

SELECTMAN'S MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2022

- Meeting called to order at: 6:29 pm
- Selectpersons present: Mike Gardner, Scott Cyrway, Brent Brockway
- Others present: Chad Allen, Jeff Cucci, Brian Kaczmarek, Rocky Fuller, Steve Grenier, Dan Grenier, Matt Dow Sr., Crystal McKenney, Stephen Childs, Jana Atwood
- Accepted and signed the Disbursement Warrant.
- Accepted minutes of the August 22, 2022, Selectman's meeting.
- Fire Chief's Report: No news to report
- Road Commissioner's Report: A driveway permit was issued to J. Shaw on the Barnes Rd; a culvert purchased by Shaw was put in; approximately 70 ft. of ditching was done on each side. Pond Rd. residents have expressed concerns over the banks surrounding the new culvert being quite steep and would like a guardrail installed for safety. A quote was received for the guardrail installation by C.A. Newcomb and Sons for \$10,474.00. Ditching was done on the Abbott Rd. Merton Richards has resigned from grading town roads.
- Supplements and Abatements were signed by Matt Dow Sr., Mike Gardner, and Brent Brockway.
- Chad Allen of Longroad Energy presented plans for a 700-acre solar farm, "Three Corner Solar Project", located in three towns (Benton, Unity, and Clinton). 100% of the solar project will be north of Rt139, and power will be transmitted to a substation on Besse Lane. Due to the bridge on the Benton side of the Bog Rd being inadequate for heavy equipment to cross, the construction crew will need to access the property from the Bog Rd on the Albion side. The plan is to be in by December and out by February. A pre-construction survey of the road will be done prior to the utilization of the road; once the project is done, a post-construction survey will be done to fix any damage done during the project. The pre-construction survey will be done alongside our Road Commissioner. Brian Kaczmarek to be in communication with the construction crew to maintain a passable road during the construction phase.
- There was discussion over the purchase of a new printer for the Town Office. A new printer will cost \$1200.00 or to lease, \$25 a month for 60 months

- China Transfer Station will have Shredding-on-Site, October 15th, for multi-town participation. For towns to opt-in, it will cost \$150.00 The selectmen will vote on this at the September 26th meeting.
- The Selectmen voted to appoint Marianne Cogswell, Jean Clark, and Katrina Dumont as Election Clerks for a two-year term.
- A Public Hearing to be held on September 26th at 6:00 pm, before the Selectmen's meeting, to discuss ARPA expenditures totaling \$53,500.00 The disbursement of funds to be discussed are as follows: \$35,000.00 for the Road Fund; \$6,000.00 for Heating Oil; \$5,000.00 for the Highway Equipment Fund; and \$7500.00 to pay former deputy clerks who worked during Covid.
- Other Business: Steve Grenier recommended to increase the pay of the Road Commissioner; roads have improved significantly. Libby Hill Road needs work done. Steve met with Rebecca Hersom concerning school withdrawal. If the town secede before the election in November, we will still be responsible for the debt. This will be addressed at the next School Withdrawal meeting September 20th. Steve also recommended the Town look into a part-time Town Manager.
- It was voted on to set the September 22, 2022, meeting for 6:30pm in the Town Office.
- Meeting was adjourned at: 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Jana Atwood

Michael Gardner _____

Brent Brockway _____

Scott Cyrway _____