



TOWN OF DRESDEN

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MINUTES

Board of Selectmen/Board of Assessors Meeting
JULY 5, 2022

MEETING TIME—5PM AT POWNALBOROUGH HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER- 4:59pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by John Rzasa

3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Allan Motioned to accept the minutes, Don Seconded and vote was unanimous

4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS

Allan Motioned to accept the minutes, Don Seconded and vote was unanimous

AP Warrant(s) # 63 and 2

Payroll Warrant(s) # 1

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- A. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 5:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

6. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Board- **No Report Given**
B. School Board Reps- **No Report Given**
C. Broadband Committee- Judy Tunkle reported that the committee was in the final stages with the two other towns to finalize the RFP for a study of what the towns need to complete a broadband network. Daniel informed them that the only requirement in Dresden is that the Selectboard approves all RFPs that go out.

7. SELECTBOARD REPORTS

- A. Transfer Station- There's was discussion about the increase as of late in the visits and how staff are handling that. Don also discussed his desire for more data in reports, like the transfer station, so that reports are more than simply stating all is good. Daniel mentioned that there we do track the number of tokens each week, the warrants says how much tonnage we had and also the county sends a monthly report about recycling.

- B. Town Office- Daniel reported that things are slowing down now that the budget time of year is done. Also, the heart pumps have been installed and work well. Daniel was able to move his upstairs full time now.
- C. Roads- Allan reported we still to get the RFP out for roadside mowing as the person we thought might do it, is not interested, but will still do the tree/brush cut back. Culvert work should begin in July. Since Bob Noonan took out 7 beavers there has no flooding or road issues related to beaver.
- D. Fire Department- **No Report Given**
- E. Water Department- **No Report Given**
****It was noted that the board would like Daniel to contact all departments and committees to inform or remind them that they should be attending or sending a report for each meeting****

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tax Acquired Properties- Daniel informed the board of some updates, the first being about one of the mobile homes that was foreclosed on. Daniel spoke with the town attorney and it was determined that the best course of action will be to complete the dangerous buildings process rather than small claims court to. Daniel has also been in contact with the owner of the property on the middle road, who stated they intended to live there. Daniel and the sheriff's office was able to gain entry and reported it is not suitable for anyone to be living there. Daniel will follow up with this. Before the board takes further action, they would like an updated list of properties.
- B. McFadden Road- After last meeting Daniel spoke with Dan Murray, the property owner asking for work to be done and he stated that if they town doesn't want to do work, he will look into all options. After more discussion the town is willing to do a cost share to get work done on the road. Daniel will follow up with the property owner.
- C. Pownalborough Hall Rental Policy- The rental agreement/policy that was worked on last fall was presented to the Selectboard. It was decided to table to policy until next meeting because the board had some changes, they wanted Daniel to work on.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Transfer Station Hours- In recent weeks and months there has been a problem where residents are coming to the facility right at or right before closing, which is causing the staff to be late with closing and leaving. The staff have been staying later and submitting it on their timesheet. Daniel proposed two options, one would be to change the staff's hours to include the extra time and the other would be change the hours of the transfer station close 15 minutes before. The board would like to pay the staff for the extra time they stay after.
- B. Revaluation Options- Currently the town is on a tract for a revaluation to be completed in 3-5 years at an estimated cost of \$250k-\$300k. Daniel is proposing that this could be completed 2-3 years faster if the town broke the process into three steps. Step one would be hiring someone to go to every parcel and measure and list the parcel. Step two would be to data entry all the information. The final step would be to create the cost tables in TRIO. This process would be much faster and save the town \$100k-\$150k and be done much quicker. The board gave Daniel permission to explore this option more and write an RFP based on it.
- C. Remote Meeting Equipment- Two different camera options were presented to the board. **Don Motioned to purchase the OWL meeting device with ARAP money, Allan Seconded and vote was unanimous**
- D. Quit Claim Deed- Map 7 Lot 48- **Allan Motioned to authorize Daniel to sign for the town, Don Seconded and vote was unanimous**
- E. Quit Claim Deed- Map 10 Lot 51.A- **Allan Motioned to authorize Daniel to sign for the town, Don Seconded and vote was unanimous**

- F. Business License for Bee Hoppy Gardens- **John Motioned to approve, Don Seconded and vote was unanimous**
- G. **Legal Contact-** Daniel asked the board for guidance on who should be contacting the town attorney or MMA legal. It was decided that no matter the question that only the Town Administrator or Selectboard Chair should be soliciting legal advice.

10. CITIZENS CONCERNS

Shari Lilly- She asked if there was a warranty with the camera system the town would be buying for meeting, she was informed there is warranty options. She also asked if there would be a e-waste day and Allan reported that there are no longer computers doing it really, but that part of joining Richmond's transfer station was that for a small fee e-waste can brought there.

Dave Probert- Expressed concern about the WIFI ability at the hall for remote meetings. John said that the town would look into it to make sure it was going to work. Dave asked if anyone can add items to the calendar on the town website, and Daniel said yes as long as it is sent to him. Lastly Dave asked about if the town would be interested in hosting a fundraiser for the county historical society, where we have a shredding truck and people donate to use the service. This will be looked into.

Gary Bleu- Gary asked by the town report did not include a list of taxpayers in town and who's decision it was not include it. Daniel stated it was his and he did not see the need for it as anyone can request at the town office. He also mentioned the website, and this spurred a lengthy and spirited discussion. Daniel will continue to work on this and reach out to Lauren Haven again. It was also mentioned that people could express what they wanted to see on the site. Lastly Gary asked about the town join Lincoln County TV and Dave Probert said a few years ago it cost \$3000 to join and broadcast meeting.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Allan Motioned to enter executive session at 6:24pm per Title 1, Chapter 13, Subsection 13 405-6A, John seconded. Vote was Unanimous

- A. Personnel Discussion

Allan Motioned to leave executive session at 6:49pm, John seconded. Vote was Unanimous

12. ADJOURNMENT- 6:49pm