Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2024

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Tim Diehl, Garrett Oswald, Robin Wilkey, Ryan Mulherin, Jill, Kip Poulin

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

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

3. Old Business- There was a brief discussion regarding the Tannery Bridge, David is still researching.

4. Items by the Public-

Robin Wilkey discussed with the Board her thoughts about the poor upkeep of Hancock Pond Rd. And asked the Board to ride into Embden’s portion of the road to see what material they used and consider using the same.

Garrett Oswald discussed with the Board issues he sees with Federal Laws coming about well water and growing your own food, he is concerned Maine will follow Federal laws and asks that the Board be proactive and make sure that New Portland has its own laws or ordinances in place so that any new laws from Federal or State government do not prohibit New Portland residents from drinking their own well water and growing their own food. David will do some research on the matter.

5. Department Heads-Kip updated the Board on the joint training, and fire calls. Janet inquired if he could get Kingfield to bring down a ladder truck to help us fix our flag pole. Kip would inquire about this matter with Kingfield Fire Chief Fred Nichols.

6. Items by the Town Manager

a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/C warrants.

b. The Board reviewed and signed the Treasurers reports for Jan and Feb.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen

 a. The Board reviewed and signed the annual appointment papers for the following positions:

Road Commissioner- Ronald Nunes 1 year term

Fire Chief- Kip Poulin 1 year term

LPI- Dan Gilbert 1 year term

ACO- Ryan Mulherin 1 year term

CEO-Stacie Rundlett 1 year term

 b. The Board reviewed and signed a quit claim deed for full payment of taxes on tax acquired properties.

 c. There was a brief discussion regarding putting up flags on some of the telephone poles in town again. After the discussion it was decided by the Board to purchase 15 new flags and distribute them evenly in the 3 villages in town.

 d. Stacie provided a copy of the 2 most recent Snow Plow Contracts and last year’s ad for winter sand to the Board for them to review and bring any suggestions for changes to the next meeting so that the ads for both the winter sand and winter plow contract bids can be published to get things started for the upcoming season.

 e. There was a brief discussion regarding the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications (Spectrum). The Board agreed that they did not wish to sign said contract at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the 4/15/24 meeting. smr*