



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 16, 2023

MINUTES

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross, Ricky Emery, and John Hicks.

Attendees: Dana Forcier, Jr; Fire Chief, Richard Perreault, Jr; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Tiffany Caswell; Erik Walker; Cindy Walker; Albert Smith; Whit Lucy; Deborah Tait; Barbara Moulton; Dan Larson; William Flynn; Joe Egan; and Frank Day; Zoom Attendee: Vincent Goomba; Christine; and SJ Smith.

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

Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants: were approved.

Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting: Ricky motioned, Dick second, to approve as amended. Adding the words "by Ricky" in the next to the last paragraph.

Review of the warrant, Rick questioned the Administrative Assistant budget line item being about \$6,000 more than what was budgeted last year. Dick explained that it was what the Administrative Assistant was hired at. Discussion ensued.

Even though we don't have the audit results for the pre audit for 22/23, Rick said we do need a cover letter for the town report and it was agreed for Alvina to reach out to Ron.

Dick reported that the Remote Participation Policy says the Chairman can choose whether or not to do it. Dick said we have about 1-3 people that use it and we will continue as we are, doing the best we can.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee provided a letter for a mailing that will cost roughly \$400.00. Dick said they need to look into where the money can come from. Discussion ensued. John said he won't sign it unless it includes the Bern Stein Shur info, his understanding is they contradict each other.

Rick read a letter from Bliss & Associates that stated they are working on property located at 78 Spring Street which is in the vicinity of the new Town Property.

MDOT sent information concerning highway safety improvements involving centerline rumble strip installation planned for later this summer on State Road, Route 5, from Hiram to Fryeburg.

The Board reviewed an e-mail from a tax payer regarding the Brownfield Fire Department Ordinance.

The Brownfield Community Scholarship Brochure and Application have been posted to the website. It is for book awards. Cindy Eaton said it is open for any age.

Robin Edgecomb, Chalmers Group notified us that the 2024 Summer Camp, Junior Guide/Outdoorsman Program was sent on to the insurance company for review and she will get back to us, as soon as possible.

Joe Egan provided information regarding LD2003 that stated less than 10% of Maine towns will meet the requirement to amend their LUO by July 1st, so those towns should be "safe" for a while.

Lisa Thompson provided Comprehensive Plan schedule to be post to the web. Their next meeting will be June 5.

A certified letter for a FOAA received on May 11th has been sent on to Leah per Ricky. Dick answered Cindy Walkers question that it was sent to the lawyer to see what we need to do.

Joe Egan stated that it seems difficult to understand how the town can find \$1,000 for an attorney but can't find money for the Comp letter mailing. Discussion ensued.

Dick stated they had a good meeting next door at the Community Center and asked Joe to speak on it. Joe said that the two ladies were very informative on grants and how to obtain one and they congratulated Willy on the good job he is doing.

Cliff reported that the compactors are supposed to be showing up the end of the month; They are meeting with All State paving on Wednesday. The paving for has been put out to bid; they are getting the water tank ready for dust control; the compactors for transfer station will be getting installed the end of May or 1st of June; and they will be grading the dirt roads. They will be closing Merrill's Corner Road on Wednesday and Thursday when they replace the culvert. Dick told Cliff to let Alvina know so she can put it on the website.

Dicky reported they had a woods fire in Denmark; a water training in Harrison; he has had a meeting with the FEMA people about the Dec '22 storm and that the same roads that washed out on the Dec storm, washed out on this storm. They have to keep the storms separated, for FEMA purposes.

Cindy reported chasing a herd of cattle on 160; she talked to people about barking dogs and she hasn't got a chicken net yet.

Bill Flynn commented on the money for mailing the Comp plan letter was responded to when Dick said that no one is saying no, just where the money is coming from. Bill also questioned the website in regards to the notice about no longer accepting food scraps at the transfer station and whether or not this has been looked into.

Cindy Walker's follow-up from last week questioned John, about what his definition of transparency is. His response, "no comment." Then there was a discussion on how Dick, responded to Cindy at the last meeting. Joe Egan suggested that as Chair, Dick should maintain his patience. Dick said he would take it under advisement.

Erik Walker said it is disheartening that the Town had no Board member at the MSAD '72 meeting.

Bill Flynn asked whether there was an article on the warrant for the purchase of a truck for the transfer station. Ricky said he would be in favor of it. Discussion ensued but the answer is that it is not on the warrant this year.

This meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day
Administrative Assistant