

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 11-09-2022

Opening: The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm in Stow, Maine by Jim Wilfong.

Present

Selectmen: Ray Ryan, Jim Wilfong, Carl Lindblade

Town Clerk: Christine Carone **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros **Deputy Clerk:** Absent **Secretary:**

Road Agent: NA **Residents/Guests:** NA

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved from 10/25/2022 meeting

Clerks Business:

Abatement for \$747.72 was approved, property is in open space status.

Treasurers Report: Our cash balance is \$145,773. We did not need to draw down the last \$50k of our TAN Note. We will repay the \$250k borrowed by late December. We have been receiving real estate tax payments steadily. Our road budget has \$18,475 remaining.

We have updated the modem and I have tested our speed; it has increased to 1.07 Mb up 7.32 Mb down. I will continue to monitor the speed monthly.

We need to have our computer consultant assist us with the firewall again. Since we have gotten the new modem, we have a few minor issues.

We can accept credit card payments now. I am in contact with Paychex for our payroll and 1099 vendors.

Warrants # 52 for \$324.33 and #53 for \$4,176.77 Selectman accepted and approved 3-0

Open Issues: N Boros to follow-up with Dick Moore and Cindy Eaton to collect their information and record them as employees. Each assignment R. Moore works on, he will bill a minimum of 3 hours, each call C. Eaton responds to will be a minimum of 2 hours plus mileage. Hourly rate for each is \$15 per hour. Ray Ryan will complete the volunteer insurance in early 2023 with the other insurance documents.

Road work: J Wilfong has a bid to complete 4 culverts for about \$16,000. Troy Morse will screen sand for use on the winter roads.

Selectman Jim Wilfong updated the Board on the ongoing issues with Consolidated Communication's phone lines on Lake Road .

New Business

Vote to appoint Linn Tripp as MSAD 72 liaison. Selectmen approved (3-0). C.Carone will call Linn and have her sign the appointment papers.

Selectmen discussed appointing members for the Appeals Board and appoint an Appeals Board Chairman. The time commitment is minimal but when an issue arises, the work is critical. The Selectman suggests the board meets at least once annually and go over the procedures. The council is always consulted in appeals matters. Current members are:

Sam Nesbitt, Paul Lusky, William Bain, Jeffrey Blake (alternate)

Tree Lighting – power has been turned on; J Boucher will volunteer his bucket truck to string the lights. The lighting will occur on the first Sunday in December, the 4th, at 5:30 pm. N Boros will send an email asking for volunteers.

Public Comment: NA

Next meeting will be Tuesday November 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Nancy Boros