Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024

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

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, David Cary, Garrett Oswald, Lynne Pieren, Jane Shattuck, Andrea Reichert, Brittany Rundlett (and Amelia), Jacob Pinkham, Brian Rundlett

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

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

3. Old Business- Stacie updated the Board about the new town digital sign. There was a brief discussion on the 3 picnic tables built by David and Zach Cary and Wayne Rundlett. Two are at the Wire Bridge area and one is at the playground area at the Fire Station. The Board thanked the men for their time and complimented them on their work. There was a brief discussion regarding Gilman Pond Rd maintenance, near Jane Shattuck’s property. David motioned to open Gilman Pond Rd approximately 250 feet from current end of the road, for summer road maintenance. Raymond 2nd and Janet abstained. David motioned to open Gilman Pond Rd approximately 250 feet from the current end of the road for winter maintenance, with the understanding that the current land owners that abuts the road will grant the Town of New Portland an easement to put in a turn around for town of New Portland’s equipment and/or equipment employed by the town of New Portland access, Raymond 2nd and Janet abstained. Both motions passed.

4. Items by the Public- Andrea Reichert asked questions about voting day and why a couple of the ballot clerks were not notified until the evening before that they were not needed on voting day. The Town Clerk, Jacob Pinkham, spoke about how and why this happened and clarified that it was his error in communication and he would make sure that this didn’t happen again.

5. Department Heads-Janet motioned to pay for the picnic tables out of recreation funds, Raymond 2nd and all were in favor. Janet updated the other board members on her conversation she had with the Road Commissioner, Ron Nunes, who was unable to attend. No decisions were made.

6. Items by the Town Manager

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

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen

 a. The Board opened and reviewed the winter sand bids. The bids were as follows:

 1. Jordan Excavation -15.85 per yard = 36,455

 2. Cousineaus-19.76 per yard= 45,450

Janet motioned to accept Jordan Excavation’s bid, Ray 2nd and all were in favor. Stacie would call them to notify them.

b. Raymond motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personnel Matters at 7:04pm

Raymond motioned to enter back into the public meeting at 7:22pm.

David spoke to Andrea Reichert that there was a discussion regarding the ballot clerks, and moving forward there will be better communications with all parties involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the July 15th meeting. smr*