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Selectboard Minutes
Date: October 12, 2021, 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Building

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Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, Walter Reitz, John Spear
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Ambulance Director Amy Drinkwater, Pennie Alley, Chief Calderwood, Catherine Bendheim, Marcia Turner, Anne Just, Maureen Spencer, Lynn Canavan, Geoff Parker, Sondra Wallace, Gabe Tomasulo

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

EMS Billing Rate- Department Heads
New Hire- Department Heads
Erv Curtis's email of October 1st - Correspondence
Discussion on 3 Westbrook Street - New Business.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021, with the edits Spear made.

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

a. Update Upper St George River Water Testing

Terry Bracket met with John Fancy and a few owners from the Four Winds Subdivision. Fancy will meet with the Conservation Commission Committee during their November meeting.

b. Update Painting/Repairs to the Little Red School House

Lowe's has approved providing shingles and stain, but not labor to shingle the Little Red School House. There is a possibility another grant Lowe's offers may help with labor costs. *Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to accept whatever donation Lowe's is willing to provide, materials and/or labor.*

Spear suggested the Board send a thank you note to Lowes.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. Update Regarding Temporary Relocation to Gilford Butler School

A permit has not been issued yet, waiting on feedback from the Fire Marshall. Alley gave an update on the painting of the community, children, and adult rooms. The Masons are donating a handicap accessible ramp. A flooring tile has been found that can go over the rug.

d. Update Lease of Little Red School House to Historical Society.

Northgraves provided a copy of the proposed amended lease.

There was a short discussion that the execution date of the lease should be after the library is ready to move.

The Board discussed whether Town meeting vote is required.

Schedule A will not change.

The lease will be recorded at the registry of deeds.

Northgraves went through the proposed changes to the lease.

There was a discussion on the Little Red School House being a warming shelter.

The Board also discussed plowing and snow removal.

e. Consider Appointments to Library/Community Center Facilities Planning Committee.

There was a discussion on the two candidates that were not appointed at last meeting. Marcia Turner attended tonight's meeting and briefly spoke to the Board regarding her support of the Committee's mission.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to appoint Marcia Turner to the Library/Community Center Facilities Planning Committee.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board discussed the number of committee members and having co-chairs.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to change to 7 members and undesignate people from sub-committees.

Motion passed 3-0

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to appoint Sandy Weisman and Gabe Tomasulo as co-chairs.

Motion passed 3-0.

Northgraves will rewrite the mission statement

f. Update MIDC and Axiom Study

Anne Just gave a brief update to the board on the County Commissioner meeting that was held this afternoon regarding ARPA funds.

g. Use of ARPA Funds Including

1. Process to Transfer Funds to Sub-Recipients/Contractors

-Axiom Study

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to execute the contract with Axiom for broadband study, and to authorize the chair to sign.

Motion passed 3-0.

There was a short discussion on when to pay the Axiom invoice and what the timeline for the study will be.

-Knox County Clinic

This was approved at a previous meeting.

2. Consider Audio Improvements in Community Room

Geoff Parker discussed options

The Board would like to pursue the Owl and TV option.

An Owl is approximately \$1,000.00. A 70-inch TV costs approximately \$750 and a mount costs approximately \$750. There would also be installation costs.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to authorize Baines and Parker to get us a solution preferably with the owl. Amount not to exceed \$3500. Funds to come out of ARPA funds.

Motion passed 3-0.

3. Ventilation In Meeting Room and Other Areas

Spear has checked with John Hansen regarding ventilation options for the meeting room and other areas in the building.

4. Other

The Board approved the forms for premium pay at the two stores and two daycares in town and also approved the form for financial assistance to the daycares.

h. Update Skateboard Park Maintenance

i. Update CEO/LPI Recruitment Process

The Town has received no applications for the CEO/LPI position. Spear did speak with Rob Duplisea. He is willing to work with us through the transition if we can find an Assessor's Agent/CEO/LPI.

Spear will post an ad on the Maine Municipal website.

The Board discussed a salary range and decided on a range of \$45,000 to \$55,000.

VI. New Business

a. Department Head Reports

New Hire Ambulance Driver

Cameron Freeman introduced himself. He is currently taking an EMT class and hopes to be licensed by January. He lives in Lincolnville and is on both the Lincolnville and Camden Fire Departments. He is also a driver with the St. George Ambulance Service.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to accept Cameron's nomination to be a driver and an EMT in January.

Northgraves amended the motion to:

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to accept Cameron's nomination to be a driver.

Motion passed 3-0.

Rate increase

Drinkwater presented a proposed increase in billing rates. Rates haven't been increased in three years.

There was a short discussion on the fee schedule.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to increase our rates where appropriate to meet the 200 % of Medicare rates.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Review Proposed 2022 State Valuations

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table until next meeting

c. Review Tennis Basketball Courts Grant Award from Bureau of Parks And Recreation

The LWCF Grant was awarded to the Town. A contract will follow in 2 to 3 months.

d. 3 Westbrook Street.

3 Westbrook is currently for sale. There is an unpaid judgement against Elsie Brown for a Highway Opening Permit issued by the Town. The amount paid for the cost of the permit was the amount the Browns felt should be paid, not the amount due. This issue went to Small Claims Court and then Superior Court. Judgment was for the town in the amount of \$567.08

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion supporting placing a lien on 3 Westbrook Street.

Motion passed 3-0.

VII. Correspondence

\$100 donation request from Coastal Communications

Error on Baines part, should be, Coastal Opportunities.

The board discussed the request.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to deny the request, and send a letter stating the reasons.

Motion passed 3-0.

Corp of Engineers Permit for Island Road

The Board reviewed the permit.

Easement Plans

The board reviewed the 4 temporary easement plans.

Erv Curtis's email of Oct 1st

There was a discussion on the Planning Board notifying abutters.

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Board reviewed and approved warrants

IX. Review Items for Next Agenda

Update library relocation
Update library/committee
Update lease schoolhouse
MCID
CEO/LPI/ Assessor
2022 State Valuations

X. Schedule Future Meetings

a. Plan Nine Month Budget Review

Meeting date with the Budget Committee proposed for October 27th @ 6:00 pm. If the Budget Committee is available.

XI. Adjourn

Northgraves moved and Spear seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:58

Motion passed 2-0. Reitz abstained. Lost connection.

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