Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

August 16th, 2021

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Garret Oswald, Craig Lehigh, (KVCOG representative) Gabe Gauvin

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, Wayne motioned to accept them as written, Tina 2nd and all were in favor.

3. The Board briefly discussed the completion of the Sand Salt Shed, with both doors now installed and working properly there is just a piece of drip edge that Raymond will put up and then that project is completed. The Board briefly discussed the junkyard violation notice that was sent to a property in the West Village. The Board was questioning how to get the property owner to clean the property up as there still was a lot of clutter. Tina stated that she would make time to stop and discuss the matter with the home owner. Stacie shared with the Board that she had contacted Maine Municipal Association, who has 2 people who assist directly with ARPA funds, and inquired about two proposed projects of paving the Fire Department parking lot and dry hydrants. Stacie shared their response that those projects would not qualify as ARPA projects, unless there had been a loss of revenue during the pandemic. Stacie also shared that she then reached out to the town’s auditor to confirm that we did not have a loss of revenue. The town’s auditor gave a detailed breakdown of the increase in revenue that the town had received during the whole pandemic. So, it was confirmed that these two specific proposed projects could not be done with ARPA funds.

4. Items by the Public- Gabe Gauvin from KVCOG shared with the Board. and all in attendance, the services and programs that New Portland does or can participate in with annual dues that New Portland pays each year.

5. Department Heads-NONE

6. Items by the Town Manager

a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants

b. Andrea Reichert requested to the Board that the Cane of Longevity be presented to Rosella Pinkham, who is 102 years old. The former recipient, Nona Young has passed away and Andrea wanted to see Rosella Pinkham be recognized by the Town as the current oldest citizen in New Portland. Rosella is a life long resident in New Portland. Stacie shared with the Board an example of the usual certificate that has been presented to the previous recipients. The Board was in agreement that this recognition should take place. The Board asked Stacie to invite Rosella and her family to the next selectmen’s meeting. Stacie inquired if the Board would like to do a plaque instead of a paper certificate. The Board members were all in agreement to find out costs and get a plaque.

Stacie presented a Land Purchase Agreement Lease Release. The Board reviewed and signed a release to a land purchase agreement as the

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen

a. Review and sign appointment papers for David Royce to fill vacant RSU#74 School Board Member until March 2022.

 b. Review and sign (5) Abatements

1. Raymond motioned and Wayne 2nd to approve an abatement for Steven and Arlene Trudel in the amount of $532.50, all were in favor.

2. Raymond motioned and Wayne 2nd to approve an abatement for Jared Erb in the amount of $377.01, all were in favor.

3. Raymond motioned and Tina 2nd to approve an abatement for Jeremiah Murray in the amount of $97.98, all were in favor.

4. Raymond motioned and Tina 2nd to approve an abatement for JR Fabrication in the amount of $230.04, all were in favor.

5. Raymond motioned and Tina 2nd to approve an abatement for Bruce Short in the amount of $127.80, all were in favor.

Raymond shared with the board members that he spoke with Brent Davenport and Brent will be using the option to extend his contract another 2 years. Raymond also spoke to Stacie regarding a conversation she had with him last week. Raymond stated that in the future he would rather any discussions were done at a meeting so there was more than the two people observing and listening so it didn’t become a situation where there was a “he said she said”.

 Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Raymond 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the September 7th meeting. smr*