



TOWN OF DRESDEN

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MINUTES

Board of Selectmen/Board of Assessors Meeting
OCTOBER 11, 2022

MEETING TIME—5 PM AT POWNALBOROUGH HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:59 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by John Rzasa

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

Don motioned to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Allan seconded, the vote was unanimous.

4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS

Don motioned to accept all warrants and Allan seconded, the vote was unanimous.

AP Warrant(s) # 16

Payroll Warrant(s) #17

Water Warrant (s) #18

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- A. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 5:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

6. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Board- It was reported that the planning board is working on finalizing the wording for the business license section of the Land Use Ordinance. They are also reviewing whether to propose an outright moratorium on commercial solar vs regulating it.
- B. School Board Reps- Jeff Bickford reported again that there was a discussion at the last meeting about the EDU 279, which dictates funding for towns from the state for education, and how that number changes throughout the year. There was a discussion about how many students there are in the Dresden school and how bringing 5th graders into the middle school could affect Dresden.
- C. Broadband Committee- Judy Tunkle reported that she completed the Get Ready grant application and is excited about our chances. This grant offers recipients experts and technical help with the process. There have been meetings among the county and towns with the state and it is looking well as everyone is learning what they need to move everything forward. The

committee will also begin to have conversations with residents 1:1 about what they want to see for broadband in town.

7. SELECTBOARD REPORTS

- A. Transfer Station- Daniel discussed that we have tracked the number of tokens being used and how many come back every week. There are about 220-280 that come back every week, depending on how busy it was. Purchasing a snowblower for wintertime was also discussed as it would cut back on staff time and speed of cleaning the transfer station during and after storms. Allan mentioned that he has a used one that he will donate to the town. Don also purchased and posted stop and speed limit signs.
- B. Town Office- Daniel reported that since the last meeting with there was a lengthy discussion about the tax commitment and tax bills , and the questions and comments being asked have gone to almost none. Joe Salley, the assessor, is working steadily through all the corrections from the commitment. The town clerk will be out periodically this fall and Daniel noted that he has been helping in the office a lot but that he will be looking to use former office staff to help fill the times when he can not help, on payroll and AP day for example.
- C. Roads- Allan talked about the quote we received for the paving of the town office parking lot from Willett Paving at \$16, 000. Don motioned to accept the quote to pave the office parking lot and Allan seconded, the vote was unanimous.
- D. Fire Department- Chief Lilly reported that last week's annual fire prevention program went great; a lot of information was given out and many people attended from town. Also reported was that Ladder truck 5 is at Greenwood for repairs after its ladder and pump test as it was discovered it needed leaking cylinders replaced. The station compressor is working again, and it needed a new pressure switch. All hose testing will be done on the 27th. Lastly, the department is hosting a trunk or treat event on the 31st.
- E. Water Department- No report given.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tax-Acquired Properties- There is nothing new report expect that Daniel will start working on option to give to the Selectboard as to what to do with the remaining properties.
- B. Security system at TO- Daniel has reached out to two other firms to get quotes and as of this meeting there was no response. The board agreed to wait and see if there is anything that comes in the next few weeks.
- C. Parking Lot Paving Quote- Allan and Daniel presented the board with a quote from Willette Family Construction to resurface the parking lot at the town office at a price of \$14,000, to be taken from the ARAP funds. **Don motioned to accept the quote from Willette Family Construction and Allan seconded, the vote was unanimous.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Personnel Policy Update- Daniel presented the board with the first draft of the new/updated personnel policy. The board discussed and agree it would be better to review more closely and have a special workshop meeting on November 1 at 10 am at Pownalborough Hall.
- B. November 8 Selectboard meeting- The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for the day of the election. In place of having a meeting, the board will have a special warrant-only meeting on November 4th at 10 am at the town office.
- C. Abatement Map 7 Lot 50
- D. Abatement and Supplement Map 3 Lot 19.02
- E. Abatement and Supplement Map 3 Lot 19.03
- F. Abatement and Supplement Map 3 Lot 19.04

- G. Abatement and Supplement Map 3 Lot 19.05
- H. Abatement and Supplement Map 3 Lot 22.03
- I. Abatement and Supplement Map 3 Lot 22.05
- J. Abatement and Supplement Map 3 Lot 22.06

*****Allen Motioned to Approve all, Don seconded, and the vote was unanimous*****

10. CITIZENSZENS CONCERNS

Lisa Hewitt- Lisa asked what the town was expecting to spend the rest of the ARAP funds with. John explained that there is guidelines as to what the town can and can not spend money on, but there is no deadline for when it needs to be spent. Daniel explained that most towns have opted, as Dresden has, to declare the money as lost revenue, which frees the funds up to be spent on other projects and removes any deadlines. Lisa also stated that a couple of meetings ago there was a discussion about the fire department needing more members and she asks what the town is doing about it. Don stated that he has not heard from the fire department and if there is a problem, we should be hearing it from them. John also stated that we are trying to work with them on this, but so far a lot of the suggestions have been met with resistance.

Dylan Ross (via letter)- Dylan asked the Selectboard to rename his road to the Ross rd as he is the only resident on it. Allan stated that it is a private rd and Dylan simply needs to convey his wishes to James, the code enforcement/e911 addressing officer.

Jack Swift (via letter)- Don read aloud a letter that Jack Swift had written to both Daniel and the Selectboard inquiring about the status of the Ballard rd pit issue. The letter noted that this issue has been going on for far too long and it is not ok to leave abutting landowners, such as himself, not knowing what is happening.

11. ADJOURNMENT- 6:41pm