

Select Board Meeting
January 17, 2023

1. Call to Order – 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance –
3. Roll Call – Doug Norman, Chair, Mark Bradstreet, Sandra Otis-Anderson, Steve Tanguay and Linda Payson all present.
4. Announcements – none
5. Acceptance of Minutes- Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for the January 3, 2023 select board meeting, Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 5-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda – James Gillway added one 11th hour item and removed items 16 and 17 as they are not needed at this meeting Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the agenda with one 11th hour item and removing items 16 and 17 . Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson Vote 5-0-0
7. Public Comment – none
8. Old Business
 - a. Award Bids for Foreclosed Properties: A second advertising was done for two properties. 5 Partridge Road and 78 Mt. Ephraim Road. James Gillway read the bids received. Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to accept and award the two properties to the highest bidders. Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0
 - b. Ambulance Billing Increases: Motion: Linda Payson made the motion to increase the fees for ambulance services for ELS up to \$1,305.00, increase for ALS 1 up to \$1740.00, increase for ALS 2 up to \$2,174.00 and increase for SCT up to \$3,695.00 and these rates be reviewed annually and reported to the select board. Second: Sandra Otis-Anderson. Vote 5-0-0
 - c. 2023 Budget Vote: James made the board aware of an increase in the Septic contract (line item 10-20) amount from \$6,750 to \$8,000.00. The increase is directly related to PFAS and increased dumping charges. Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to raise the contract amount from Moore's Septic to \$8,000.00, Second: Mark Bradstreet Vote 5-0-0. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the total budget as presented. Second: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0
9. New Business
 - a. Authorization for Cemetery Trust Fund Expenditure: James Gillway requested an additional \$1,400.00 from the cemetery trust fund account to cover additional work necessary to get the town online with the new software. Motion: Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to allocate \$1,400.00 from the cemetery trust account to complete the cemetery project. Second: Linda Payson Vote: 5-0-0
 - b. Personnel Classifications: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to move Adam Lockhart from a part time position to a full time position in the Public Works Department, move Braydon Moulton from a Per Diem position to a part time position retroactive to January 1, 2022 , move Daniel Knox from a per posit diem position to part time and move Mia Smith from an intern position to per diem. Second: Steve Tanguay Vote 5-0-0
10. 11th Hour:
 - a. Moore's Septic contract will go up from \$6,750.00 to \$8,000.00 because of the presence of PFAS. The new contract is for 2 years. Residents who maintain private septic systems and hire Moore's Septic to pump their tanks can do so at a reduced rate. When the new sewer facility is up and running the town can accept the waste from Moore's Septic and charge them at that point. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to approve the contract with Moore's Septic. Second: Doug Norman Vote 5-0-0
11. Correspondence
 - a. Notice from attorney Aaron Fethke regarding the intent to file an appeal to a court decision regarding a board of appeals decision. The town won but it is being appealed
 - b. MMA annual letter
 - c. Letter from Waldo County Pet Food Pantry requesting a donation. They missed the deadline to be considered for this budget year.
 - d. Letter from Belfast Soup Kitchen requesting a donation. They missed the deadline to be considered for this budget year.
 - e. Notice from North Coast Services regarding the increased total weight of fluorescent light bulbs being picked up from the transfer station

f. Air emissions License from GAC James and Steve gave a brief overview of the processes being followed to monitor the high levels of acid in the topsoil. They are also monitoring for PFAS. It has been activated and is making a difference

12. Treasurer's Warrant. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Seconded: Linda Payson Vote 5-0-0.

13. Town Manager's Report: James read his report.

14. Select Board Reports:

a. Mark had nothing to report

b. Linda Thanked the road crew for all their hard work and requested help setting up the community building for the Senior Drop In.

c. Sandra reminded folks of the Senior Drop In and thanked Parker and his fellow boy scouts for all his hard work collecting clothing and supplies for the needy.

d. Steve mentioned the Instrument Petting Zoo at the library on Saturday January 21 ,2023 from 1-3pm. He asked for the boards support in giving the town manager permission for the continued search for funding to support upgrades to town communications such as web design or newsletters etc.

e. Doug commended James for securing millions of dollars in grant money to benefit the town.

15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comments:

a. Jeremy Ward asked questions regarding the bidding process on the 5 Partridge Road property. He also provided a letter to the select board and town manager regarding his recent request.

16. At 7:06 pm Sandra Otis-Anderson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mark Bradstreet vote 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Janine F. Laveway
Board Recorder

APPROVED 2/7/2023