

Town of Stow

Selectmen Meeting Minutes DATE 09-24-2024

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

Town Clerk: Christine Carone **Deputy Clerk:** away **Treasurer:** Nancy Boros

Residents/Guests: Mike Carbone, Budget Committee

Steve Dupuis, Budget Committee, Road Task Force

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved from 09-10-2024 meeting **Approved 3-0**

Treasures Report:

Cash Balance \$254,367 before this warrant was paid

Warrant #64 \$82,590.20 Approved 3-0

I completed the annual renewal of the SAM registration. I have completed a credit application for the Selectboard to sign for Hancock Lumber. I continue to work on the FEMA application, we had a meeting today. We are paying C.Micklon for the Stone House Bridge work on tonight's warrant. I will now work on the USFS progress report to submit for the grant proceeds. At the next Selectboard meeting we will pay Troy Morse his first snow contract payment and we will pay the Oxford County tax at the second meeting in October. The bridge payments and these other payments will result in our need to draw on the Tan note in October.

Broadband – we started the year with \$3.3k in the State Broadband fund, we've spent about \$1k, leaving us with \$2.3k at this time. We do not anticipate additional expenses. Per J. Wilfong and C. Lindblad a report does not need to be submitted to the state.

Clerks Business:

An election sign will be removed from the Town Square. The election sign is not posted correctly. A political sign must include or be marked with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the date the sign was erected within the public right-of-way. The Select board will create an ordinance to disallow political signs at the Town Square.

It appears that there is building and excavation activity by the old mine. A letter will be sent to the owners inquiring about the activity. R. Ryan will follow up on this. **Approved 3-0**

Deputy Clerk's Business: NA

Policy Contracts and Insurance (Ray Ryan)

Ray will follow up with Troy Morse to get the snow contract signed. The first payment is due in October.

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Maintenance and Broadband: (Carl Lindblade) - no report

N.Boros presented a board committee policy template from the Town of Dayton for the Policy Committee to edit and incorporate it for Stow's use. Carl Lindblade will edit this and present it to the Board for approval.

Road Report: (Jim Wilfong)

We have road expenses on hold until the bridges are completed. The Stone House Bridge is finished, the Ezra Heald Bridge will be completed shortly. Colin Micklon will also install the fire hydrant at Deer Hill. The No. Fryeburg fire department was immensely helpful during the bridge construction. They moved a tanker and pumper so that it would be available during the bridge construction. J.Wilfong suggested the bridge fund be replenished annually over the following years so that future repairs are fully funded when they are needed. R. Rolfe will screen more sand for the town this fall.

Open Issues:

Mike Carbone asked if there is an ordinance for the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee is seeking to understand their role as a committee. C. Carone stated that the Budget Committee was created at an annual Town Meeting many years ago. The purpose of the Committee was to ensure that residents other than the Selectboard could request items to be placed on the town warrant. The Budget Committee and Select Board will work on outlining the duties.

Steve Dupuis was given the letter of introduction to present to contractors. The purpose of the letter is to allow the Road Task Force to communicate with contractors and get estimates on road work for their mission of generating a plan to address the road work needed in town.

New Business :

Public Comment:

Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm Next meeting will be Tuesday 10-08-2024 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

Work with Planning Board to ascertain excavation activity at the old mine

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

Editing committee policy

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

Town Office

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.