



## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

AUGUST 29, 2023

### MINUTES

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

Attendees: Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Vane; Hailey Boudreau; Patrick Bryant; Cindy Walker; Erik Walker; William Flynn; Bruce Collins; Joe Egan; Dan Larsen; Vinny Lanovara; Tiffany Caswell; Brian Merrill; Linda Pestilli; Deborah Tait; Barbara Moulton; Dana Forcier; Chad Pine; Ada Lane; B.J. Parker and Rec Director, Willy Tracy. Attendee via Zoom: Lori Brann

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:29 PM.

Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants were approved.

Dick motioned, John second to approve the Minutes of the August 22, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted affirmative by a show of hands.

Frank stated that one of the biggest reasons he ran for Selectman was the budget for the transfer station. He's interested in looking into it and wanted to discuss it openly in the meeting as he stated they cannot discuss it outside a meeting.

Bruce Collins corrected the agenda item Junk Yard Permit as it being an Automobile graveyard permit. This was signed by all three of the Selectmen.

Erik Walker read a letter from Jess Davis that explained how she has been cleaning up our cemeteries and restoring the gravestones in them. She has completed the application process for four gravestones from the VA for our unmarked veterans and set them at the graves with the help of volunteers. She plans to volunteer her services as much as she can and is a trained cemetery conservator. She has not been charging us for her services but she is requesting the use of the \$500.00 that was raised for Veterans Grave Repairs to do some restoration. She has identified ten veteran stones in Pine Grove Cemetery alone that are leaning at a dangerous angle, and she is willing to straighten five this year for the \$500.00. The stones she identified as most needy are: Frank Stone, David Fogg; D Stinson Patten; James Goodwin and Charles H Day. Frank asked for an invoice so we can pay her.

Barbara Moulton discussed the issue of the checks that were double-deposits back in 2020 and asked the Board if they have heard anything from the auditor about these. Moving forward, she said it is no longer a popularity contest in having this as an elected position.

Vinny Lanovara asked whether the Board has determined whether the Budget Committee can seek legal counsel through MMA. Stating that the Planning Board has three people that can contact them. BJ Parker said years ago she had access to MMA when she was on the Budget Committee. Bruce said the Budget Committee only makes recommendations. Vinny suggests the Budget Committee has no by-laws but they should. Concerning articles 6 & 7 the Board is still working on them.

Dick explained that Sonia Frye will look at the Marijuana fees and get back to them.

Department heads will be asked to attend the Selectmen's Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month.

The playground has been finished for the worker's comp audit and John thanked the Public Works for doing it; Cliff electronically signed the document from Deanna Desimone for the amendment for no cost on the stream crossing on Phen Hill; Bob's tires prices have increased Cliff will look into this to see what can be done. The concern is finding them discarded in the woods.

The Planning Board Agenda for 5Sept23 was posted to the web on 25Aug23.

Joe Egan provided updates concerning the grant for the BCC.

Assessing Agent Robert Konczal is out sick.

Following this meeting: Planning Board invited LJ Feldman to discuss zoning.

John will attend the Oxford County Budget Committee Caucus tomorrow night in Lovell @ 6:PM.

The Board will hold an executive session here for consultation with Tax Collector per 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6)(E) @ 10:AM on 6September23.

Both Frank and Alvina will attend a General Assistance Workshop 22September23 @MMA from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

The next Safety Meeting is scheduled for: 25October23 @ 8:AM

Frank recommends that the security camera in the Code Enforcement/Administrative Assistant Office be taken out with concern for confidentiality. Cindy Walker mentioned the Treasurer's Office camera being blocked and she would like that to be corrected. John said we need to look into it further. All agreed.

John motioned to adjourn, Frank second. Voted affirmative by a show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alvina Day  
Administrative Assistant