

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 11.21.2023

Opening: The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm in Stow, Maine by Jim Wilfong.

Present

Selectmen: Jim Wilfong, Carl Lindblade

Town Clerk: Christine Carone **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros **Deputy Clerk:** Kathleen Panno

Road Agent: NA

Residents/Guests: NA

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved from 11.14.2023 **Selectman approve 2-0**

Treasures Report: (Nancy Boros)

Cash Balance \$ 158,510

Warrant # 79 \$1,025.02 Approved **as amended 2-0**

We have begun to receive tax revenue, last week's deposit was \$105k. We still have real estate and property tax receivables of over \$700k.

The Budget Committee meeting was cancelled, a new date has not been determined. However Steve Goldsmith came to the town office with the intention of attending the meeting. He stated that the rescue budget will be increasing. The reason for the increase is payroll and benefits for the staff.

Clerks Business: (Christine Carone)

Nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk: (Kathleen Panno)

K. Panno will post on Facebook the town's need for someone to remove snow.

General Assistance – all the selectmen need to review the paperwork; R. Ryan currently has it.

C. Lindblade stated we received a letter from the state that we are in full compliance with General Assistance. Thank you to K. Panno and C. Carone for meeting with the State Rep and updating the paperwork.

Selectman's Reports:

Policy Contracts and Insurance (Ray Ryan) - NA

Maintenance Report: (Carl Lindblade) - NA

Road Report: (Jim Wilfong)

J. Wilfong suggested purchasing a snow blower, cover, gas cans, and other needed items to be stored at the front of the town hall. J. Wilfong made a motion to allocate \$1,500 towards the purchase of a snow blower and other related items. R. Ryan previously stated he would operate the machine until we find someone. **Selectman approve (2-0).**

J. Wilfong met with engineering firm, Calderwood on 11/21/23 for the Ezra Heald Bridge and Shell Pond Bridge repairs. The contract will be \$37k. We would like to know when his engineering report will be done. The engineers will recommend weight ratings in their report.

New Business: NA

Open Items

Policy Contracts and Insurance (Ray Ryan)

Volunteer Insurance for FY 2024

Snow Contract – bidding to occur around May 2024

General Assistance Policy – review and pass to other Selectmen

Maintenance Report: (Carl Lindblade)

Deferred Maintenance schedule for Salt Shed and Town Hall will be completed January and will be used for the 2024 budget. CL to include estimate for sound proofing.

Sealcoating of parking lot – tabled until spring 2024

Ordinance regarding lots with trailers on them and no septic system – planning board is overseeing this

Sale of foreclosed property –Articles in the town report will be updated and the property will be placed for sale in spring 2024

MMA grants –will be reviewed in January to determine if the town can apply for any funding

Road Report: (Jim Wilfong)

Ezra Heald Bridge/Shell Pond Bridge – awaiting contract from Calderwood Engineering, it will be paid in installments.

Snowblower or handyman to shovel the exit doors, heat pump and propane tank – K.Panno has posted on Facebook

J. Wilfong will contact F. Wilson to install a septic cover and to move some rocks to top the culvert.

Town Office

Rob Flint will configure the new modem for the town office

K.Panno to collect documentation that FOAA training has been completed

K.Panno to file general assistance policy after it has been read and approved by all selectmen

Next meeting will be Tuesday 12/12/ 2023 at 6:00 pm. Please note the 11/28/2023 meeting was cancelled.

Adjourned 7:15 pm