



**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross, John Hicks, and Frank Day.

Attendees: Town Clerk, Michelle Day; Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Rec Director, Willy Tracy; William Flynn; Bruce Collins; Joe Egan; Dan Larsen; Vincent Lanovara; Dana Forcier, Jr.; Tiffany Caswell; Terry Egan; Chad Pine; Lisa Thompson; B.J. Parker; Barbara Moulton; Deborah Tait; Ada Lane; Judy McIlvaine; Neal McIlvaine. There was no zoom meeting, the internet is down.

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Payroll was approved.

John motioned, Frank second to approve the Minutes of the August 29, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted affirmative by a show of hands.

Town Clerk, Michelle told the Board about the new locking, State issued, ballot box that is to be installed outside for absentee ballots before the next election. She would like the Town Seal on the front and put some other graphics on it, the cost would be able to come out of the election account. She plans to have it installed in the garden area on the left of the walkway.

Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton said she had calls for dogs, cats in the past several weeks. Also, reptiles which she referred to the Warden Service. Concerning the Blueberry Lane concern, she said there is nothing that she can do about barking dogs. She called Jacky Frye, animal control officer for Windham and she said there is basically nothing she can do, it's a civil matter. She said hunting dogs have more rights than domestic dogs. She said he runs a farm and named off all kinds of animals that can constitute a farm.

Fire Chief, Richard Perreault said he has been busy. A structure fire, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 mutual aid, 17 medical calls, a sound check for the Hive. They are closing out the first storm damage for FEMA and starting on the second. Hose testing, 11 air bottles, air compressors serviced; G402 is a course that the Board of Selectmen are required to take so Dicky will let the Board know when and where it has been scheduled. He is looking for tracks

from Windham for the UTV; Fire Chief, Chris Wentworth from Denmark asked about the Denmark Fire Department using the fitness center at a reduced rate. He thanked Willy for allowing the Department use the Community Center for a meeting with Western Maine Firefighters Meeting.

Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins said they are currently working on Thurston Road, cold patch on Misty Lane; Paving when weather permits. Dick said that Buddy did good on the grader.

Rec Director, Willy Tracy reported that they had 48 soccer players this year; A paint night scheduled; and yoga on Thursdays. Playground mulch looks good; replaced hardware on swings, did a few repairs to the state park. Took docks out last Thursday; He thanked the Public Works for their help and everyone for participating in Brownfield Days.

Vincent Lanovara reported that he has called the first budget committee meeting for September 20, 2023 at 6:00PM. He said John has concerns over this as to who is supposed to call the meeting, he read Article 30 of the 2014-15 warrant changed the composition of the Budget Committee to be as follows: Selectmen, Treasurer & 7 elected citizens. The elected positions will serve for three-year terms (the article carried as written). He further stated the Budget Committee is an independent committee and he feels the Chairman has authority to call the meeting. Dick said the Budget Committee has called the first meeting and that it is an advisory committee.

Joe Egan asked whether the planning board should move forward with the LD2003 issue since the deadline is July 2024. Dick said it's better to be ahead of it instead of behind; Joe requests to bring the Assessor to a meeting to talk with the citizens; Fire Department Fire House, referendum ballot to make the fire department a municipal fire department and whether it is worthwhile to bring it up again. Dick explained it was really just a name change; Dicky said he has heard that they were not paying enough. He has attended many calls alone but couldn't do anything without back up, because people won't leave a better paying position to come to a call. After the fair he is going to meet with Chris to write a grant to come up with a regional plan. Two in Fryeburg, two in Denmark and two in Brownfield during the day. Bruce said in 2004 the fire department showed up to his house fire and couldn't do anything until someone else came. He asked when will the Select Board schedule a meeting to share the plans for the new firehouse that was used for the grant. Dicky explained that he will have to start again with a committee of 7 people. Joe suggests the sooner the town starts telling the residents it will help. Joe asked whether there will be a ballot on the November. Dick said they will start the building committee in November; Joe's next concern was with article 41 of the warrant, he suggests limit the amount to \$1.00 and keep the rest of the money in reserves, so they can show the taxpayers there is money for the fire house grant. Dick agrees that we may be able to look at \$300,000. Joe suggests that informational meetings will help. No audit since 2020, 2021 is almost done and they are working on 2022; Joe questioned how Articles 6 & 7 are going to be addressed? Alvina explained that the articles will go on as originally presented and another article will be to create an advisory hiring committee; and another article to correct the addition/typo error in article 15 to take from surplus \$1,000.00 to the animal control

office budget. There was a question on whether Articles 6 & 7 were legal or illegal. BJ Parker said by voting again it the result will give a truer picture of what the people of Brownfield want. Bruce said the attorney had the chance to say legal or illegal. Vinny said the amendment changes the article; Frank explained that all the Selectmen are trying to do is clear it up so there are no problems.

Barbara questions why there is concern over the security cameras. Manipulation of the cameras is not acceptable. Dick explained that General Assistance and Executive Sessions are not supposed to be recorded.

Bill Flynn explained what the process of the budget committee had been.

Joe asked whether there will be a public hearing on the articles and was told that it will be an informational meeting not a public hearing.

Dick had prepared and given Sonia to review, a marijuana fee schedule according to the State guidelines.

Jess Davis provided an invoice and pictures of work she had done on the veteran cemeteries. Dick said that she should have come to the Board before she had done the work. She has been paid the \$500.00 she requested that was in the warrant.

Pam Thomas info on DOJ websites for people with disabilities.

A concern from Roger Benson that a portion of Portland Lane needs some work.

None of the Selectmen are going to attend MMA's Annual business meeting on October 4.

"Zoombombers" are targeting municipal meetings in Maine and Cindy Eaton said she has had it happen on her phone.

John motioned, Frank second to adjourn at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alvina Day  
Administrative Assistant