

Selectboard's Meeting

January 01/17/2023

Attendance: Kari Hunt, Penny Sampson, Dan McCormick, Tony Avila, Blaine Parsons II,

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Penny opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Public Feedback:

The bridge on the Berry Rd. has been closed. There was a wash out 10 ft before the bridge, this has been fixed. Selectmen would like to have the bridge closed until an engineer could look at it to determine if Winter Storm Eliot caused damage to the structure of the bridge, but the closed bridge signs continue to get ignored. Selectboard will remove the signs and the bridge will be open.

A complaint form is submitted to the Selectboard. A wash out on Crowell Rd is affecting the postmaster to deliver mail. Dan will inspect the concern and get in touch with the Postmaster.

Minutes: Dan made a motion to accept the minutes from 01/03/2023. Penny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer:

Selectboard reviewed and signed the warrants.

In 2017 a taxpayer went through bankruptcy as part of the process property taxes were included. The payments were made over time, interest accrued. Kari asked the board to write-off \$65.17. Penny made a motion to write off the 2017 tax of \$65.17. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

\$86,752.52 from the ARPA savings account needs to be transferred in the checking account and \$21,889.21 needs to be transferred from the checking account to the TIF savings account. Penny made a motion to transfer the funds Kari mentioned. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kari presented a list of supplies requesting to purchase. This includes office supplies, and D-2 biosolution. Penny made a motion to purchase the supplies. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The town has foreclosed on 4 properties. A letter will be sent to set an appointment for them to discuss the future status of the property.

A check written on 12/07/2022 in the amount of 48.50 has not been received by The Depot. Can I issue a new check and place on the warrant and how to proceed with the check not received. Penny made a motion to issue a new check and add it to the 01/17/2023 warrant. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. To stop payment would cost \$34.00. Penny stated if The Depot receives the first check written in December it can just be added as a credit to the Fire Department account.

Old Business:

- Cemetery Expansion: Ellery worked on the assessed value for the gifted land. \$50,786. The cost of the title search and title insurance is \$478.00 Penny made a motion to pay Gateway title \$478.00 and add it to the 01/17/2023 warrant. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- DEP replied regarding well disturbances with Solar Farms. The DEP is not aware of any major disturbances. DEP stated it may something to research at a later time.
- Penny will contact DOT regarding the sinkhole on Rt 9.
- Penny followed up with Dan regarding the tree/debris removal from Winter Storm Elliot. Dan stated according to the FEMA representatives the debris would need to be chipped and weighed to be considered for reimbursement. Penny asked if Jacob Archer could cut the trees along the sidewalk. There needs to be a 7' clearance.
- Chip Curry connected with Penny regarding the Prairie Rd. He indicated there may be some Federal Funds left and will reach out to DOT.

New Business:

- In order to pay weekly state fees (i.e. such as Motor Vehicle, IF&W) the Disbursement of State Fees Only Policy needs to be accepted. Penny made a motion to adopt the Disbursement of State Fees Only Policy. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- In the event a Selectboard meeting is canceled the Disbursement Warrant for Employee Wages and Benefits needs to be accepted to issue payroll. Penny made a motion to adopt the Disbursement of Employee Wage and Benefits. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Dan has been working with Maryanne Gottman, the EMA director and FEMA for the Winter Storm Elliot. Blaine was asked to submit the hours, which he did. FEMA is requesting a breakdown for the hours and suggested time cards get completed. For the future time cards need to be complete, stating the scope of work, how long each individual was on the project, etc.

Other Business:

- Selectmen discussed the income received from fire department contracts, truck sales etc... For full discussion listen to the audio recording at www.unityme.org.

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Penny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.