



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

APRIL 25, 2023

MINUTES

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

Attendees: Town Clerk/Registrar, Michelle Day; Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Vane; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Rec Director, Willy Tracy; Tiffany Caswell; Dana Forcier; Hailey Boudreau; Patrick Bryant; Frank Day; Carrie Garland; William Flynn; Joe Egan; Dan Larson; Jennifer and Matt Coen; Ada Lane; Zoom Attendee: Vincent Goomba.

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

Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants: were approved.

Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting: Dick motioned, Ricky second, to approve the Minutes. Unanimous vote by a show of hands.

Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Selectmen's Workshop Meeting: Dick motioned, Ricky second, to approve the Minutes. Unanimous vote by a show of hands.

Rick read a Proclamation on Municipal Clerks and recognized the week April 30-May 6, 2023 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week and specifically recognized our own Clerk, Michelle Day for the vital services she performs in our Municipality. Michelle has worked for the Town since 2002. She became Town Clerk/Registrar in 2015. Dick awarded Michelle with a lovely flower arrangement, purchased from Heart and Hand. Michelle praised Wanda for being her deputy all these years but also spoke on the need for a deputy to work with her and to be trained since her term is up next year. She wants the Town to have someone that can step in and work for the Town in the Town's best interest.

Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins reported that the broom they purchased has issues. They took the sander off the truck. They serviced the grader and backhoe at the transfer station. Stated that he plans to have Buddy and Pat cut brush while he and Bob put gravel on the roads. Cliff asked about Joe working only two days a week now and Dick told him to talk to Joe about it.

Fire Chief, Dicky Perreault reported 10 calls. He went to an EMA meeting last week and is working with Cliff in regards to the winter storm damage. Cliff has given him lots of information already and they will continue to work on this. The Board signed the Oxford County ME Hazard Mitigation plan Resolution as requested by Dicky. He reported that he has heard from Senator Collins Office on the direct spending financing and that we are included. Dicky said he is not on social media but has heard that people are talking. He explained that he is NOT spending four million dollars. The first step is the people will have to approve building it, if the towns people don't approve it, it doesn't get built. He is trying to write grants and doing the best he can and said Matt Coen has offered to help clear the lot which will help with the 25% but he says there is no sense in putting a building committee together until we know that we have been approved. It is on hold for now. He wanted to just put this to rest. He said we are not going to spend four million dollars. Matt Coen said this is the most expensive thing we have ever done and the committee did not design it. Discussion ensued.

Rec Director, Willy Tracy reported all teams are practicing, including t-ball which starts tonight. The Rec along with the Friends of Rec are planning a fund raiser dinner on May 6 after the Valley Pride Day which starts at 8:30 AM, he's getting a dumpster for the same price as the past three years. They will be cooking hot dogs for the workers. They are also holding a community yard sale on the same day. Brownfield Days theme for the float is "History of Brownfield." Willy asked permission to get the gym floor cleaned in the Community Center.

Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton reported that she answered lots of calls this week. She will ask the Girl Scouts about helping with the cleanup.

Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Vane reported on a few complaints this week. He wants the residents to know that he is the Code Officer not a complaint specialist. He said he has a noise complaint on Center Conway Road and will probably need Dicky to go check it out. Also, another complaint on the Farnsworth Road. He said it sounds like a civil complaint. He has reached out to the State and has not heard back, as yet. Matt Coen said the person complaining is violating the State law, baiting animals and said that farming has nothing to do with the Town. The Comprehensive Plan cannot do anything by state law. Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton said she isn't going to speak on this until she has done her research. Jen said that they are trying to open up the line of communication so everyone knows what is going on. She goes to the neighbor and contacts Cindy when there's a complaint. There is confusion as to which law enforcement department is the correct one to investigate.

Ada Lane presented Town Clerk, Michelle Day with an arrangement and told her that she is appreciated.

Patrick Bryant spoke on ESRB and some of the latest developments. Spectrum completely pulled the rug out from under them. They have responded to their RSP with a new proposal which states that Spectrum will come and write a new grant. The good news is that it is all going to get done sometime. He will stay in touch with the Board.

With Dick being on vacation, the Board agreed not to hold a meeting next week. (Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on May 9 @ 5:30 PM.

Rick motioned, John second to purchase 24 stackable chairs for the meeting room, price not to exceed \$750. Vote affirmatively by show of hands. Alvina was asked to reach out to the Historical Society to see if they want the chairs back.

Dick told everyone present that the Brownfield Fire Department Ordinance is here should anyone wish to take one in advance of tomorrow night's public hearing.

Michelle asked that the Board finalize the warrant at their next meeting so it can go to the printers and be included in the town report. Wanda provided excise figures.

MMA said that it is best not to add the comp plan to the public hearing. Michelle said the Comp Plan Committee has done what was necessary in lite of public hearings. She will be printing the ballots in the next day or so.

The Correspondence Folder was reviewed.

Bill Flynn has volunteered to form a committee to look into ecomaine recycling and report back to the Board. Dana will reach out to Lovell to see how they handle it.

Ricky made a motion, John second to enter into executive session with Rec Director for a personnel matter per 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A). Voted affirmatively by show of hands at 6:40 PM.

At 7:15PM, the Board came out of executive session.

This meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day
Administrative Assistant

Review/Approved/Date

