

# Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 09-10-2024

**Opening:** The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in Stow, Maine by Jim Wilfong.

## Present

**Selectmen:** Ray Ryan, Jim Wilfong, (C. Lindblade absent)

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

**Residents/Guests:** Rob Flint, Broadband Liaison, Budget Committee

Steve Dupuis, Budget Committee, Road Task Force

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes Approved from 08-27-2024 meeting **Approved 3-0**

## Treasures Report:

**Cash Balance \$250,336**

**Warrant #59 \$4,195.41**

**Warrant # 60 \$4,230.41**

I drew down \$75k on the Tan note in preparation for Bridge payments. We received notice that our MSAD 72 bill decreased by \$213 a month, or a decrease of \$2,556 for the year. I continue to work on FEMA and respond as quickly as possible. I have information packets to hand out to volunteers who help inspect the roads after another large storm. This will help us gather the relevant data we need for future FEMA applications.

I ordered and placed bridge closure signs at both bridges.

We received a \$300 donation for Fuel for Neighbors

## Clerks Business:

C.Carone has not heard back from a computer consultant. The town needs assistance with a blue tooth reader and the office needs a computer consultant on-call for such matters. She continues to look for someone who is interested in being on retainer for computer issues.

The town has one remaining foreclosed property that will be auctioned. All other foreclosures have been paid off by the current owners.

Michelle Luongo will join the Greater Lovell Land Trust board.

Another resident is also considering joining the board and will meet with the Select Board and the GLLT shortly.

## Deputy Clerk's Business:

Travis Chute will donate his time to put up the Christmas lights. He does not have time to do additional work for the town. Rob Flint has offered to do some tree branch removal work.

K.Panno bought address numbers for the mailbox and the town hall, as we did not have any.

K. Panno's contact for website design can create an ADA compliant website. The web designer is a resident of Stow and is interested in coming to a meeting to discuss the proposed website.

K. Panno will invite her to the next board meeting. The project will be budgeted for 2025.

K. Panno submitted a grant application to MMA Risk Management.

### **Policy Contracts and Insurance (Ray Ryan)**

R. Ryan is going to reach out to MMA to see if additional items can be added to the Risk Management grant. He will research the cost of security cameras and security signs for the salt shed.

R. Ryan will have the snow contract signed shortly.

### **Maintenance and Broadband: (Carl Lindblade, absent)**

Carl submitted the following report:

General Assistance – guidelines have changed, he is taking training classes and has presented a sample ordinance for the Select board to review.

### **Road Report: (Jim Wilfong)**

The bridge work will begin first on the Stone House Bridge, then the Ezra Heald Bridge. The town of Lovell will not be able to buy sand or salt from the town due to logistical issues. Stow will have sand screened for our town's use. Spectrum will be storing line supplies at the salt shed for the broadband project. A hold harmless agreement will be submitted to the town. There will be fifteen crew members working on the project. A. Eastman will begin filling potholes and bush hogging. Bill Briggs is grading the roads as needed.

### **Open Issues:**

Rob Flint stated the Planning Board met last night and was asked about the water extraction policy. There needs to be a public hearing before it is approved. J. Wilfong and S. Dupuis stated that the ordinance was professionally written and thoroughly researched by a reputable law firm.

### **New Business :**

S. Dupuis submitted a draft of a letter of authority for the Road Task Force to present to contractors. The Road Task Force would like to talk to construction companies in their efforts to assist the Board in creating a multiyear plan to address the road conditions. R. Ryan asked that the Select Board be kept informed. Select Board will review and edit the introduction letter.

### **Public Comment:**

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm Next meeting will be Tuesday 09-24-2024 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Boros

## **Open Items**

### **Policy Contracts and Insurance** (Ray Ryan)

Snow Contract – follow-up w T.Morse to have contract signed

Security cameras for salt shed – in progress

Obtaining cost to soundproof the town hall – in progress

### **Maintenance and Broadband:** (Carl Lindblade)

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

Sale of foreclosed properties – in progress

Broadband project – in progress

Researching cost of shed at TH for 2025 budget

Researching upgrade of website for 2025 budget

### **Road Report:** (Jim Wilfong)

Ezra Heald Bridge/Stone House Bridge – in progress

J. Wilfong to set up meeting with Select board, CEO and Planning Board regarding road and building issues

J. Wilfong will contact P. Coughlin re traffic counters

J. Wilfong will contact Union Hill resident regarding culvert replacement

J Wilfong to contact LA Drew, Burke and Colman for road estimates and provide letter to Task Force to present to vendors for roadwork discussion

### **Town Office**

K Panno and R. Ryan submit MMA grant - completed

N.Boros continue w FEMA

N.Boros to monitor bridge payments and bridge grant progress reports

C.Carone – sale of foreclosed properties – in progress

Tally timesheets submitted by JW RR CL CC KP NB to determine how time is allocated to different areas and tasks – no timesheets submitted; project dropped.