



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022
MINUTES

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

Attendees: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Planning Board Chair, Sonia Frye; Dana Forcier; Cindy Walker; Erik Walker; Steve Booker; William J Flynn; Patrick Bryant; Bruce Collins; Frank Day; Joe Egan; Dan Larsen; Whit Lucy; Lisa Hebert; Pam Thomas; Matt Coen; Hailey Boudreau; and Judi Tordo.

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:38PM.

Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants were approved.

Minutes of the October 18, 2022 Selectmen's Meeting which included the October 19 & October 20 Workshops were approved by a motion made by Ricky and 2nd by John. Unanimous vote.

Ricky read correspondence received from Marsha Weeks Traill, P.A, in regards to Paul Rogers of 175 Potato Hole Road. Review of the records shows that the "Order of Closing" for Potato Hole Road for a period of 10 years was signed on September 25, 2018 by William J Flynn, Chairman Selectmen; Ricky Emery, Selectman; and Erik Walker, Selectman.

The Board agreed to reach out for rates to Andrea Libby of Libby Computer in response to her interest in serving Brownfield for our IT needs. Andrea provided her certificate of insurance and a letter introducing herself and qualifications.

Planning Board Chair, Sonia Frye inquired about the open position on the Planning Board. John Motioned, Dick 2nd to appoint Carrie Garland to the position. Ricky asked for discussion on the subject. The Planning Board Chair recommended Erik Walker last week when presenting the resignation letter last week. Carrie Garland submitted a document of introduction and qualifications for the open position. Sonia Frye was concerned of a conflict of interest since Carrie has a relative that is going before the Planning Board. It was suggested that she could recuse herself from personal matters. Matt Coen spoke on Erik being very

qualified and Carrie could bring a different point of view to the Board. It was suggested they need someone more knowledgeable. Joe Egan said the Planning Board is transparent. Bruce disagreed. Bill Flynn said Erik is the most qualified. Pam explained that when she received the resignation letter she held on to it because the person was thinking about coming back. Dick explained that the resignation should have gone directly to the Town Clerk (Michelle) and she would then present it to the Board. Discussion ensued and a vote was called. John motioned, Dick 2nd to appoint Carrie Garland to the position. Vote: 2 For, 1 Abstained.

Joe Egan reminded everyone that the first informational meeting on the Comprehensive Plan is tomorrow night at the Community Center at 7:00 PM. Erik Walker will be the moderator. He received 100 copies of the plan from the Printer. Bruce asked if anyone from the State will be at the hearing to answer questions. Joe answered, no. They may ask someone to come to a public hearing.

The Town has information of a possible a cell tower proposal:Plummer Trust/Brownfield Me (R10-Lot 61-1). Dick said this is off Dugway. At this point, it is only a proposal to the landowner.

Dick Norcross reported that he visited US Cellular office to try to lower the town expenses and since Dicky Perreault already has the plan the Board will consider adding Cindy, Animal Control Officer; Cliff, Public Works Director; Willy, Recreation Director; and Mike, Code Enforcement Officer to the plan. 5 new phones and 5 lines will cost \$162.25 a month. Cindy wants to keep her phone number because she has business cards with the number on them. It was suggested that the town create a written policy for any town owned cellphones.

Patrick Bryant reported on Broad Band progress. Dicky and he identified a number of places that he documented and that they are ahead of schedule. Mission Broad Band

The Board was asked about zoom and Rick said we are waiting on the new laptop.

The State reminds the Towns that November 1, 2022 or within 30 days after taxes are committed to file the Municipal Valuation Return. Our Assessor is aware of this deadline.

It was reported that the tax rate will be \$16.75 which is up \$1.50 from last year due to discrepancy in figures again this year.

At approximately 6:15 PM the Board entered into executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters. At approximately 6:32 pm the Board came out of executive session.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day
Administrative Assistant