

Select Board Minutes

Date: May 14, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Next Meeting: May 28, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes: Approved May 28, 2024

Present: Laurie & Mike Pratt, Steve & Carol Conant, Dan Demers, Jean Biondo, Randy Serino, Lisa Bofinger

AGENDA ITEMS:

Department Heads:

Old Business:

- FEMA Storm Damage repair updates

Dan said that he had about 1 mile left to grade on Center Hill. Dan has been waiting for DIG Safe since April 19th, he has waited the required 3 more days, so he plans to finish up the Byron Road tomorrow.

When the grading is done the bridges will be washed off.

Dan has the new frame installed on the 2016 needs to do some welding on the hydraulic and it will be back in service.

FEMA – Richard sent a letter in to MEMA requesting them to expedite the payment from the last storm of \$5,000.

The paperwork from the last storm should be signed tomorrow through FEMA. Dan had to Update the mitigation plan today will have a meeting tomorrow which they have estimated the cost to be \$475,000 of which 75% will come from FEMA, 10% from the State and rest from the Town. This is the estimated material and labor costs and the material from the local pit cannot be reimbursed because it is not registered with the State. Dan is reaching out to other sources and has received 2 bids. One is from Pike

and the other one is from L M Gravel of Milo. The bid from L M gravel is less than from Pike.

Pike's bid was \$235,000 and L M Gravel was \$223,000.

Dan recommends the L M Gravel bid.

Maine Municipal Bond Bank may be a better way to borrow the money needed for the gravel that is needed and for the Bridges.

- Department of Labor Workplace Safety Inspection - Status Update

Last month PS, PW and the Transfer station were inspected by the DOL. There were deficiencies that have monetary penalties. Reports were sent into the DOL and the Board are asking for a Penalty Discussion which will be held by zoom on May 24th.

- Veterans Monument – Update

The work has been complete totaling \$1212.50. Mike is happy with the outcome.

Sean generally heads up the Memorial Day Celebration. The veterans will be inside of the library and they will come out one at a time when the ceremony will start. It was suggested that there a meeting with April, Sean and Veterans.

Wayne Hutchinson, Vietnam Veteran was from Weld when he enlisted and will be added to the memorial.

CDARS - Renewal options.

Richard moved to renew the 2 \$100,000 CDARS with Androscoggin Savings Bank for 3 months. Lisa 2nd the motion and it was passed unanimously.

- Ordinance Committee - Status Update

Carol Conant is looking into it to put it into the template and will update when comments come back to her. The Committee will meet at the end of May

New Business:

- Kennedy Bridge Bid Opening (The date is May 14, not May 28 as previously reported)

NF Luce Incorporated in Norridgewock - Nov 2025 \$213,000

Scott Construction Portland - 2024 \$328,000

Dirigo Timberlands – 2024 \$237,000

Dirigo Timberlands - \$237,000 Post 5% bid bonds

Richard will contact Eric Calderwood to discuss the terms.

The Town has 60 days to select a bidder.

Dan said that we would save money if we do it next year.

Mostly go by the price – Dirigo Timberlands is familiar with the bridge being their design. It would be a pre cast concrete deck

Richard said that the Engineers did come up with a \$300,000 for an estimate. He will communicate with Eric Calderwood on the bidders.

- Foreclosed property resolution – We have not gotten any money as yet.

Richard spoke with the owner's wife and planned to pay the next day by credit card. Richard has not been able to reach them since that conversation. The property is Map 33 Lot 22 and some thought that the abutters would be interested in the property.

It was suggested from those in attendance that the property should be sold where there was not communication since that call indicating that they would pay the Lien off the next day.

Carol said that here understanding that an article needed to be included and voted on at Town Meeting before a piece of tax acquitted property could be sold. Richard asked that she check into it the procedure.

- Lisa Bofinger – Update of potential grants –

Lise and Colleen will be taking an 8-week series of webinars with instructions on grants for small cities and towns.

There is a National Program that is 3 parts which are for bridges that are over \$100 million and under \$100,000. Lise will keep the Select Board updated on the progress.

- FEMA Storm Damage repair updates

Nothing to report at this time.

- RSU9 Warrants for June 11

Warrants for June 11 were signed.

- Select Board Meeting June 11th – Election Day

The Select Board Meeting will be held on June 10th.

Weld's assessment has been increased by 9%, this would mean an increase in out mill rate.

Richard will ask if someone can come to the next meeting to discuss the percentage increase. We need to have a clearer understanding on how the formula works.

MMA risk management – several grants are available through Maine Municipal - We need \$3,000 for an engineer to look at the Salt Shed to see what the repairs will cost.

Bridge investment Program – Federal Grants are available.

Laurie Pratt - Camp Kawanhee – Casey at the State Park Annual passes \$105 each

Some of those present at the meeting felt that the money could be used to reduce our taxes instead of purchasing 50 seasonal passes to the State Park. Would this be a contribution each year in lieu of taxes?

August is when the seasonal passes will be made available for the 2025 season.

WLA has tried to get passes for the Town people with not luck.

Richard said that he was waiting to hear back from the Board of Directors of the George and Raymond Frank Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Lisa moved to adjourned with Richard 2nd and was voted.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Cochran".

Carol Cochran, Town Clerk