

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 25, 2023

### Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

### Others Present:

Mike Reed, Hardscrabble Stone and Landscaping

Carolyn Yoder, Penobscot Recycling Committee

Bailey Bowden

Claudia Smith

Timothy Burrill

Allen Krantz, Resilience Works

### Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:00 PM.

Claudia would like the Town to take ownership of the private cemetery located on her north Penobscot property. The maintenance responsibility cost is subject to Town vote. Board will place an article in next year's town meeting.

Timothy raised his concern over the property tax increase. He believes his tax bill is disproportionate to the adjoining neighbors. Hatch provided him with abatement forms and explained how to proceed.

Carolyn spoke with Orland officials regarding the possibility of Penobscot residents bringing universal waste to their facility. Orland is willing to possibly work something out with us. Hatch will attend the upcoming Orland selectboard meeting on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30.

Mike reported that his he (his company) has purchased a 6-wheel truck for plowing. Mike also provided a certificate of liability insurance (attached).

Allen reported that the USDA Rural Development program has a \$50,000 grant available but it is hard to secure. USDA also has a low interest loan (3.9% for 30 years) which would allow for a

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local share towards a much larger scale grant from other sources. Allen's suggestion is to first commit ARPA funds to pay for an initial engineering report to scope the project, thereby providing a basis for applying for a tiered funding package for the entire Mill Stream project. Allen anticipates that a local share will very likely be a requirement for the project's success. Financing might be an alternative to spending the Town's reserve cash.

Hatch spoke with Kurt Bloomer regarding the taking of the Wight's Pond landing. Kurt suggested reaching out to Jesse Studley to see if the appraisal from last year is still valid, or if a new appraisal is necessary. Hatch placed a call to Jesse but did not connect yet. Hatch will call Kurt after he hears back from Jesse, to see what the next step(s) is/are.

Doug Gasper submitted a bid for the town office roof, \$29,600 (assuming 37 squares). Dorr submitted a proposal in the amount of \$25,900.

Reviewed and approved Warrant #15 in the amount of \$74,596.81.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

