

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
POWNALBOROUGH HALL
At 6 PM, March 30, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: John Rzasa (**JR**); Gerald Lilly (**GL**); Allan Moeller (**AM**); Mike Faass(**MF**); Kim Rzasa; Dave Probert; Gerri Dubey; Allan Burke; Lynn and Jerry Pepin; Gary Blau; Bill Wilkerson, Sr; Paen Lilly Chris Cossette

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Led by JR

3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS—AM motioned to accept, GL 2nd; Approved 3-0

4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS—AM motioned to accept; JR 2nd; Approved 3-0; GL directed Mike to tell fire chief that no check until the truck is delivered.

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- A. Budget Workshops will be held at the Town Office at 10 am on Mondays thru the first full week of April, additional meeting times maybe announced via Facebook, Dresden, Maine.
- B. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Radar Speed Trailer Arrival date 04/05/2021—Selectmen decided to place trailer initially just after the Dresden Take Out.
- B. Update on Beasley Appeal—The Court papers have been delivered through alternative means, legal fees for this actions was \$1,974, including the Sheriff's service.
- C. Efficiency Maine—Mike reports he expecting quote from one of the authorized vendors in morning. The rebate is \$2,600.
- D. Mowing Bid/Contract—Contract has been awarded to AK Enterprises, the bid was \$6,495. Mike has been instructed to contact AK Enterprises with information, and request the copy of their liability insurance.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Mobile home Policy for Approval at Town Meeting—Board directed Mike to write Ordinance so that it is applicable for Town of Dresden, Selectmen to approve and once approved will be added to the Town Meeting in June.
- B. Abatements--Approved
- C. \$350 Billion in Aid Coming to Local and State Government-update—Mike reports that the estimate is \$170,000. The Treasury Department has not set up the guidelines. Town will receive 50% immediately, and the balance in the following year.
- D. John Rzasa advised Attendees that RSU2 has formulated a budget announcing the overall budget for next school year will have a 4.1% increase; however, Dresden increase will be 9.6%. RSU2 recommends that the Federal Aid Funds the Town will be receiving could be used to offset the increases Dresden will be getting. JR advised that at the June Town meeting he will request that a committee be formed to study leaving the RSU2 school district.
- E. Thank You's—the town received another thank you from Maine hospice for the town's donation.
- F. Poles Setting for CMP was turned over to AM who advised this is standard and is just CMP giving the town a courtesy notice.
- G. Wiscasset Ambulance Service Contract—The contract was presented to the Selectmen, it is reflects an increase from \$25,900 to \$28,990. The board approved the contract 3-0 and it will be presented at the

Town Meeting for final approval. It was noted that Town of Gardiner Ambulance Service the previous year was at \$54,000

- H. County Tax bill has arrived---\$218,990.00 which is a 3.8% increase. This was an improvement from the previous year when the increase was 10.4%

8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- A. Town Roads—MF reported to AM about the Blinn Hill having a very large pothole. AM said he would get it filled in on Wednesday. Additionally, AM is looking for a good used 8ft wide RAKE, used for the roads, a new Rake costs \$8,200 and AM is hoping to find good used one for less.
- B. Transfer Station—GL reports everything going well at Transfer Station
- C. Fire Department—GL instructed MF to get ads posted in the MMA Web site for both Firetrucks, and to call Richmond regarding the trucks and the locations they placed their ads.
- D. Town Office
 - i. Heating Vent in Workstation—MF awaiting confirmation of the work date either Monday 4/5/21 in afternoon or following Monday morning.
 - ii. Consolidated Communications has everything operating and new line is working and rolls over when first line is busy. WIFI still not available, Wireless Access Point switch is ordered will be installed by BTS.
 - iii. Computer Systems are finally fixed, all total the system was down approximately 23 hours over the course of the past 2 weeks due to the Microsoft's latest update.

9. CITIZENS BUSINESS—

- A. Chris Cossette attempted to bring up issues with Water Department; AM advised him that the Water Department is a separate entity and if he would like to schedule a meeting with the Selectmen in regards to the Water Department he could contact MF to set up time.
- B. Dave Probert asked for a re-cap on the Heather Beasley Gravel Pit—MF gave a quick rundown of past events, and there is an appeal hearing schedule for April 29, 2021 at 6 pm.
- C. Lynn Pepin asked for an update on the Calista Vista Subdivision and the Common Property—MF advised that the Town Attorney and the Association have had positive conversations and the hope is have this concluded by the next Board Meeting.

10. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- 11. ADJOURNMENT—Motion to Adjourn by GL, 2nd by AM, motioned approved 3-0. Meeting concluded at 6:48 PM.**

**MINUTES FOR THE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
March 9, 2021**

To: Shari Lilly, Resident of the Town of Dresden, County of Lincoln, State of Maine

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dresden in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Pownalborough Hall, in said Town on Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 6 pm, then and there to act on Article One (1) and further requested to act on Article Two (2) through all said Articles set out to wit.

**There were 34 registered voters in attendance.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said Meeting.

**A motion was made to elect Rick Ross who was elected through a written ballot, 32-1.*

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 2: Shall the town vote to authorize the Select Board to approve the sale the following two (2) Fire Trucks--Tanker 4, a 1990 Autocar NTC-350 with a 10 speed manual transmission and Engine 6, a 1976 Maxim truck with an automatic transmission. All proceeds from the sale of said trucks will be credited back into the Capital Improvement – Reserve Budget.

** Art. 2 – A motion was made to approve and the motion seconded. A vote was taken by show of hands and the Article passed 32 to 2.*

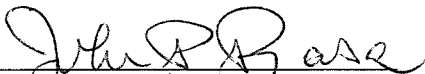
ARTICLE 3: Upon the passage of Article 2, the town shall vote to authorize the Select Board to purchase a new Tanker-Pumper (with an automatic transmission) for \$280,000 using the funds previously accrued in Capital Improvement – Reserve Budget of \$213,189 with the remaining balance of \$68,311 to be paid by funds from the Unappropriated Surplus Funds.

**Art. 3 – A motion was made to approve and the motion seconded. A vote was taken by show of hands and the Article passed 32 to 2.*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to take use of the grant money in the amount of \$5,000 awarded from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to be used exclusively for the public purpose of the planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in the Town of Dresden for the 2020 and 2021 Elections.

Art. 4 – A motion was made to approve and the motion seconded. A vote was taken by show of hands and the Article passed 34 to 0.

NOTE: Article 2 must pass for Article 3 to be voted on.



John Rzasa, 1st Selectman

Gerald Lilly, 2nd Selectman

Allan Moeller, 3rd Selectman