

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Hans Carlson

Bailey Bowden

Allen Krantz (via cell phone)

Bill Hutchins

Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:00 PM.

Allen called in to the meeting to discuss the possible continuation of his service to the town. Board agreed that he is a valuable asset to have assisting the town towards securing grant funding, design services, and ultimately the possible completion of several future project objectives for the town. Allen's services would be provided through contracting with Resilience Works (RW) LLC that Allen has established. Allen also employs two staff, Jesse Minor and Debbie Grimming, whose services are included in the \$1,000/month fee.

Hatch expressed concern over using ARPA grant funding to cover not only the RW fee, but the Mill Creek project altogether. He proposed using funds from the Legal & Professional reserve (320-70), to pay for three months of RW fees without reimbursement from future grant monies. After those first three months, reimbursement would be necessary. If no grant funding has been secured by then, the Board would reconsider whether to continue or terminate the arrangement with RW.

Board approved going forward with a three-month agreement with RW LLC.

Hans reported that Blue Hill Heritage Trust will be closing on the Wallamatogus property sometime in June. Some discussion took place regarding the future parking area and gate relocation at the transfer station for the hiking trail. Bill suggested re-using the steel in the existing gate, setting new well casing posts and welding on swing hinges. Hatch will check on well casing availability and cost. Hatch also has a portable welder to do the on-site fabrication.

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Hatch reported that there is no scheduled E-waste collection this year in the Ellsworth area like in past years. Evidently the Rotary Club is not able to find a site to take the waste so they can not put on an event to collect it.

Hatch is working on re-applying for a solid waste transfer station license with the MDEP. The state is requiring a retro-application fee (\$1,876) and a new application fee, also \$1,876.

Received a refund in the amount of \$677 from the MMA's Risk Management Services for once again having no recorded workman's compensation claims.

Bill believes that Cameron Dow will not be interested in submitting a bid for the upcoming snow removal contract. He mentioned that more and more towns in the area are faced with similar problems of not being able to find plowing contractors. Some towns are resorting to buying their own equipment and creating a public works department.

Bailey reported that he thinks that ARPA funds can't be spent on a compactor at the transfer station. He will check into that.

The alewife celebration is set for May 13th. Downeast Salmon Federation will be providing the trailer mounted smoker. The town needs to haul it to Pierces Pond and back.

Hatch will testify on 4/13 to the Joint Standing Committee regarding the Property Tax Stabilization bill L.D. 290-22. Hatch will express the town concern over its passing.

Reviewed and approved Warrant #7 in the amount of \$98,248.00.

Planning Committee

Jason Lepper – Map 1, lot 1 – 26' X 36' House, 2 stories – 1872 ft² Plumbing & gravel permits

\$652.20

Daniel Barber – Map13, lot 20 – 12' X16' Shed, no plumbing

\$25

Lennard Bridges (on behalf of Lucia Gillcase & Nancy Gill) – Map 7, lot 4 – 26' X 23' Boathouse replacement, gravel permit no plumbing

\$29.90

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.