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Selectboard Minutes
Date: October 18, 2022, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building
Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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

Selectboard Present: John Spear, Sue Snow

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Sandy Weisman, Theo Pratt, Catherine Lerme, Ralph Hamill, Maureen Spencer, Neil Cambridge, Susan Akers, Merle Rockwell

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Abatement M 11 L 12-37 Gage Hargrove.

Issue with fire bay doors.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

Maureen Spencer said she has resigned from the Library & Community Center Committee.

Alley asked if the Conservation Commission could use the Town Zoom and YouTube accounts when the Conservation Commission has a speaker on October 26th. The meeting will be held at the Butler Building.

Spencer wrote a grant that was accepted and has been received from the Audubon society.

Snow moved and Spear seconded a motion to accept the grant from the Audubon Society.

Motion passed 2-0.

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (September 27th)

Snow moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve the September 27th minutes.

Motion passed 2-0.

V. Old Business

a. Update from Theo Pratt on the Community Resilience Partnership

Theo Pratt gave an update on the Community Resilience Partnership. A working group has been formed and Meg Rasmussen will work with the group to assist in applying for grants. The group is having a meeting tomorrow with Rasmussen at the Butler Building. We do not have to apply for a grant in conjunction with the Town of Owls Head as previously stated.

There was a brief discussion on putting information out through email.

b. Discussion on Potential Work on the Little Red School House

Lowes is providing volunteers to help dip shingles. If anyone is interested they should be at the Little Red School house on Monday 24th after 8:00 am. Information will be posted on the Town website.

There has been no luck in finding an installation company to blow in insulation before the building is shingled.

c. Discussion on Second Tranche of ARPA Funds

The TV for the previously purchased owl for use at the Butler Building has been purchased. There was a brief discussion on AED's.

Snow moved and Spear seconded a motion to authorize Baines to work with Knox County to purchase the AED recommended.

Motion passed 2-0.

Paving around the ambulance/fire department areas was \$2,782.45 over budget. This is due mainly to the increased cost of asphalt. Spear recommended covering the over budget amount using ARPA funds.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to charge \$2,782.45, the over budget amount on paving the ambulance and fire dept area, to the ARPA funds.

Motion passed 2-0.

Catherine Lerne proposed setting funds aside to update the website. There was a discussion on the Town's website and updating information on the Town's website.

Alley has talked with EMA Director Thomas regarding purchasing a generator for the Butler Building so the building could be used as an emergency shelter. There was a discussion on which would be better, a free standing generator or a hardwired generator. Alley will do some research and arrange for an evaluation.

Also discussed were a streetlight and lights at the Butler Building.

d. Discussion Regarding the Tennis/Basketball Courts

Snow moved and Spear seconded a motion to table the discussion regarding the tennis and basketball courts to the next meeting.

Motion passed 2-0.

There was a brief discussion on the options for the courts. One option is to apply to abandon the site through obsolescence. Other options are to patch the cracks again or to repave the basketball court and redo one tennis court. The Selectboard will discuss this further at the next meeting.

e. Discussion on Mowing Contract

Snow moved and Spear seconded a motion to table to the next meeting.

Motion passed 2-0.

VI. New Business

a. Limited Purpose Aquaculture License Application – Lane Cortese

Ralph Hamill gave a brief explanation of the lease. It's for a 400 square foot area off Spaulding Island. It will involve a couple of lines to grow seaweed and 4 mushroom anchors. 200 feet of rope, with kelp spore on it, will be strung. This is an experiment to see how it goes. If it goes well, they will be looking at getting a bigger lease. The time period the lines will be in the water is November to May.

There was a discussion on signing the application.

There was a discussion on coordinates and vertical lines.
No public hearing is required because of the small area involved.

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to authorize Sue Snow to execute the document once she consults with Marine Patrol.

Motion passed 2-0.

b. Process of Nominations to Non-Profit

The South Thomaston Library and Community Center Auxiliary has been incorporated. There will be 3 nominees by selectboard for the Board, one of which must be a Selectboard Member. One member is the librarian. 3 nominees will come from the facilities committee.

Weisman gave an update on where the South Thomaston Library and Community Center Committee is. They have created a subcommittee to talk about how to move forward with the list of people that may be interested in being on the South Thomaston Library and Community Center Auxiliary Board and their potential skills. Weisman discussed the skills they would be looking for in members.

Weisman is looking for guidance on how the Selectboard would like to proceed. In the opinion of Town Attorney Collins a subcommittee of the group with one selectman or two participating could enter executive session to discuss potential committee members. The meeting would still have to be published and the meeting would be called to order then they could go into executive session.

There was a discussion on the mission of the committee and the mission of the Board of Directors.

The process of nominations to the South Thomaston Library and Community Center Auxiliary will be taken up at next meeting. Weisman will get out to the Selectboard and Alley an informational packet the Library and Community Center Committee has put together.

c. Discussion on Veteran's Day Holiday

Since the Veteran's Day holiday falls on a Friday this year, the office staff will each take a floating holiday.

d. Discussion on Appointment to the Conservation Commission

Neil Cambridge introduced himself and spoke about why he would like to be appointed to the Conservation Commission.

Snow moved and Spear seconded a motion to appoint Neil Cambridge to the Conservation Commission for a term ending 2024.

Motion passed 2-0.

e. Monthly Reports

There was a brief discussion on the Ambulance Report concerning the requirement of having a Medical Director.

VII. Correspondence

a. Correspondence from Department of Marine Resources was in regards to Krista Tripp's oyster farm expansion.

b. Penquist requested \$2,012 from the Town. The Town stopped funding non-profits at the annual town meeting many years ago. For Penquis to get their request for funding on the annual town

meeting warrant they would have to file a petition with the Selectboard requesting the request be put on the warrant.

c. State valuations will be reviewed at the next meeting.

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Selectboard approved the warrants.

IX. Review Items for Next Agenda

Process of Nominations to Non-Profit

State Valuation discussion.

Discussion on Mowing Contract

Discussion Regarding the Tennis/Basketball Courts

X. Schedule Future Meetings

November meetings are scheduled for November 15th and 29th.

XI. Abatement M 11 L 12-37 Gage Hargrove

Spear moved and Snow seconded a motion to grant an abatement to Gage Hargrove M 11 L 12-37 in the amount of \$106.59 in accordance with the Assessors Agent's recommendation

Motion passed 2-0

XII. Fire Bay Issues

Spear gave a brief update on the fire bay door leaks. The drains were clogged with silt, so the water wouldn't drain out of the bay. The drain in the front of the building was also clogged. All the drains have all been cleaned and seem to be working correctly. Performance Paving will be correcting the pavement in front of the bay doors that caused the flooding.

XIII. Adjourn

Snow moved and Spear seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm.

Motion passed 2-0.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86549244373?pwd=dHE4RTVRVEcyT2dyOFdqSEJ4QUxxdz09>

Selectboard Approved November 15, 2022