

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
At 5 PM, OCTOBER 26, 2021
MEETING TIME—5 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: John Rzasa (JR); Gerald Lilly (GL); Allan Moeller (AM); Mike Faass (MF); Melanie Gaczi; Kathryn Marseglia; Paen Lilly; Judy Getchell; Jeff Biden; Judy and Paul Tunkle; Jeff Bickford; Jeff Pierce; and Lisa and Steve Hewitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by JR

3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS—Approved 3-0

4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS—AM request that MF re-write the statement regarding All States Construction not adhering to the RFP’s specifications. MF advised he would make the changes per AM’s request. Approved 3-0.

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -

A. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday November 9, 2021, at 5:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Clerk Ads have been placed—Ads appearing in Boothbay Register; Wiscasset Newspaper; Lincoln County News; Kennebec Journal; Morning Sentinel; and Times Record.

- B. ARPA Update—First payment is secured and labeled in Budget. ARPA has sent out memo reminding towns that town managers must follow rules regarding approvals by the town.
- C. ConnectME Update on Coverages—MF updated that he while he advised ConnectME that their coverages were wrong, he did receive a standardized response that basically said the coverage areas are not exactly right and availability does not necessarily mean there is actual service.
Paul Tunkle advised that Carla Dickstein from Wiscasset reached out to him regarding Dresden partnering with Wiscasset for internet services. Was asked to respond to Ms. Dickstein’s inquiry and given her MF’s name and email. Kathryn Marseglia also attended the BOS Meeting and voiced her willingness to help if needed. It was also recommended that we talk with Hussey Communications, JR reported that he has been working with them in an effort to improve Radio Reception for the Fire Department.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Absentee Voting—Lisa Hewitt, Town Clerk and Voter Registrar, reports that there have been 80 ballots sent out and we have received 40 via return mail.
- B. Appointment of Elections Clerks—The following were appointed by the Board of Selectmen—Shari Lilly; Joe Wiley; Cynthia Moeller; Steve Hewitt; Robert Gagne; Judy Getchell; Jeff Bickford; and Leila Bickford
- C. Use of Town Laptops for Zoom meetings—Jeff Pierce reports he has had 3 different requests for Zoom Meetings for the School Committee Meetings which would necessitate a laptop.

The 3 laptops in use at the town office are no available due to propriety information held on the computers. MF volunteered to check into the use of the Chromebooks for Zoom Meetings since we have 3 Chromebooks in the Safe.

Zoom Meetings programing costs \$15 a month; however, MF advises while we had Zoom Meetings for quite sometime, we have never received an invoice for using Zoom. The Committee meets the third Thursday of each month.

D. Supplemental Tax Warrant and Certificate and Abatements—approved and signed off by Selectmen.

8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

A. Transfer Station—Per GL and Jeff Pierce the Transfer Station Dumpster Shed will be repaired by next week. Have received several compliments on how nice the Transfer Station is being kept these. Several of the former volunteers of the Swap Shop voiced their concerns that they were told their services no longer were needed by Patsy Rollins. AM and GL will speak to Patsy regarding the personnel issues.

B. School Report—Jeff Bickford reports the next School Board Meeting will be at 6 pm via Zoom, once he has the link he will post it on the Dresden Town. Jeff reports they are just starting the negotiating process for insurance contract for the Teachers and school workers and the Finance committee will start its processes in late November or early December.

C. Town Office—MF reports Consolidated replaced Router and then had to replace outside lines, Internet had been down for about 5 hours. Business has been brisked regarding late tax payments

D. Roads—AM reports paving is completed on Calls Hill; Bog Rd. and Blinn Hill. 1 Culvert to go on Blinn Hill. Sand and Salt all in. And biggest issue are the Beavers, which is an ongoing battle.

E. Fire Department—Discussions surrounding 18-month-old invoices Grover's Tire and Auto that have not been paid but have never been submitted for payment either per MF. MF advises he was told by Chief Lilly that the invoices were never paid because the original work was not done properly and consequently, he never signed off on the invoices. JR advises he wants Steve Lilly here at the next Board Meeting and requested that MF send to Chief Lilly a letter with the invoices and request that he come to the next board meeting 11/9/2021. GL and AM want a resolution on these invoices.

F. Water Department—MF asked if Board wanted to Join the Maine Rural Water Association again, advising it was not necessary since Chuck Applebee already belongs to several other associations and represents us. Board advised NO to re-joining the MRWA and instructed MF to address letter asking them to update their paperwork for correspondence. And specifically declining joining.

9. CITIZENS BUSINESS—Kathryn Marseglia—Broadband Discussions—reference under 'C.' -Old Business—ConnectME update.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION—with business concluded JR moved at 6:12 pm to go into executive session regarding personnel issues needed resolution. At 6:28 pm board came out of executive session.

11. ADJOURNMENT—AM motioned to adjourn; GL 2nd and motion approved 3-0 at 6:29 pm.