

Selectboard's Meeting

January 01/03/2023

Attendance: Kari Hunt, Penny Sampson, Tim Parker, Dan McCormick, Tony Avila, Peggy Turner, Blaine Parsons II, Pat Haley, Tyler Curtis

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Penny opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Public Feedback:

None

Minutes: Penny made a motion to accept the minutes from 12/20/2022 as written. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer:

Selectboard reviewed and signed the warrants.

Old Business:

- Cemetery Expansion, The deed was sent to Mr. Fordyce for review with his attorney. The title search was done. Need to ask Ellery about the valuation. Wait on the title insurance until the valuation has been set.
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New Business:

- The Waterville Humane Society contract was presented to the Selectboard for review. Penny made a motion to accept the Waterville Humane Society contract. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny made a motion to table title insurance discussion until a valuation has been determined.
- Solar farm and well disturbance. Penny was forwarded and requested information about solar farms having an effect on abutting wells. Penny is waiting to hear back from DEP. There is the potential for a change in the ordinance.
- Selectboard reviewed fire department bills. A past due bill was submitted for payment. The date of the invoice is 10/24/22, due 11/03/22 and submitted to the office on 12/29/2022. Dan reminded Blaine that all municipal fire department bills must be mailed to the town office. This has been talked about for two years and a recent discussion again in September 2022.

Dan asked about the bill for the gas meters and wanted to know if Blaine had informed any of the Selectboard or the Town office of the purchase. Blaine stated that he said there were going to be large bills coming to the office for payment. Dan reminded Blaine that purchases over \$500 must come before the Selectboard and let them know.

The credit card bills are coming through with the wrong billing address. The correct billing address is PO BOX 416. Blaine stated that Pat and Jim have authorization to use the credit card and will let them know that they need to make sure they are putting the correct address on there. The wrong address could lead to purchase denials.

Blaine asked if he could purchase two more SCBAs with the remaining funds. With his remaining budget and the income received throughout the year, he could spend 20,000. Dan stated that income received (i.e. Forestry, Grant, MOFGA, Kennebec Count, Truck sales) was not intended as extra budget money. The funds from the fire truck sales is to go into the Fire Truck Fund. For full discussion listen to the audio recording

- Winter Storm Elliot, 12/23/2022 was not kind to Unity Roads. Maryanne Gottman, the town's EMA director, is collecting documentation to see if there is enough road damage to claim for FEMA. The county has to meet a threshold as well as the State of Maine to apply for FEMA funds. More information to come as it becomes available.

Snowmobile Trails and ATV trails took a hard hit by the winter storm. Penny stopped in and signed a grant Josh Miville is applying for from the State to help with their bridge repairs.

Penny is going to reach out to the DOT regarding a sink hole near Pellechia Pl. and Conaefer Ln.

Dan noticed there are alot of trees hanging in the road and on the ground near the road. Jacob Archer reached out to Dan stating he was available to cut trees back. Dan made a motion to contract with Jacob Archer for cleaning trees. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Penny wants to reach out to Senator Chip Curry to see about getting work done on the Prairie Rd to raise the road near the river.

The pond near C & S Repair does not have guard rail. Selectboard will add it to list of projects.

Due to the storm conditions and the warm weather Dennis Jones strongly recommends the town post the roads to save what work has been done. Selectboard agreed to post the roads.

- Selectboard will begin prepping for the town meeting next week by starting with the budget. There are some articles that need to be deleted and articles that need to be added.
- Denise Whitney, Appeals Board chair would like to attend an MMA appeals webinar in February. Penny made a motion for Denise to attend the class. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Penny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.