Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2024

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

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Kip Poulin, Ryan Mulherin, Ron Nunes, Dallas Landry, Tim Diehl, Mary and Philip Robinson, Superintendent Campbell, Josh Nunes, Brad Bucklin, David Royce, Jane Shattuck, James Reinhard, Brent Davenport, Brian Rundlett

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 6:30 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- Tannery Bridge, there was a brief discuss that this research is still in progress.

4. Items by the Public-

a. RSU #74 Superintendent Campbell presented a copy of the proposed budget. There was a brief discussion regarding changes that the school board made regarding reducing the overall budget. The school budget hearing is May 22nd.

David Cary and Brad Bucklin inquired with the board if they would issue a letter of support to the Snowmobile Club, so they could try and do some grant writing to get funding to resolve the issue surrounding their trail and Tannery Bridge. The board stated that they would need to consult with the town’s attorney before making that decision.

Jane Shattuck inquired if the Town was going to address the 200 feet of roadway near her house by bringing this section up to proper specs? The Board discussed that they thought the issue had already been discussed and determined that the town was not going to maintain that portion of the road. Janet stated that the town would review information from a previous meeting and discuss the matter in more detail at the June meeting.

5. Department Heads-

Kip updated the board on issues with batteries, joint training with Kingfield, and upcoming SCBA testing.

Ron updated the board on grading that has been done throughout the town, and what is still left to be done. There were some discussions on trees on New Portland Hill Road in the right of way. Ron will look into this and present a plan of action to the board. There was a discussion regarding cones and debris from the storms, and sweeping of roads that still needs to be done before Memorial Day.

6. Items by the Town Manager

a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll warrants

b. The Board reviewed and signed the March Treasurer’s Report

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen

Janet discussed with the other board members the document from ME D.O.T. regarding heavy equipment coming through the town. Janet was going to read the document more thoroughly and then get the document to the other board members for them to review as well.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the health and rat issues in the West village. The board asked for Stacie to inquire with the attorney’s office to see if the town can physically clean up the property that isn’t responding to the town and then bill the property owner? There was also a discussion regarding the New Portland Community Forum on FB. David would make time to assist with revamping the site so less negativity is allowed. Janet and Roger White donated a tree to the town and planted it by the veteran’s memorial by the Town Office. Janet asked to have the wooden posts saved when the new town sign is installed so that it can be used for a better flower bed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the May 20th meeting. smr*