Selectmen’s Meeting

March 4, 2025

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

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, David and Lynn Cary, James Reinhard, Garrett Oswald, Ron Nunes, Ernie Hilton

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

2. Raymond motioned to nominate David for chairman, there was some discussion. David motioned to nominate Janet for chairman. Raymond 2nd and all were in favor

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

4. Items by the Public-

a. Garrett Oswald spoke to the board regarding the issues that were taking place at the Kingfield/New Portland transfer station. He didn’t approve of how the New Portland board members and the Kingfield board members were handling the situation. The board tried answering his questions about the transfer station issues and Garrett was not happy as to how things were being handled. Garrett also shared with the board his feelings on how the board was not doing annual work reviews for employees. Some of them hadn’t been done in a couple of years. He insisted that raises of any kind were not called for without them and said that the Town Manager was the one approving all raises for staff, even herself. The board assured him that they would definitely look over the protocol for the work reviews and in the future conduct them towards the end of the budget year so that for the future budget meetings these reviews would come into consideration. They also reiterated to him that the Selectmen along with the Budget are the ones who issue the recommendations for any increase in the annual budget and this includes any raise for an employee. Some of the discussion got hostile and Janet had to insist on the discussion to end.

b. Ernie Hilton-Somerset Woods Trustees spoke with the board about another parcel, the Parsons family property, that they are in the process of purchasing. He asked that the board just provide a letter supporting this purchase. He shared that the property would remain in Tree Growth and taxes would be paid on this parcel, and that it would still be open to the public for the snowmobile trail, which runs on some of this parcel. The board was in favor of issuing this letter supporting the sale and reviewed and signed the letter. Ernie also spoke with the board regarding how Starks operates their summer roads and offered for any of the board members to go and check how things are run over there anytime. The board members were receptive to doing so and would make arrangements with Ernie once the weather was better.

5. Department Heads- Kip updated the board on the invoice that was sent out to the trucking company for traffic control for many hours. The invoice has been paid and the board approved some of those funds to go towards the firefighters pay for the time spent on scene.

Ron Nunes updated the board with the on-going FEMA issues and that we are still waiting on funds to come in. Ron offered to the board that he would continue working on all the FEMA issues until it was completed and if the board hired a new Road Commissioner he would work with that person as well on the projects and the funds from FEMA that are allocated for these specific projects. Ron provided the board with a three-ring binder containing all of the documentation he supplied to FEMA and their correspondence. The board members will take some time to look over these documents and return the binder to the office.

6. Items by the Town Manager

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

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen- Janet spoke about how the community room and fire station bays needed to be painted either completely, in fire bays and maybe just touch up work in the community room area. All were in favor to possibly put this project out to bid soon. Janet also discussed with the board how she would like to go purchase necessary supplies for the community room, dish clothes, pot holders, swifter sweeper, etc. A few years back the board had approved up to $1,000.00 to do so and for it to come out of the T.I.F. She also discussed with the other members that she was going to volunteer her time to do a much needed “spring cleaning” in the community room and work with Peter Ford to patch some damaged walls in the closet area. All members were in favor of her doing these things.

Meeting adjourned 7:21pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the March 17th meeting. smr*