking place on January 2nd, same time & place.

Leighton and Rapp voted to approve the removal from Tree Growth on Map 17, Lot 03 owned by Hatch. The cost to take this property out of TG is calculated as \$4,680.

Rapp will get the year end actual cost numbers from Amy and then prepare the budget spreadsheet prior to the meeting with the Finance Committee in January.

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John Allen presented a check in the amount of \$120 for the Rising Star Lodge rent.

Planning Board permits issued:

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| Damian Ames – Map 16, Lot 02; | 26' X 50' addition to garage | \$65 cash |
| Joe Stanley – Map 12, Lot 04; | 6' X 20' addition to shop | \$25 check |
| Janet Beaver – Map 23, Lot 45; | 20' X 24' garage | \$25 check |

Board member's attendance (# of meetings) turned for stipend;

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| Dana Willis | 15 |
| Elizabeth Snow | 9 |
| Windsor Bowden | 18 |
| Jon Allen | 18 |
| Don Bradford | 18 |

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.