Selectmen’s Meeting

October 5, 2021

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

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Glenn Mirlocca, Kyle Handrahan, Jasmine Wagg, Bobbette Turner, Ray and Amanda Jordan, Michelle Linscott, Mary and George Chimenti, James Reinhard, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gary Agren

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

2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Tina stated that the part of the meeting referencing smirking was not in the minutes and she wanted them included. Stacie acknowledged. Tina motioned to accept the minutes as written with the additional part that was not reflected in current minutes. Raymond 2nd and all were in favor.

3. Old Business- **Junkyard violation notices**-Before and present photographs were provided to the Board by the town manager of Raymond Jordan’s property which had received a junkyard violation notice. There was a discussion regarding the clean up efforts between Raymond Jordan and the Board. At this time the Board was satisfied with the matter.

 **ARPA funds**- Stacie provided the Board with copies of the proposed digital sign quote as well as the quote from County Line Electric on the necessary electrical work that would need to be done if the digital sign was installed. There was a brief discussion from the public on why the town needs a digital sign and the details why this is being proposed. Raymond Poulin reminded the public that it is just an option for use of the ARPA funds. He hopes that the restrictions will change and towns will have more options for approved projects with those funds. The Board made no decision on the matter. There was a discussion regarding other towns and how they are using there ARPA funds, and what has been proposed for projects so far for New Portland.

4. Items by the Public-

Glenn Mirlocca discusses with the Board an ongoing issue with the water run off at the North end of his driveway. The Board members and Gary discussed with Glenn possible ways to correct this problem. Raymond Poulin offered to bring his tractor over to assist Glenn with some of these ways to correct this at no charge. There was a lengthy discussion on the matter. Gary and Raymond Poulin agreed to stop by Glenn’s property and determine the best way to address this issue and assist Glenn with correcting this problem.

5. Department Heads-

Kip briefed the Board on 46 calls y-t-d and roughly $5200 in payroll. The Forestry has an antifreeze leak, it might be a loose hose. Discussions regarding an invoice sent to an insurance company for a call dealing with a water truck on RTE 27. There was a discussion about rookies doing firefighter training.

Gary discussed with the Board grader work that was being done and possible brush work to be done. Freeman Ridge Rd paving is still be done.

6. Items by the Town Manager

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

b. Stacie updated the Board on CMP poles and holiday decorations. Any decorations that use power at a CMP pole is supposed to be documented and CMP is to be notified on wattage and hours used so that they can bill accordingly.

c. There were discussions on the town’s digital mapping and that the Board was not going to continue due to lack of staff to update the digital mapping. Jasmine Wagg suggested having a high school student do the updating for community service. Jasmine would find out if that could be an option and get back to the Board about it.

d. Stacie shared with the Board of a concern from a parent that the RSU #74 transportation department was requesting that a high school student be transported to and from the T at New Portland Hill Rd. and South Rd. intersection due to dangerous conditions at the current bus turn around on New Portland Hill Rd. The matter was tabled to give the Board time to visit the location in question.

e. Stacie updated the Board that about 30 foreclosure notices were scheduled to be sent out by certified mail on the 12th for non-payment of 2019 real estate taxes. Tina questioned how the public was notified of properties that are put out for bid for non-payment of taxes. Stacie stated that it has to be posted in the New Portlander, the town website and usually posted in a local newspaper, The Irregular or Daily Bulldog.

f. Stacie updated the Board that the Deveau property on the Chick Rd. had full payment of back taxes and a release deed was being prepared by the attorney for the Board to sign off on at the next meeting. She also told the Board that most likely the Rapid Renewal link would be live later in the month. Stacie also updated that the TAN was paid off early and saved a considerable amount of interest. Raymond Poulin asked how the tax money was coming in, and Stacie stated it has been coming in steady. Stacie also told the Board that she was taking 2 days of vacation this week.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen- Raymond Poulin discussed the sand that was being hauled into the Sand Salt Shed. He inquired if anyone had received a sample of the sand. Stacie noted that Brent Davenport had been in the office and stated that he received a sample of the sand prior to Jordan’s hauling it in. He also was keeping track of how much was being hauled in. Stacie also ordered 2 loads of salt per Brent’s request. Tina inquired about a digital copy of the previous meeting. Stacie stated she wasn’t aware that she requested that but would get a copy of it to her.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Raymond Poulin 2nd and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the October 18th meeting. smr*